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COLUMBIA ROAD HEALTH SERVICES JOINS UNITY HEALTH CARE'S NETWORK OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Columbia Road Health Services to become a part of a larger Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) network, Unity Health Care, Inc.

WASHINGTON, DC –Unity Health Care (Unity) expands its network of services by merging with Columbia Road Health Services (CRHS). By joining the Unity family, CRHS will belong to a larger FQHC that has the infrastructure and capacity to support the overall administrative needs of this longstanding organization. As a result, CRHS will continue to focus on the mission, operations, and dedication to providing direct quality care to all its patients.

“CRHS and Unity (formerly, Health Care for the Homeless Project) has an intertwined history,” said Vincent A. Keane, President and CEO of Unity Health Care, Inc. *“When the former Health Care for the Homeless Project (now known as Unity) was established in 1985, CRHS shared its space to provide primary health care services to homeless men and women in the District of Columbia. Twenty-five years later, Unity has significantly grown serving more than 81,000 men, women and families annually and now encompasses a large network of 29 community health centers that services every ward of our city,”* added Keane.

Columbia Road Health Services will maintain its programs and model of care, with primary medical care, lab services, social services, and mental health counseling offered under one roof. CRHS will benefit from Unity's support, resources and infrastructure, including an Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system that enables their providers to coordinate care across the Unity network. *“The patients that have established a relationship with Columbia Road Health Services will continue receiving care from their same providers and without any interruption of services,”* said Dr. Janelle Goetcheus, Founding Medical Director and Chief Medical Officer & Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs at Unity. *“They will also benefit from an extensive network of specialists and other resources offered through Unity Health Care,”* added Dr. Goetcheus.

Unity Health Care, Inc. is Washington, DC's largest non-profit health care and social service organization serving more than 81,000 individuals and families annually. Unity operates medical homes in all eight wards of our city serving the most vulnerable residents of the District including, the under/uninsured, working poor, homeless, the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated. For more information about Unity Health Care, Inc. visit our website at www.unityhealthcare.org or contact our Marketing Department at (202) 715-7887.

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