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**UNITY HEALTH CARE OPENS A HEALTH CENTER AT NEW YORK AVENUE
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE CENTER**

Washington, DC – September 11, 2006 Unity Health Care, Inc. (Unity) will open a site for accessible, convenient medical and social services at the New York Avenue Homeless Assistance Center, a 360-bed shelter for homeless men. The center will respond to the health care needs of the homeless population in Washington, DC.

As a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and a current grantee of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services through its Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Unity has received an additional \$205,492 to operate this service under President Bush's initiative for expansion of community health centers.

"The District's homeless population suffers from various health problems such as heart disease; diabetes; infectious diseases such as tuberculosis (TB) and HIV/AIDS; mental illness; and substance abuse disorders," said Dr. Janelle Goetcheus, Chief Medical Officer at Unity and a long-time advocate of the medical needs of the District's homeless population. "We believe that offering health services on-site at the New York Avenue location will positively impact homeless health," Dr. Goetcheus added.

At full capacity, New York Avenue will serve 1,250 unduplicated homeless users annually. Unity expects to provide an additional 4,375 encounters a year from this population. "We want the health center at the New York Avenue shelter to be open five days a week, in the afternoons and evenings," said Vincent A. Keane, Unity's Chief Executive Officer. These new resources will allow Unity to provide comprehensive health care services for this population.

Among the services Unity is planning to provide are adult well-care, HIV/AIDS primary care, TB screening and treatment, outreach and health screening, and social services. Mental health, substance abuse, oral health care, and specialty services will be available by referral at other Unity sites throughout the District of Columbia. "Our institutional approach, which will guide the services and operations of the New York Avenue clinic, focuses on ensuring that our programs are accessible, of high quality, culturally appropriate, and responsive to the needs of our clients," said Keane.

Unity Health Care, Inc. provides health care to uninsured, underinsured, and homeless men, women and children in the District of Columbia. Founded in 1985, it is the fourth largest community health center network in the country, offering a full range of health services regardless of patients' ability to pay. Unity operates 25 neighborhood facilities, including 11 community-based health centers, 10 medical sites in homeless shelters, and specialized health centers. Unity's mobile outreach vans travel throughout the city, providing care to homeless persons and "hard to reach" substance abusers. In 2005, Unity provided care to more than 64,000 people who accessed services more than 291,000 times. Unity is a 501(c)(3) organization funded in part by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration, by federal, local and private grants and by individual contributions. For more information about Unity Health Care, Inc., visit our website www.unityhealthcare.org.