



Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc.

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Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. - Now Registering Voters

Columbus, Ohio – Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. is now offering its patients the opportunity to register to vote as a service to the community. As a non-profit organization, Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. offers non-partisan voter registration and education as part of its commitment to help its staff and clients become more engaged in their community.

This effort at each of our five locations: Northeast, Hilltop, East Central, St. Stephen's and John R. Maloney Health Centers, is part of Community Health Vote, a national campaign launched by The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) to boost voter registration and civic engagement in low-income, medically underserved communities across America.

“We want our patients and community members to realize that their Community Health Center is affected by state and federal government funding and policies and that they can impact those policies,” said Tom Horan, CEO. “By integrating voter registration into our daily activities, we hope to reach individuals who might otherwise not register to vote and educate them on civic engagement.”

When patients check-in for their appointment at Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc they have the opportunity to register to vote. Completing a voter registration application takes just a few minutes, and the Health Center collects and submits completed forms to the Secretary of State's office as a courtesy to patients and community members.

The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming November General Election is Monday, October 6, 2008. To register, individuals must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old by Election Day, and an Ohio resident.

Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. provides comprehensive, high-quality primary health care services to residents of Franklin County including Family Practice; OB/GYN; Podiatry; Dental; Vision; Nutritional Services; Pharmacy Program and Health Care for the Homeless. It is part of a safety net of providers that offer services at affordable prices for the uninsured and medically underserved, and is one of 34 Community Health Centers operating 140 sites across the state. In 2007, Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. provided care to 22,000 patients.

For more information about Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc, please visit www.colnhc.org or call (614) 645-5500.