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COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF NEW SITE IN WATERBURY

WATERBURY, Conn. (December 13, 2011)—Community Health Center, Inc (CHC) is pleased to announce the official grand opening of its newest site in Waterbury, CT. On December 9th, community members toured the new center at 51 North Elm St. during an open house event, featuring a ribbon-cutting ceremony and remarks by Mayor O’Leary and Rep. Chris Donovan.

The Community Health Center of Waterbury offers comprehensive primary medical, behavioral health and dental hygiene services for all ages. The center also provides assistance with application for public insurance and other support programs.

Community Health Center, Inc. is recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), which is a team-based model of care led by a personal physician who provides continuous and coordinated care throughout a patient’s lifetime to maximize health outcomes. PCMH’s are held to a set of standards that require them to be innovative and constantly working to improve care for their patients. CHC is the only Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in the state with this recognition. Community Health Center hopes that bringing this level of care into the Brass City will aid in reducing the number of emergency department visits at the cities’ two hospitals.

“The need for access to primary care services continues to grow across the state, particularly among the uninsured and underinsured,” said Dr. Nwando Olayiwola, chief medical director at Community Health Center, Inc. “CHC has positioned itself to be responsive to this critical need with this new site, which allows us to increase access to care for Waterbury’s residents through CHC’s model of high-level, responsive, team-based primary care.”

The \$1.2M project consisted of a renovation of the former St. Mary’s Family Health Center, located in the heart of downtown. The completed site includes state-of-the-art medical exam rooms, a behavioral health group room and a dental hygiene room. Waterbury CHC currently employs 10 full-time and one part-time employee, including three primary care providers, two medical assistants, one dental hygienist, one psychologist and one psychiatric nurse practitioner.

About Community Health Center, Inc.

Since 1972, Community Health Center, Inc. has been one of the leading healthcare providers in the state of Connecticut, building a world-class primary health care system committed to caring for uninsured and underserved populations. CHC is focused on improving health outcomes for its more than 130,000 patients as well as building healthy communities. Currently, CHC delivers service in 201 locations statewide, offering primary care in medical, dental and behavioral health services. For more information, visit www.chc1.com.

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