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Health Care for the Homeless to Set Cornerstone of New Building

Baltimore – On Tuesday, September 22, at 4:30 p.m., staff and Board leadership of Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) along with Harkins Builders will hold a private ceremony to set in place the cornerstone for the nonprofit’s new clinic and headquarters under construction at 421 Fallsway in downtown Baltimore.

Having outgrown its current 111 Park Avenue building, HCH broke ground in August 2008 on a 56,000 square foot service center at the intersection of Hillen Street and the Fallsway. During site preparations, General Contractor Harkins Builders unearthed a large slab of granite used in earlier 19th or 20th century structures. At their own expense, Harkins contracted with one of Maryland’s leading stone masons to shape, polish, and engrave the stone with the year 2010, when the building will be operational.

“For Thousands of Marylanders, HCH has been the cornerstone of a future without homelessness,” said Jeff Singer, President and CEO. “The placement of this literal cornerstone will serve as a daily reminder of the important work before us not just to manage homelessness – but to end it.”

HCH provides health-related services, education, and advocacy to reduce the incidence and burdens of homelessness. In addition to expanding the organization’s capacity to deliver medical care, mental health services, social work and case management, addiction treatment, outreach, supportive housing, and access to education and employment, the new building also will incorporate an onsite pharmacy, a pediatric clinic, and Maryland’s first dental program for homeless children and adults.

Scheduled for occupancy in January 2010, the building will be gold-level certified using the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System – a sign of the organization’s commitment to energy efficiency, the use of renewable and recycled materials, and a healthier workplace for staff and clients. For more information, please contact Kevin Lindamood at 410-916-6364.

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