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UNITY HEALTH CARE CELEBRATES THE RE-BIRTH OF ITS UPPER CARDOZO CENTER

A \$12 million renovation project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Washington, DC – Wednesday, December, 14, 2011 – Unity Health Care hosted a Ribbon Cutting at its Upper Cardozo Health Center located at 3020 14th Street NW, Washington, DC.

The event celebrated the completion of the renovations at Unity's largest community health center. Upper Cardozo serves a racially and ethnically diverse population in the Columbia Heights community. In 2010, Upper Cardozo provided health and social service programs for more than 16,000 District residents. The majority of the patients are uninsured, underinsured, immigrant, and homeless men, women, and children.

Nearly 100 local and regional officials, community stakeholders, and other Unity supporters were in attendance to mark this achievement. Those confirmed attendance included: Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), DC Mayor Vincent C. Gray, DC Councilmember Jim Graham (Ward-1), Dr. Marcia Brand, Deputy Administrator, HRSA, Vincent A. Keane, President & CEO, Unity Health Care, Inc., and Franklyn Baker, Chairman of the Board, Unity Health Care, Inc.

In 2009, First Lady Michelle Obama visited Upper Cardozo. During her visit she announced the Obama Administration's support for the renovation and modernization of community health centers through the American Recovery and Re-Investment Act (ARRA). With the help of the stimulus funding, the providers at Upper Cardozo will be able to see 10,000 additional patients by 2014 due to ease of access, increased exam rooms, and more space for waiting areas.

Vincent A. Keane, President and CEO of Unity Health Care noted that, *"As Health Care Reform remains a high priority for all Americans it is obvious that President Obama envisions that community health centers will continue to play a key role in insuring health care access for many of the 47 million people who are currently uninsured. The funding to renovate Upper Cardozo is a long-term investment that will result in improved health outcomes, and also insure that people have access to quality care regardless of their ability to pay."*

With this timely and important funding, the medically underserved District residents who are still unable to access care, will have a new opportunity to receive high quality, accessible, affordable health care in a state-of-the-art facility.

Unity Health Care, Inc. (Unity) operates a network of thirty (30) health centers, serving nearly 82,000 patients annually, the majority of whom live below the Federal poverty level. The Centers are located in high-poverty neighborhoods as well as in homeless shelters and Correctional facilities. For more information about Unity Health Care, please contact Ms. Renee Sally, Director of Marketing & Public Relations or visit our website at www.unityhealthcare.org.

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