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## Texas First Lady Anita Perry Commends Ibn Sina Foundation for Service to Community

STAFFORD – Texas First Lady Anita Perry today visited the Ibn Sina Foundation, a clinic providing quality, affordable health care to immigrant and underprivileged communities in the Houston area, to commemorate the foundation’s first year of service and encourage support for community clinics.

“I applaud the staff and volunteers at Ibn Sina for your commitment to serving the immigrant and underprivileged community in Houston,” Perry said. “In a short time, you have established yourself and become a trusted group of caregivers in this community, educating your patients about healthy habits, encouraging them to have timely check ups and preventing the spread of disease.”

The First Lady also encouraged community support for local health care clinics. She noted that clinics such as Ibn Sina establish relationships and trust with families that enhance their ability to educate Texans about healthy habits and the importance of quality, preventative health care.

“The services Ibn Sina provides are laying the groundwork for improving health care in Texas,” Perry said. “We must all work together to increase the rate of immunized Texas children. It is essential that parents keep their children up to date with their vaccinations and protected from vaccine-preventable disease.”

Perry, a professional nurse with 17 years in the health-care profession, is an advocate of early childhood vaccinations and has traveled the state raising awareness of the need for immunizations and preventative health care.

“When I was nursing I cared for too many patients whose sicknesses could have been prevented,” Perry said. “I realized then that the best form of medicine is prevention.”

For more information about the Ibn Sina Foundation and the services provided, visit [www.ibnsinafoundation.org](http://www.ibnsinafoundation.org)

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