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DR. JANELLE GOETCHEUS RECOGNIZED FOR HER SERVICE TO HOMELESS PATIENTS

Washington, DC – Unity Health Care’s (Unity) Chief Medical Officer and Executive Vice President, Dr. Janelle Goetcheus has been chosen to receive the National Health Care for the Homeless Council’s *Distinguished Service Award*. The award was presented on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at the HRSA supported 2011 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference and Policy Symposium at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington, D.C. Over eight hundred providers, social workers and homeless advocates stood and applauded Dr. Goetcheus for her twenty-five (25) years of deep commitment and profound compassion in serving homeless patients in Washington, D.C. This award in recognition of Dr. Goetcheus’ lifetime of service has been presented by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council to fellow pioneers in the movement, Dr. Phillip Brickner, New York and Jeff Singer, Baltimore, MD. The award is even more significant because it is a recognition of Dr. Goetcheus by her colleagues in the Clinicians Network of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

Dr. Goetcheus is being recognized for dedicating her life to caring for those who are homeless or at-risk for homelessness in Washington DC. Vincent A. Keane, President and CEO of Unity Health Care stated, “On behalf of Unity, we are so proud of Dr. Goetcheus. In the 20 plus years that I’ve known her, her passion toward serving the homeless men and women in our nation’s capital is truly profound.” He added, “This award recognizes Dr. Goetcheus’ inspiring leadership, her integrity and compassion for the condition of those who are medically vulnerable and we congratulate her on this much deserved award.”

Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Goetcheus is the founder of Christ House a respite care facility for homeless men and women who are ill. In addition, she is the co-founder of Unity Health Care, *formerly Health Care for the Homeless Project* and she currently holds the position as Chief Medical Officer and Executive Vice President of Medical Affairs.

Dr. Goetcheus along with fellow providers, politicians and homeless advocates in 1985, founded the National Health Care for the Homeless initiative that began in nineteen (19) cities throughout the U.S. Today there are 208 homeless health care programs, serving over a million patients nationwide.

Unity Health Care is Washington, DC's largest nonprofit health and social services organization serving more than 82,000 individuals and families annually in all eight wards of the District of Columbia by providing services for the most vulnerable residents including the uninsured, working poor, homeless, the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated; through its network of health centers that includes Community Health Centers, sites serving homeless, and a mobile medical unit. For more information about Unity Health Care, visit our website at www.unityhealthcare.org. or contact our Marketing and Public Relations Department at (202) 715-7887

The National Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Council is a home for those who work to improve the health of homeless people and who seek housing, health care, and adequate incomes for everyone. In the National HCH Council, agencies and individuals, clinicians and advocates, homeless people and housed people come together for mutual support and learning opportunities, and to advance the cause of human rights. For more information on the National Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) visit their website at www.nhchc.org

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