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## **Mary's Center and MedStar Health Host Community Open House *Public Invited to Participate in Health Screenings and Activities***

**Washington, D.C. (Oct. 24, 2014)**—Two healthcare providers in the Adams Morgan neighborhood in Northwest Washington are hosting an open house Saturday, Oct. 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring health screenings and activities for all ages. Mary's Center, a federally qualified health center located at 2333 Ontario Rd., and MedStar PromptCare, an urgent care center at 1805 Columbia Rd., are collaborating to meet the healthcare needs of the community.

Both facilities will be open during the event hours. Screenings will include blood pressure, body mass index and blood sugar. Dental screenings, mental health screenings and discounted flu shots will also be available. A handwashing activity for children is planned, along with yoga demonstrations. Refreshments and activities for children will be available at both locations.

Mary's Center serves nearly 40,000 people a year in six locations. MedStar Health is the largest healthcare provider in the District of Columbia and Maryland, with three hospitals in the District, three MedStar PromptCare urgent care centers, and multiple physician offices. The two organizations are collaborating to address community health needs in the Adams Morgan neighborhood and the District of Columbia. For example, MedStar PromptCare has X-ray and other imaging technology that is available to Mary's Center patients, and MedStar patients can be referred to Mary's Center for dental services if needed. MedStar Health is also assisting with referrals, if a Mary's Center patient needs to see a medical specialist.

### **About Mary's Center**

Founded in 1988, Mary's Center is a federally qualified health center that provides health care, family literacy and social services to 40,000 individuals whose needs too often go unmet by the public and private systems. Mary's Center uses a holistic, multipronged approach to help each participant access individualized services that set them on the path toward good health, stable families, and economic independence. The Center offers high-quality, professional care in a safe and trusting environment to residents from the entire DC metropolitan region, including individuals from over 110 countries. [www.maryscenter.org](http://www.maryscenter.org).

### **About MedStar Health**

MedStar Health is a not-for-profit health system dedicated to caring for people in Maryland and the Washington, D.C., region, while advancing the practice of medicine through education, innovation and research. MedStar's 30,000 associates, 6,000 affiliated physicians, 10 hospitals, ambulatory care and urgent care centers, and the MedStar Health Research Institute are recognized regionally and nationally for excellence in medical care. As the medical education and clinical partner of Georgetown University, MedStar trains more than 1,100 medical residents annually. MedStar Health's patient-first philosophy combines care, compassion and clinical excellence with an emphasis on customer service. For more information, visit [MedStarHealth.org](https://www.MedStarHealth.org).