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**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER TOPS OFF ITS NEW
STATE-OF-ART FACILITY IN MIDDLETOWN**

***Ceremony marks the revitalization of the City's North End
and brings several generations together***

Middletown, CT, May 11, 2011 -The topping off ceremony for Community Health Center's new state-of-the-art-facility in Middletown took place today. The ceremony featured remarks by Mark Masselli, president and CEO of Community Health Center, Inc. and Margaret Flinter, APRN, Ph.D., senior vice president and clinical director of CHC and Larry McHugh, president of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Sebastian N. Giuliano, several dignitaries from Middletown, along with students from Macdonough Elementary School and long-time residents of the North End were invited to sign the beam, which was then raised to complete the steel structure of the new health care facility, located at the corner of Main Street and Grand Street. The ceremony marks the half-way point in construction, indicating that the 48,000 square-foot, environmentally-friendly facility has reached its full three-story height. The building is on schedule to open in early March 2012.

"Community Health Center has been committed to providing integrated health care to Middletown's underprivileged and underinsured citizens for decades. This new construction marks the beginning of the North End's renaissance," said Mark Masselli, president and CEO of Community Health Center, Inc. "Inviting long-time residents of the North End and Macdonough Elementary School students to sign the beam symbolizes CHC's commitment to building healthy communities over several generations."

In a time when Connecticut's unemployment rate is at a staggering 9%, the construction phase of this project has employed more than 150 individuals, and when completed in March 2012, the Health Center will employ an additional 21 full-time staff, including six health care providers.

The new facility will reflect the quality of CHC's dedicated health care providers. It will also allow the Community Health Center to expand and build upon the high-level, responsive, team-based primary care services we offer, as well as extend our services to more underserved individuals in Middlesex County area.

Funding for the \$17 million project was provided by the State Bond Commission, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the Affordable Care Act, Community Health Center, Inc and private financing sources.

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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