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## **Mary's Center to Host Grand Opening of New Behavioral Health Center** The New Building Will Increase Access to Behavioral Health Services in the District of Columbia

**Washington, DC** – Mary's Center announced the Grand Opening of its new Behavioral Health Center in Adams Morgan, to take place on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

The new Center, co-located with Mary's Center's headquarters, will increase access to much-needed behavioral health services in the District of Columbia.

Lack of treatment for serious mental illness costs the country billions of dollars in lost productivity. In Washington, DC, behavioral health is one of the top health challenges affecting the population. With the expansion of its behavioral health services, Mary's Center seeks to increase access to counseling, therapy and psychiatric services and to reduce the stigma of seeking help for behavioral health needs.

In addition to the Grand Opening ceremony, Mary's Center will also host a health fair for veterans – one of the at-risk populations for behavioral health illnesses – sponsored by Centene Corporation and Nam Knights. Free health screenings including vision screenings (from 8 am to 1:30 pm), depression and Opioid and heroine abuse screenings (from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm), free prescription glasses, and free fresh farmer's market produce will be offered.

**What:** Mary's Center Behavioral Health Center Grand Opening and Health Fair  
**When:** Tuesday, November 14, 2017  
12:00 pm Remarks and Ribbon Cutting  
**Where:** 1707 Kalorama Road, NW, Washington DC, 20009  
**Who:** HyeSook Chung, DC Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services  
Dr. Tanya A. Royster, Director, DC Department of Behavioral Health  
Ely S. Ross, Director, Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs  
Mildred Williams, Mary's Center Director of Behavioral Health Services  
David Tatro, Chief Operating Officer, Mary's Center & Nam Knights member

For more information, click here <http://www.maryscenter.org/BHSGrandOpening>.

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### **[About Mary's Center](#)**

Founded in 1988, Mary's Center is a Community Health Center that provides a model of care including healthcare, education and social services to more than 41,000 individuals from over 100 countries through eight locations in Washington, DC and Maryland. Using a holistic, multipronged approach, Mary's Center helps each participant access individualized services and find the path towards wellness, stable families, educational success and economic opportunities. For more information please visit us at [www.maryscenter.org](http://www.maryscenter.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).