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## CAFRITZ FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES MERCY HEALTH CLINIC WITH GRANT
*$30,000 awarded to fund significant Clinic expansion*

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Gaithersburg, MD— Mercy Health Clinic announced today that it has been awarded a $30,000 grant from the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation. This grant will be used toward an 1,800 square foot addition to the existing Clinic footprint. This expansion will enable the Clinic to provide additional needed healthcare-related services to its growing population of uninsured residents of Montgomery County, Maryland.

This was the first grant awarded by the Cafritz Foundation to Mercy Health Clinic. "Having the support of the Cafritz Foundation bolsters the image of the clinic with other local foundations," said Dick Pavlin, Executive Director of the clinic.

Established in 1948, the Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation is the largest private, independent, local Foundation focused exclusively on the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. According to the Foundation's website, over the last 10 years $169 million has been awarded to more than 960 organizations in the areas of community services, arts and humanities, education and healthcare.

Established in 2000, Mercy Health Clinic is among the larger health clinics in Montgomery County, Maryland. During the most recent fiscal year, the Clinic served 1,944 patients with over 10,000 patient-visits relying on 55 volunteer physicians to deliver a full spectrum of clinical care. The mission of the Clinic is to improve and expand primary medical and specialty care, health education and pharmaceutical support for low income, uninsured residents of the County. As a free clinic, all of the care and medications received by patients are provided without charge. The Clinic occupies a modern, well-equipped facility in Gaithersburg near the Motor Vehicles Administration.

For more information on Mercy Health Clinic, including volunteer opportunities and other ways to support its mission, please contact Ryanne Clarke at 240.773.0307 or visit www.mercyhealthclinic.org.

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