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COUNTDOWN TO THE LAUNCH OF NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK 2017 BEGINS

The Jewish Renaissance Foundation Celebrates the Key to Healthier Communities with
Center Open House

EDISON, NJ – AUGUST 15, 2017 - This week leaders at the local, state and national level will join communities in celebration of National Health Center Week 2017. Their messages and visits to health centers will demonstrate that not only is it possible to move beyond the partisan divide over health care, but to support and agree on a program vital to our communities and the nation's public health. This celebration is part of Health and Human Services award of \$169 million in Affordable Care Act funding to 266 new health center sites in 46 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico for the delivery of comprehensive primary health care services in communities that need them most. The Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JRF) is one of the nine New Jersey grant award totaling \$3,697,689 to serve a proposed 30,073 new patients awarded in August 2015.

“Community Health Centers like ours at 1931 Oak Tree Road, Edison, New Jersey are part of a national network that is the family doctor to more than 25 million Americans,” stated Alexandra Cross, Chief Executive Officer of the JRF. “We are honored to be part of a program that started more than 50 years ago to provide health care in medically underserved areas.” Speakers of the celebration, also include Mayor Thomas Lankey, City of Edison, and Alan Goldsmith, President, Jewish Renaissance Family of Organizations. The open house celebration will take place today, 1 pm EST at 1931 Oak Tree Road, in Edison, NJ and will include a ribbon cutting, proclamation, tour of JRF's Community Health Center, refreshments, and activities. This event is open to the public.

Health centers bring a unique and important perspective to the national conversation on health care. The JRF is proud to work with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to strengthen and improve the availability of quality primary care and preventive services to everyone who needs it. Good health begins with primary care. Access to Community Health Centers is a prescription for the good health of our nation. For more information, go to www.jrfnj.org

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About the Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JRF)

The Jewish Renaissance Foundation was established in 1995 as a faith-based, nonprofit corporation with central offices located at The Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. As a Community Action Agency, we strive to overcome poverty and hopelessness throughout Middlesex County East; an area that encompasses the cities of Carteret, Edison, Highland Park, Metuchen, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy and Woodbridge. We believe in changing lives by creating hope and self-sufficiency, and we succeed by providing individuals, children and families with essential health and human services, community development and youth programs. For additional information, visit us at www.jrfnj.org. Follow us at Facebook and Twitter @OnePPLOneHeart

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