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A unique effort combining the skills and resources of the Federal Government, the city administration and a voluntary hospital was officially begun last week at the Sunset Park Health Center of the Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn, and Department of Health, City of New York. Congressman Hugh Carey (D-15th Congressional District Brooklyn) presented a check of \$125,000 to Howard Smith, President of the board of trustees of Lutheran Medical Center as a down payment on a federal grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity of \$706,847 to support the new service.

The occasion was the opening of the Sunset Park Health Center, 514 49th Street, Brooklyn, on Friday, October 20, 1967. Congressman Carey discussed the need of disadvantaged persons for individual comprehensive health services and praised the Lutheran Medical Center for bringing its leadership and resources to the task.

In accepting the grant, Mr. Smith committed the Lutheran Medical Center to a program of quality patient care, creation of new jobs in the health industry and the training of community persons with skills required in the rapidly expanding health services field.

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Commissioner George Nicolau of Community Development Agency of New York City, hailed the success of the community groups which fought for the establishment of the Center. "This is a measure of the effectiveness of community action. The new Health Center could never have happened without the local citizens who developed the plan and fought for its approval," he said.

Mrs. Frances Daniels, chairman of the Sunset Park Neighborhood Health Council, thanked the Lutheran Medical Center and government officials on behalf of the community for making the Center possible for this program for people to come into being.

Presiding at the ceremony was the Reverend H. Carl McCall, Chairman of the Council Against Poverty, who indicated that this Neighborhood Health Center was one of seven that will be developed soon in New York City. He cited Congressman Carey as "a real friend of the anti-poverty program" and called this new program a model for the rest of the city.

Others who attended the ceremony were Dr. Mary McLaughlin, Associate Deputy Commissioner of the Health Department, Jano Whelan, CDA's Neighborhood Health Centers Coordinator, several trustees of the Lutheran Medical Center and officials from the Health Department and the Community Development Agency. A large audience of local residents and health professionals was present.