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UNITY HEALTH CARE GALA MARKS 20 YEARS OF CARING FOR THE DISTRICT'S UNDERSERVED

Washington, DC – On September 9, 2005, Unity Health Care, Inc., (Unity) will present its first gala in Washington, DC. The gala, themed *Touching the Heart of Every Neighborhood*, recognizes Unity's 20 years of providing health and human services to the medically underserved in every ward of the District.

Unity Health Care's 20th Anniversary Benefit Gala will include acknowledgments, dinner, dancing and celebration. *Washington Post* columnist Courtland Milloy will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening. All proceeds will benefit Unity's 24 neighborhood health care facilities and its two mobile outreach vans.

Founded in 1985 as "Healthcare for the Homeless Project," Unity is the fourth largest community health center network in the nation, offering a full range of health care services regardless of patients' ability to pay. Unity operates 24 neighborhood facilities, including 11 community-based health centers, 10 medical sites in homeless shelters, and 3 specialized health centers. Unity's mobile outreach vans travel throughout the city, providing care to homeless persons and "hard-to-reach" drug abusers. Additionally, Unity offers specialized services to homebound senior citizens, medical services to obese adolescents, and to students at Eastern High School, and many other services. Unity provides compassionate, quality health and human services to the medically underserved regardless of race, ethnic background or ability to pay.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

- WHAT:** Unity Health Care 20th Anniversary Gala
- WHERE:** Hilton Washington, Ballroom
1919 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC
- WHEN:** Friday, September 9, 2005
Reception: 6:30 PM; Dinner 7:30 PM; dancing
- WHO:** For tickets and table information, including members of the media interested in attending, please contact Unity Health Care 20th Anniversary Benefit Gala, c/o Courtesy Associates at (202) 973-9707 or by E-mail at unityhealthcaregala@courtesyassoc.com

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