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**SAINT MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AWARDS
GRANT TO MERCY HEALTH CLINIC**

\$50,000 awarded to fund significant Clinic expansion

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Gaithersburg, MD— Mercy Health Clinic announced today that it has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from Saint Mark Presbyterian Church in Rockville. 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.

In accepting the grant at the Saint Mark worship service July 18, Past Clinic Board Chair Sharon Covington told the congregation “We feel we now have Saint Mark as our faith partners in the mission to provide primary and specialty medical care.” Ms. Barbara Welsh, Elder for Mission at Saint Mark commented, “The church’s core values of being a community where spirit and service come together is made real with this gift to Mercy Health Clinic.”

The grant funds are part of the liquidation proceeds of Saint Mark Elderly Housing Corporation, which owned and operated a group home for the frail elderly for 18 years. The home was closed in 2005 because its original mission had been completed and its Board concluded the assets should be deployed to local mission purposes. For more information on Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, visit their web-site at www.saintmarkpresby.org.

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 2,230 patients with over 10,500 patient-visits relying on 54 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 Vehicle Administration.

For more information on Mercy Health Clinic, including volunteer opportunities and other ways to support its mission, please contact Shawna Green at 240 773 0307 or visit www.mercyhealthclinic.org.
