

News from the Venice Family Clinic

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Clinic Annual Report Receives Award

Venice Family Clinic CEO Elizabeth Benson Forer is pleased to announce that the Clinic's first-ever formal annual report received a Silver Award from the 2004 International ARC Awards Competition.

"We are delighted to receive this recognition for a publication that reflects the spirit and communicates the message of the Clinic," said Forer. "It is a tribute to the collective effort of our patients, staff and volunteers. We are grateful to the young people of Venice Arts who did the photography and to the design firm of DeSantis Breindel for translating our message so beautifully," she added.

Neal Baer, VFC board member and executive producer of *Law And Order: SVU*, originally conceived of the idea to bring together Venice Arts - a neighborhood art center that brings low-income young people together with professional artists -- and the Clinic.

Said Baer: "Jim Hubbard, Venice Arts creative director, teaches the youngsters of Venice Arts a new way of looking at their community and their lives. He put a camera in their hands and asked them to document life in the Clinic. Not only did they learn about the Clinic's work, but they captured its spirit with originality." Many of the teenage photographers were patients of the Clinic.

Considered the "Academy Awards of Annual Awards," according to the financial media, ARC, in its eighteenth year, is the largest international competition honoring excellence in annual reports. Nearly 1,800 entries were received from 24 countries from Australia to Turkey. The Clinic's award was in the Health Care Services category.

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