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**MERCY HEALTH CLINIC HOSTS COUNTY
GOVERNMENT & LOCAL CHURCH GRANTORS**

County Council Member George Leventhal, Pastor Roy Howard of St. Mark's tour new construction funded in part by matching \$50K grants from county and local church

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Gaithersburg, MD— Mercy Health Clinic Executive Director Dick Pavlin today hosted two major benefactors on a tour of the construction at the Clinic's new addition. His guests for the tour were Pastor Roy Howard of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Rockville, and Montgomery County Council Member George Leventhal. The construction is funded in part by matching \$50,000 grants from St. Mark's and the Montgomery County government.

The new 1,800 square foot addition will house much-needed patient screening and education areas in addition to administrative and file storage space. The Clinic provided over 10,500 patient-visits in 2009, all delivered at no charge by a volunteer staff of over 50 physicians and dozens of licensed caregivers and staff.

"Our ability to leverage this type of public-private cooperative giving is going to be the lifeblood of the Clinic as we face the mounting healthcare needs of the uninsured in our community," Mr. Pavlin noted. "It is gratifying to receive this support from a local congregation that puts its faith into action in this way. It is equally important that the County recognizes and supports the efficiency with which Mercy Clinic delivers care to our most vulnerable neighbors."

In addition to the grants from St. Mark's and Montgomery County, the Clinic's construction project received cash contributions from Kaiser Permanente, the Cafritz Foundation, and Standard Properties. In-kind contributions came from First Potomac Management, LLC (construction management oversight) and Health Design Group (building design and drawings for permit review).

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.
