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UNITY HEALTH CARE OPENS A NEW HEALTH CENTER ON THE CAMPUS OF SAINT ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

Washington, DC –October 23, 2007, Unity Health Care, Inc. (Unity) will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at 2700 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue, SE (St. Elizabeth Campus) Building 801 East. The ceremony will signify the official opening of a site providing accessible, convenient medical and social services to DC homeless residents currently living at the 801 East Shelter which is managed by Catholic Charities.

With the District's homeless population nearing 12,000, "Unity will provide comprehensive care, which addresses the specific chronic health problems of the homeless such as heart disease, diabetes, infectious disease including tuberculosis (TB), HIV/AIDS, in addition to mental illness, and substance abuse disorders," said Vincent A. Keane, President and CEO at Unity Health Care. "We believe that offering health services on-site at 801 East Building will positively impact homeless health," Keane added.

The 801 East Shelter routinely provides room and board to more than 300 homeless and will provide a tailored approach to the provision of quality health care and supportive services for transitional and homeless populations. "Our goal is to provide compassionate care to the hard to reach populations," said Derrick K. White, Director of Outreach Services. "Our approach, will guide the services and operations of Building 801 East center, focusing on ensuring that our program are accessible, high quality, culturally appropriate, and responsive to the needs of our clients," White added.

Unity Health Care (Unity) provides health care to medically underserve 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.

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