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Community Health Center, Inc. Celebrates Expansion of Facility In Stamford

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Today, members of the local community were invited to see the expanded Franklin Street Community Health Center, located at 141 Franklin Street, during an open house event featuring a ribbon-cutting ceremony with U.S Congressman Jim Himes (D), a presentation and guided tours. As the need for quality primary care services continues to grow in the Stamford area, Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC) has responded by nearly doubling the size of the Franklin Street Community Health Center.



It is estimated that 24,801 people in Stamford live below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Line. This level of poverty signaled a demand for Community Health Center, Inc. to nearly double the size of their Stamford facility. The project took three months (December 2010 to March 2011) to complete and included renovations to the existing 2,400 square foot facility and a 1,712 square foot addition. The expanded space increased the number of medical exam rooms to eight and added two behavioral health rooms. The construction phase of the project created 40 temporary jobs and the completed expansion allows for five full-time and one part-time positions.

“The center features new state-of-the-art technology and more space to ensure community members continue to receive the highest level of health care,” said Adele Gordon, director of CHC’s Fairfield County sites. “As the number of uninsured and underinsured Connecticut residents continues to grow, Community Health Center, Inc. has positioned itself to be responsive to this critical need.”

The Franklin Street Community Health Center originally opened its doors in 2000 as the Dental Center of Stamford; it became part of CHC in 2005. Comprehensive medical services were added in 2009. The center now offers comprehensive primary medical care for all ages, dental services, behavioral health services, nutrition counseling, gynecological care and family planning, breast and cervical cancer early detection programs, assistance with applications for public insurance and other support programs. The center is also the hub for other CHC services, including school-based health centers and health care for those in the city’s homeless and domestic violence shelters.