

Strom Care Center dedicated in Enfield

ENFIELD – More than 150 residents, elected officials, and representatives of health and community agencies jammed North Main Street in the Thompsonville section for the recent opening of the Community Health Center's Mary Lou Strom Primary Care Center.

U.S. Rep. Joseph Courtney, State Reps. Karen Jarmoc and Kathy Tallarita, and State Sen. John Kissell were on hand to cut the ribbon and dedicate the 5 North Main St. center.

Mark Masselli, president and chief executive officer of the Community Health Center, observed that the Mary Lou Strom Center was in keeping with the spirit and the mission of his organization: "To bring the best health care to people who need it." In Enfield, dental hygiene services in the schools are provided by the center.

"As someone who represents a Congressional district of 65 towns, going from the Massachusetts border to Long Island Sound, I've personally seen the exceptional quality of care CHC provides" said Courtney. "Whether it's New London, Groton, or Enfield, I salute the local officials, here in Enfield, for their intelligence and vision."

Relatives of Strom, the former mayor of Enfield who died last year, were visibly moved during the rite.

Several residents signed up and made appointments, and the medical director, Dr. Marie Vitale, had her first appointment scheduled for later in the afternoon.

In a tribute to the facility and the Strom family, Kissell said, "Nothing is more important than your health; if you have your health, you've got everything."



At the recent opening of the Community Health Center of Enfield's Mary Lou Strom Primary Care Center attendees included from left, Yvette Francis-Highsmith, Community Health Center; state Rep. Katherine Tallarita; state Rep. Karen Jarmoc; Lisa Strom; U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney; Mark Masselli, president and CEO of CHC; and state Sen. John Kissell.