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**FREE DENTAL SERVICES TO BE OFFERED TO CHILDREN
ON “GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY” ON FEBRUARY 4**
Services to be offered to children with HUSKY or no dental insurance at
Community Health Center of New Britain, New Britain High School and private dental offices

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (January 25, 2011) – Each year, an estimated one in five, or 17 million, American children goes without dental care. To increase access to oral health services, the Community Health Center of New Britain, in partnership with the New Britain Dental Society and New Britain Oral Health Collaborative, will participate in the American Dental Association’s annual Give Kids A Smile program on February 4. From 8:30 a.m. to 5 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.

Free services will also be provided at New Britain High School, the VNA Oval Hill Clinic and in private dental offices throughout New Britain and the surrounding area. A complete list of Give Kids a Smile participants can be found in the News & Events section of chc1.com.

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.

For more information or to schedule a dental appointment, contact Charise DiPierro, program manager for CHC’s mobile dental and community wellness programs, at (860) 852-0853 or Charise@chc1.com.

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

WHEN: Friday, February 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Community Health Center of New Britain, 85 Lafayette St., New Britain, CT, 06051

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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