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MEDIA ADVISORY

COLUMBUS NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER TO OPEN NEW WESTSIDE HEALTH CENTER

Offers expanded family practice, OB/GYN, pediatrics, dental care and vision services to individuals and families in Columbus and Franklin County

WHO: Columbus Neighborhood Health Center (CNHC)'s new Westside Health Center, in partnership with UnitedHealthcare, the City of Columbus and Franklin County.

WHAT: Grand opening, ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house

Media are invited to simulate the patient experience – from registration to exam rooms – to see state-of-the-art technology and understand the health center's full scope of care. The Center will open to patients on September 28, 2009 and provide access to quality health care to individuals and families in Columbus and Franklin County, particularly those experiencing financial, social or cultural barriers to health care. The Center accepts most health insurance plans and also serves the needs of Franklin County's uninsured population, which is estimated at approximately 140,000 adults over age 17 (according to the 2008-2009 Ohio Family Health Survey).

WHY: Hilltop Health Center will be relocated into the new Westside Health Center facility, tripling its capacity to nearly 12,000 patients and adding approximately 15,000 sq. ft. of clinical space. The \$9 million project is funded by the City of Columbus with additional financial support from community partners, including Franklin County, UnitedHealthcare, Gutknecht Construction, Design Group and LabCorp, Inc.

WHEN: **Tuesday, September 22, 2009**
3:30 p.m. Facility tours
4 to 6 p.m. Open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony

WHERE: Westside Health Center
2300 W. Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio 43204

PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

- State-of-the-art, 36,000 sq. ft. medical facility located inside the former Engine House Number 17
- Thomas Horan, MPA, CEO of Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc.
- Rob Falkenberg, CEO of UnitedHealthcare of Ohio
- Mayor Michael Coleman, City of Columbus

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About Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc.

Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. is a primary care network consisting of five state-of-the-art health centers. It is the largest, fastest-growing urban health center in Central Ohio. Through collaborative partnerships with more than 150 community stakeholders, CNHC will continue to promote, provide and improve access to high-quality, primary care and specialty services for 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. For more information about Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc., please visit www.colnhc.org or call 614-645-5500.

About UnitedHealthcare of Ohio

UnitedHealthcare (www.unitedhealthcare.com) provides a full spectrum of consumer-oriented health benefit plans and services to individuals, public sector employers and businesses of all sizes, including more than half of the *Fortune* 100 companies. The company organizes access to quality, affordable health care services on behalf of more than 25 million individual consumers, contracting directly with approximately 590,000 physicians and care professionals and more than 4,900 hospitals to offer them broad, convenient access to services nationwide. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified *Fortune* 50 health and well-being company. UnitedHealthcare provides access to coverage for more than 1.6 million Ohioans through a statewide health care provider network of more than 20,000 physicians and other health care providers as well as 195 hospitals.

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