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## Todu Guam Foundation Health and Wellness Center Approved as a National Health Service Corps Site

Tamuning, Guam – August 7, 2024 – Todu Guam Foundation (TGF) Health and Wellness Center is proud to announce its recent approval as a National Health Service Corps (NHSC) site, a designation that underscores our commitment to providing high-quality healthcare to underserved communities. This significant milestone aligns with our mission to ensure that all individuals – every man, woman, and child – have access to essential health services.

As an NHSC-approved site, TGF will now be able to attract and retain dedicated healthcare professionals through the NHSC's loan repayment and scholarship programs. These programs are designed to support clinicians who choose to work in areas with limited access to healthcare, helping to address the critical shortage of healthcare providers in these communities.

"We are thrilled to receive this designation from the National Health Service Corps," said former Sen. Dennis Rodriguez Jr., Founder/Executive Director of the Todu Guam Foundation. "This recognition is a testament to our ongoing efforts to provide comprehensive healthcare services to those who need it most. With the support of the NHSC, we can continue to expand our team of skilled healthcare professionals and enhance the quality of care we offer to our people."

The NHSC's mission is to build healthy communities by supporting qualified healthcare providers dedicated to working in areas of greatest need. By becoming an NHSC site, TGF joins a network of healthcare facilities committed to reducing health disparities and improving access to care for underserved populations. The NHSC is administered by the Health Resource & Service Administration (HRSA), under the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

TGF Health and Wellness Center offers a wide range of services, including family medicine, general pediatric care, women's health, and behavioral health treatment using transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), tailored to meet the needs of our diverse patient population. Our team of compassionate healthcare providers is dedicated to delivering patient-centered care that addresses both the physical and mental health needs of our patients.

The approval as an NHSC site comes at a critical time, as the demand for healthcare services continues to rise, particularly in underserved communities. This designation will enable TGF to better serve our patients and community by attracting healthcare providers who are passionate about making a difference.

In addition to enhancing our capacity to provide care, this recognition will also foster professional development opportunities for our staff. The NHSC's support will help us maintain a workforce that is well-equipped to address the evolving healthcare needs of our community.

"We look forward to the positive impact this will have on our organization and to the entire island community," added Rodriguez. "Our goal has always been to provide accessible, high-quality healthcare, and this designation will significantly enhance our ability to achieve that goal."

TGF remains committed to our mission of delivering compassionate, comprehensive healthcare and are excited about the opportunities this new partnership with the NHSC will bring today and in the future.

For more information about our services or to schedule an appointment at the TGF Health & Wellness Center, please visit <a href="https://toduguam.com">https://toduguam.com</a> or contact us via phone at (671) 649-8638, via email at peoplefirst@toduguam.com.

## About Todu Guam Foundation (TGF)

TGF is a locally and nationally registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to serve the unmet needs in essential healthcare, education, and support among underserved Guam residents. Since 2017, TGF has been on the frontlines strategizing response, mitigation, and recovery efforts to any health-related crisis, while partnering with various organizations in a joint effort towards reducing and eliminating the inequities among vulnerable communities throughout the island.

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