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Swope Health Services Celebrates National Health Center Week

Region's Largest Federally Qualified Health Center Serves 40,000 Uninsured and Underinsured Annually

Kansas City, MO, August 8, 2011 — Swope Health Services will celebrate National Health Center Week (Aug. 7-13) on Tuesday, August 9th, at 3801 Blue Parkway, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Swope staff will take this opportunity to provide much-needed health screenings to the community free of charge, including blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol, body mass index and HIV. The lobby will be filled with booths offering educational materials on topics such as Alzheimer's, fire safety and breast feeding. Clowns and face painters will be on hand to entertain visiting children.

“Community health centers throughout the metropolitan area contribute to the overall well-being of their communities by providing necessary medical services for Kansas City's uninsured and medically underserved,” said Verneda Bachus Robinson, President & CEO of Swope Health Services, “This week is our opportunity to raise awareness of the safety net we provide to the thousands of residents who would otherwise have nowhere else to turn for health care.”

Each year, the second week of August is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of community, homeless and migrant health centers that provide affordable, cost-effective health care to medically vulnerable and underserved people in the U.S. America's Health Centers currently serve over 20 million people, including farm workers and homeless individuals, in 7,000 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

Swope Health Services seeks to help develop self-empowered, healthy people in healthy communities by providing primary health care, outreach and behavioral health services throughout the greater Kansas City area. Annually more than 40,000 patients are served through eleven clinic and residential treatment locations. More than 90 percent of patients live below the poverty level. For more information on clinic locations, services and history, please visit www.swopehealth.org.

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