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### **UNITY HEALTH CARE (UNITY) IS AWARDED \$1.3 MILLION LICENSURE AND SOFTWARE FROM MICROSOFT**

**Washington, DC** – In 2009, Unity Health Care (Unity) successfully implemented a Practice Management and Electronic Health Records (EHR) System (*eClinical Works*) at Unity Health Center sites. Recently, Microsoft Corp. collaborated with Unity by providing the largest “in kind” donation in Unity’s history – a \$1.3 million dollar donation of software and licensure - which will support the upgrade of computer software and servers.

Unity’s EHR System is currently supported by a five member Health Informatics Team, an 8 member Information Technology (IT) team, and an additional group of nearly 20 Unity staff members who provide significant part time support of the system. This support includes staff training, system configuration and maintenance. The system substantially improves the overall health and wellness of over 81,000 patients by greatly enhancing the health centers’ capacity to collect, monitor and use data, for quality assurance and quality improvement activities.

*“To better meet the needs of the communities we serve, the generous donation from Microsoft will increase usability and overall functioning of our software that will allow Unity to continue operating more efficiently and effectively,”* stated Vincent A. Keane, President and CEO at Unity Health Care. *“We began this endeavor in June 2009 and each milestone was met with greater efficiency in patient tracking and business practices,”* added Keane.

Over 870 Unity employees were trained and are currently utilizing the EHR system for patient scheduling, patient medical records billing and reports. This includes approximately 160 Unity providers who currently use the EHR system as a vital tool in new millennium health care which combines technology with health care - helping patients achieve better health outcomes and improving the performance and abilities of health care professionals. *“Microsoft’s support of this project will bring a number of lasting benefits to our community,”* states Vincent A. Keane, *“including expediting patient referrals to specialists creating a seamless system of information sharing and a higher level of patient care.”*

*“Using technology and software to deliver healthcare can help patients access treatment, doctors improve diagnoses, healthcare workers save time, and administrators cut unnecessary costs and inefficiencies,”* said Fred Humphries, Vice President, US Government Affairs at Microsoft. *“Microsoft’s vision is for health IT to improve the quality of healthcare, increase access, reduce costs and give people more control over their health information.”*

Unity Health Care, Inc. is Washington, DC’s largest nonprofit health and social services organization serving more than 81,000 individuals and families annually. Unity serves individuals and families in all eight wards of the District of Columbia through its network of community health centers, clinics serving the homeless and; a mobile medical outreach unit, which provides access to primary health care to the most hard-to-reach and high-risk populations. Unity serves the most vulnerable residents of the District including the uninsured, working poor, homeless, the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated. For more information about Unity Health Care, Inc., visit our website at [www.unityhealthcare.org](http://www.unityhealthcare.org) or contact our Marketing Department at (202) 715-7887.

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