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Mark Maselli, president of the Community Health Care Center, and Margaret Flint, its vice president, at a surprise 25th anniversary celebration held for the center Thursday at the Middlesex Mutual Assurance Co. building in Middletown.

In good health

At 25, the Community Health Center is in its prime

MIDDLETOWN — The Community Health Care Center celebrated 25 years of service to the community at a surprise celebration to the center's board of directors Thursday night.

The Health Center, located on 635 Main St., was the first of six locations established across the state that provides medical, dental and mental health services to patients who are uninsured. It opened in 1973.

Mayor Dominique S. Thornton made it official, proclaiming Friday to be "Community Health Center's 25th Anniversary Day."

Thornton said the health center is "celebrat-

Jerry Weitzman, chairman of the board of directors for the Community Health Center, said the center formed 25 years ago with the concept that "everybody deserves better care no matter what your status in life is."

Weitzman said to encourage those individuals attending the celebration to continue with the Health Center's 25th celebration theme they have established: the "Give 25" donation — either \$25 or 25 hours of community service to an organization.

"We want to make our neighborhoods stronger and build a better world for all of us to live in," he said.