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Human Rights Campaign Names Family Tree Clinic a Top Leader in LGTB Health Equality

SAINT PAUL, MN, NOVEMBER 7, 2014 – For a second year in a row, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) has named Family Tree Clinic a "Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality" in the Healthcare Equality Index (HEI) 2014. Chosen by an annual survey conducted by HRC, Family Tree earned top marks for our commitment to inclusive equitable care for LGBTQ patients and their families

“We are committed to providing quality and culturally competent health care to the LGBTQ community, and we are honored to receive this recognition from HRC,” said Family Tree Clinic program director and LGBTQ Health Access Initiative leader, Erin Wilkins.

Family Tree Clinic established a LGBTQ Health Access Initiative in 2008 to better meet the needs of the Twin Cities LGBTQ community. Since the program’s inception, the clinic has seen a 43% increase of self-identified LGBTQ patients.

“When LGBTQ people enter the health care system they are faced with many barriers like bias, hostility, and misinformation,” said Wilkins. “Family Tree Clinic creates an environment where everyone who walks through our doors, regardless of identity, gender expression, ethnicity, race, religion, and economic status receives the same care. We pride ourselves on that.”

Family Tree Clinic is the only community clinic in the state of Minnesota to receive the recognition in 2013.

About Family Tree Clinic

Family Tree Clinic is a nonprofit community clinic that provides sexual and reproductive health services, as well as minor illness care. Besides our clinic services, we provide community education and operate the MN Family Planning + STD Hotline. Via all of our programming we serve over 18,000 people each year. During the 40 plus years our doors have been open, we’ve never turned a patient away if they couldn’t pay. And we never will.

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