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**FREE DENTAL SERVICES TO BE OFFERED TO CHILDREN ON
FEBRUARY 5 AS PART OF GIVE KIDS A SMILE PROGRAM**
Services to be offered to underserved children at Day Street Community Health Center

NORWALK, Conn. (February 1, 2011) – Each year, an estimated one in five, or 17 million, American children goes without dental care. To increase access to oral health services, local dentists led by Dr. William Fessler of Day Street Community Health Center, formerly Norwalk Smiles, will participate in the American Dental Association's annual Give Kids A Smile program on Saturday, February 5. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the center will offer free cleanings, exams, sealants, fillings, fluoride treatments and dental education to children with HUSKY insurance or no dental insurance.

Other local dentists providing free services at Day Street Community Health Center on Saturday include Dr. Matthew Karl Olson of Norwalk, Dr. S. Cleveland Perry and Dr. Anna Karidas of Stamford and Dr. Sandra L. Bogdon of Westport.

Each year on the first Friday in February, thousands of the nation's dentists and their dental team members provide free oral health care services to underserved children across the country as part of the Give Kids A Smile® program. Give Kids A Smile activities also highlight for policy makers the ongoing challenges that low-income families face in finding dental care.

To schedule a dental appointment, contact Sarienid Guzman, dental care coordinator, at 203-854-9292 ext. 7204 or guzmans@chc1.com. Contact Llara Perez at 203-969-0802 ext. 2216 or perezl@chc1.com for more information.

WHAT: Give Kids a Smile day, featuring free cleanings, oral exams, sealants, fillings, fluoride treatments and dental education for underserved children

WHEN: Saturday, February 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Day Street Community Health Center, 49 Day Street, Norwalk, CT 06854

COST: Free

About Community Health Center, Inc.

Since 1972, Community Health Center, Inc. has been one of the leading healthcare providers in the state of Connecticut, building a world-class primary health care system committed to caring for uninsured and underinsured populations. CHC is focused on improving health outcomes for its more than 130,000 patients as well as building healthy communities. Currently, CHC delivers service in 173 locations statewide, offering primary care in medical, dental and behavioral health services. For more information, visit chc1.com.

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