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Ritter Center Opens New Facility at 800 A St., Expanding Healthcare Access for Marin's Most Vulnerable

[San Rafael, CA] – Ritter Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) dedicated to preventing and resolving homelessness and improving health and well-being for individuals and families in Marin County, will be **relocating to a new facility at 800 A Street in San Rafael**. Just two blocks from its longtime home of 45 years at 16 Ritter Street, the move to a **14,000 square-foot** space marks the most significant expansion in the organization's history—enabling Ritter Center to **serve 25% more clients annually and double the number of exam rooms available to patients**.

The new facility was designed with the dignity and comfort of clients in mind. Patients no longer wait outside in the elements—a dedicated indoor queuing area provides a welcoming space from the moment they arrive. Private behavioral health rooms offer confidential settings for mental health and substance use counseling, allowing clients to speak openly without concern for privacy. These improvements reflect Ritter Center's belief that the experience of receiving care is as important as the care itself.

"This new facility is more than a bigger building—it's a statement about what Marin County's most vulnerable residents deserve," said Mark Shotwell, CEO of Ritter Center. "As a Federally Qualified Health Center, our doors are open to everyone—regardless of insurance status or ability to pay—and this expansion ensures we can keep that promise to even more individuals and families."

Ritter Center provides a full continuum of services under one roof, including healthcare, behavioral healthcare, housing assistance, case management, and groceries for those facing food insecurity. The new facility at 800 A Street is purpose-built to support this integrated, whole-person model of care.

Ritter Center will celebrate the new facility with a community **Grand Opening event on September 17, 2026**. The organization invites community members, partners, and supporters to join in marking this milestone. Details will be announced at RitterCenter.org.

About Ritter Center

Ritter Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) located in San Rafael, California, serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness or housing instability in Marin County. Ritter Center provides integrated primary healthcare, behavioral health services, housing assistance, and case management—welcoming all clients regardless of ability to pay. Learn more at RitterCenter.org.

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