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**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF  
NEW DAY STREET COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER  
Community members invited to open house event on October 19**

**NORWALK, Conn. (October 18, 2010)**—Norwalk Smiles, the dental home for more than 6,000 area residents since opening in 2007, has become the Day Street Community Health Center. Community members are invited to see the new center at 49 Day St. during an open house event, featuring a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, live music and tours, on October 19 from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Day Street Community Health Center now offers comprehensive primary medical, dental and behavioral health services for all ages. The center also provides assistance with application for public insurance and other support programs, and is the hub for mobile dental services offered at schools, Norwalk WIC and multiple Head Start and other community locations.

The Day Street Community Health Center is one of 173 locations across the state in which Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC) provides primary care services to more than 100,000 patients.

The \$805,000 project consisted of a renovation of 5,000 square feet of unoccupied space, doubling the health center's capacity. Construction began in June 2010 and created 15 temporary jobs. In addition, two new health care provider positions were created.

Dr. Lori Weir has joined the Day Street Community Health Center as the lead family physician. Previously, she was a family physician with Larchmont Family Practice in New York. Dr. Weir is an assistant professor of family medicine at New York Medical College and has presented extensively on children's health and training the next generation of doctors. She completed her residency in family medicine through the Brown University School of Medicine at the Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island.

"The need for quality primary care services continues to grow across the state, particularly among the uninsured and underinsured," said Adele Gordon, director of CHC's Fairfield County sites. "CHC has positioned itself to be responsive to this critical need with this expansion, which allows us to extend our behavioral health services to adults and address the growing medical needs of Norwalk's residents through CHC's model of high-level, responsive, team-based primary care."

The expansion includes 11 new medical exam rooms, a behavioral health group room, state-of-the-art medical and dental laboratory and a pod where teams of doctors, nurses and medical assistants can interact regularly, share knowledge and collaboratively brainstorm and problem solve.

**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 100,000 patients as well as building healthy communities. Currently, CHC delivers service in 173 locations statewide, offering primary care in medical, dental and behavioral health services. For more information, visit [www.chc1.com](http://www.chc1.com).

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