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## UNITY @ DC GENERAL HEALTH CENTER HOST AN OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING OF ITS NEWLY DESIGNED REACH OUT AND READ “KEY CORNER” AND WALK-IN WAITING ROOM

**Washington, DC** - Unity Health Care at DC General will unveil a new children’s reading corner and the expansion its Walk-in waiting area. The event will be held on Friday, February 17, 2012, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at 1900 Massachusetts Ave., SE Washington DC. Unity @ DC General is located on the campus of the former DC General Hospital’s Ambulatory Care Center

The brief program will include remarks from Vincent A. Keane, President/CEO of Unity Health Care, Debbi Jarvis, Vice President, Corporate Citizenship and Social Responsibility at Pepco Holdings, Inc., key staff and city officials. Featured will be the ribbon cutting of two newly created Reach Out and Read (ROR) Corners that promote the nationwide campaign encouraging literacy among children and families. Additionally, an expansion for walk-ins will be highlighted as DC General continues to grow, bringing hospitality to this once operational hospital, in all services provided. This event will further allow the opportunity to talk with staff members, tour the health center, and learn about the how Unity addresses the gaps in health services for the residents of Ward 6 and surrounding areas.

The reading corners at Unity’s DC General site were both funded by a corporate sponsorship from Unity’s Partners in Caring at Pepco. Since the inception of the Unity Foundation, Pepco has been a Unity Partner in Caring – showing their care for our communities through volunteering, advocating and donating to support Unity’s efforts toward health and wellness in our communities. As a result of Pepco’s continued generous support, the reading corners at DC general will provide children with a newly re-envisioned space that celebrates reading, learning and exploring.

Sherry Ways, Principal, Kreative Ways & Solutions headed the design project for the reading corners, including the conceptualization of themes, organization of furnishings, book donations, creation of murals and accent walls. Two members of the Kreative Ways team, Bretagne Blair and Shea Capri Bartley, have worked on the project for six months. Unity @ DC General is the second Reading Corner redesigned by the team. Sherry Ways and her team also coordinated the redesign of a reading corner at Unity’s East of the River Health Center in 2008. Also participating in support of the project are: Cindy Athey of Precision Wall Tech, who donated painting services; Benjamin Moore Paints, and Kate Smith of Sensational Color, who donated paint for the project.

Unity at DCG has grown to a site that served over 34,500 clients in 2011. Services offered range from primary care, for children and adults, dentistry, case management and specialty services such as neurology, ophthalmology, general surgery, infectious diseases, podiatry to name a few. Over the last two years, U@DCG has become the one stop shopping mall for healthcare allowing clients to obtain a range of medical services under one roof.

Unity is Washington, DC's largest nonprofit health and social services organization. Each year, Unity serves nearly 82,000 individuals and families in all eight wards of the District of Columbia through its network of 29 health service sites, mobile medical care, and with the support of over 900 dedicated staff. Unity serves the most vulnerable residents of the city including the uninsured, working poor, homeless and the formerly incarcerated. For more information about Unity Health Care, Inc., please visit our website at [www.unityhealthcare.org](http://www.unityhealthcare.org) or contact our Marketing Department at (202) 718-7887.

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