

**FOUR YEARS – FOUR STARS**  
**SANTA BARBARA NEIGHBORHOOD CLINICS**  
**RECEIVES COVETED 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR**

Santa Barbara, (August 2018) – Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics (SBNC) is proud to announce our fourth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. Less than 15% of charities receive four consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics continues to demonstrate strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Since 2002, using objective analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added 17 metrics, focused on governance and ethical practices, as well as measures of transparency, to its ratings methodology. These Accountability & Transparency metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity’s overall rating, reveal which charities operate in accordance with industry best practices, including how to interact with donors and stakeholders.

On June 1, 2016, charity Navigator upgraded its methodology for rating each charity’s financial health with CN 2.1. These enhancements further substantiates the financial health of our four star charities.

“Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics’ exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public,” according to Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. “We are proud to announce Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics has earned our fourth consecutive 4-star rating. This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way,”

“Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our 4-star rating. This adds Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world’s most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics.”

“It’s important that our donors trust that we’re stewarding their financial gifts wisely to accomplish SBNC’s mission. Our organization has worked diligently hard to achieve this admirable status, by assembling a team of highly competent and compassionate professionals to oversee the operation. In addition, we are very fortunate to have attracted very well-trained clinical with an extremely dedicated support staff who are driven by our mission of caring for the most vulnerable in our community. We are so proud that Charity Navigator recognizes our accomplishments.” states Charles Fenzi, CEO/CMO.”

Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics rating, and other information about charitable giving, are available free of charge on [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org). More-detailed information about Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics rating is available to Charity Navigator site visitors who become registered users, another free service.

### **About the Neighborhood Clinics**

Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics is an independent, nonprofit health-care organization dedicated to providing high quality, affordable, medical, behavioral health and dental care to those in need in Santa Barbara County, regardless of one's ability to pay, in an environment that fosters respect, compassion and dignity.

Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics is comprised of two dental clinics, four medical clinics, and three intermittent clinics, all offering behavioral health services, that served over 21,000 individuals in the community over the past year.

### **About Charity Navigator**

Charity Navigator, [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org), is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a 501 (c) (3) public charity itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America's charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 101, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452.

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