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**MERCY HEALTH CLINIC SETS DATE FOR
DEDICATION OF NEWLY EXPANDED SPACE**

Local benefactors and government supporters slated to speak and attend official opening of 1,800 square foot multi-use addition to existing Clinic footprint.

January 3, 2011

GAITHERSBURG, MD –Mercy Health Clinic is proud to host the dedication of its newly expanded space on January 13, 2011. The dedication will be held at the Clinic's Metropolitan Court location in Gaithersburg and is expected to be attended by 100 volunteers, donors, government officials, and community members. Rev. Roy Howard of Saint Mark Presbyterian Church will dedicate the space. Montgomery County Councilmember George Leventhal and Gaithersburg Mayor Sidney Katz will also speak at the dedication.

The new 1,800 square foot addition was completed in November 2010 and provides more functional space for eligibility screening of patients, a larger room for Lifestyle Education and Diabetes programs, and administrative offices. The new space also allows repurposed rooms in the original clinic to revert to their original uses as work stations for nurses, educators, and patient navigators, a physicians' study, and a clinic kitchen for volunteer and staff use.

The \$153,000 expansion was graciously funded by the Cafritz Foundation, Kaiser Permanente Health, Montgomery County Council, Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, and Standard Properties. In addition, the Clinic received in-kind contributions from First Potomac Management, LLC, and Heath Design Group. Mercy Health Clinic is also appreciative of Armstrong, Donohoe, Ceppos, Vaughn & Rhoades, and General Contractor CCS, Inc., for creating savings by reducing their project costs.

Established in 2000, Mercy Health Clinic is among the larger health clinics in Montgomery County. 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. In 2009, the Clinic served 2,230 patients with over 10,500 patient visits relying on 54 volunteer physicians to deliver high quality healthcare services free of charge.

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.
