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UNITY HEALTH CARE OBSERVES NATIONAL HIV/AIDS TESTING DAY BY OFFERING *FREE* HIV TESTING

Washington, DC – Unity Health Care, Inc. (Unity) will mark the 13th Annual National HIV Testing Day June 27 with *free* HIV Testing for the residents of the District of Columbia. Unity is the first organization in the District of Columbia to join the HIV Testing Campaign combining its efforts with the District's initiative to encourage every District resident between the ages of 14 and 84 to be screened for HIV.

In response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic in the District of Columbia, Unity will provide services through eight (8) of its community-based health centers and specialized centers. It is taking an aggressive step toward making a positive impact on the lives of those residing in underserved communities. In addition, Unity's Mobile Medical Units will be located in three areas of the District where testing, counseling, and treatment referrals, as well as increasing awareness of available community resources will be provided.

"The District has the highest rate of new AIDS cases of any major U.S. city," said Vincent A. Keane, President and CEO of Unity Health Care. Nearly 1 out of every 50 residents of the District has AIDS, and it is estimated that nearly 1 out of every 20 residents is infected with HIV. "Unity will continue to reinforce its commitment to the residents in the fight against HIV/AIDS by encouraging our patients to get HIV Testing, counseling, and education services," added Keane.

Unity Health Care (Unity) provides health care to medically underserved in the District of Columbia, including almost 12,000 homeless men and women either in the streets or at shelters throughout the city. Founded in 1985, Unity Health Care 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 in more than 30 sites, including 11 community-based health centers, 9 medical sites in homeless shelters, 3 specialized health centers, and in the 2 city jails. Unity's mobile outreach vans travel throughout the city, providing care to homeless persons and "hard to reach" substance abusers. In 2006, Unity provided care to more than 70,000 people who accessed services more than 321,000 times. Further information on National HIV/AIDS Testing Day is available at www.napwa.org.

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