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Breathmobile Serves Children with Asthma on Sept 16th at Barlow Respiratory Hospital

LOS ANGELES (September 13, 2017) - Barlow Respiratory Hospital will host the LAC+USC Medical Center [Breathmobile](#), a mobile health clinic, to serve low-income children with asthma in the surrounding community. Students from L.A. Unified's Logan and Castelar Elementary Schools, both close neighbors of Barlow Respiratory Hospital, will be served.



A press conference announcing the partnership will be held on **Saturday September 16, 2017 at 9:00AM.**

Barlow Respiratory Hospital Medical Director, David Nelson, M.D. will welcome local officials and students and families from neighboring Echo Park and Chinatown communities. A **Community Asthma Screening Day** and

Dignitaries' Ribbon Cutting for the service will follow until Noon.

SCHEDULE: Saturday September 16, 2017 9 am – 12 noon

Barlow Respiratory Hospital Williams Hall 2000 Stadium Way, Los Angeles CA 90026

9:00AM David Nelson, M.D., Medical Director, Barlow Respiratory Hospital

9:10AM Wing Fung, Principal, Castelar School

9:15AM LAUSD Representative

9:20AM BREATHMOBILE

- **Dr. Marilyn Li, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine**
LAC+USC Medical Center [Breathmobile](#)
- **Susana Rangel FNP, Asthma Specialist**
LAC+USC Medical Center [Breathmobile](#)

9:30AM Student / family L.A. Unified school

9:35AM "THE BULL", Alfred 'Al' John Ferrar, Los Angeles Dodgers Alumni Association.

9:45AM Presentations/Commendations / Ribbon Cutting / Photo Opps

10:00AM Community Asthma Screening Day

Refreshments served

Project GROW, Garden Activities with BREATHE LA

GiveAways LA Dodgers

Asthma Screening in Breathmobile

Interviews: families served by the Breathmobile

Beginning in November 2017, the Breathmobile will return to Barlow Respiratory Hospital every six weeks to provide clinic services for children with asthma including pulmonary function testing, allergy skin-testing, and extensive education regarding allergen avoidance, medication use, and medication technique. Every patient receives care at no

cost to the families. If patients cannot afford medications, sample medications are provided when available. Having the Breathmobile mobile clinics allow students and families to access clinic services in their own community and decreases length of time required for school absences and parental work absences.

The LAC+USC Breathmobile program is a comprehensive, mobile-based pediatric asthma disease management program that delivers asthma-specialty care to inner-city children at no cost to their families. ***“We strive to keep kids out the emergency room and in school,”*** says Dr. Marilyn Li, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine. ***“This partnership with the Breathmobile and Barlow Respiratory Hospital will allow us to serve two schools at a centralized location and improve local community health.”***

The Breathmobile was created in 1995 as a collaborative effort to improve preventative asthma care for underserved children in LA County by providing local site team-based asthma care to decrease health disparities. The program is based at LAC+USC Medical Center, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Allergy and Immunology. LAC+USC is run by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

Barlow Respiratory Hospital, founded in 1902 as a Tuberculosis Sanatorium, has a long history of serving adults with respiratory illness. This partnership marks the first time the hospital has been able to serve children at high risk for asthma. The partnership grew out of the hospital’s community needs assessment identification of underserved children with a high risk of asthma as a priority.

The hospital has been awarded the **Gold Seal of Approval® for Respiratory Failure Certification** by the Joint Commission as a recognized **center of excellence for ventilator weaning and management** and is a Passy Muir **Center of Excellence** and an affiliated teaching facility for **USC’s Keck School of Medicine**.

BREATHE LA will provide a garden-based learning activity, “Project GROW,” for the September 16th Breathmobile Asthma Screening Day. Project Grow emphasizes the important connection between the environment, food, and health for improved communities. The project includes installation of a children’s garden corner within Barlow Respiratory Hospital’s existing herb and vegetable garden. The “Project GROW” corner will remain as an activity for children visiting the Breathmobile for ongoing clinic services. Since 1903, BREATHE California of Los Angeles County has promoted clean air and healthy lungs through research, education, advocacy, and technology.

The Community Asthma Screening Day will include a light reception and an opportunity to meet with / interview families served by the Breathmobile at Barlow Respiratory Hospital Williams Hall.

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Asthma accounts for 12.8 million missed school days each year.

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