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NBC4 Chief Meteorologist Doug Kammerer is Mary's Center's 2012 Honorary Spokesperson

Washington, DC--- Mary's Center is pleased to announce that NBC4 Chief Meteorologist Doug Kammerer will be the Center's spokesperson for all social and fundraising events in 2012.

Kammerer's first contact with Mary's Center was his invitation to serve as Master of Ceremonies of the Center's annual Gala *Noche Tropical* in October 2011.

"I feel a deep connection to Mary's Center's work," said Kammerer. "After their Gala I wanted to do more and spoke with the team about supporting the Center through my work at NBC4 to broaden awareness of the wonderful services they provide to meet the health, education and social needs of vulnerable families in the region."

Doug Kammerer joined NBC4 in August 2010 and forecasts the weather weekdays on News4 at 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 11pm.

"You just have to watch him in the news to understand that he is more than a weather expert – he is a truly caring individual and we are so thankful that he has chosen to use his platform to support Mary's Center's work in our community," said Rebecca Diamond, Chief Development Officer at Mary's Center. "The Mary's Center team is very excited about Doug joining us as Spokesperson."

Kammerer and Mary's Center have planned multiple events for 2012 that will involve Mr. Kammerer's participation as Spokesperson. These events include a classical guitar concert by world-renowned guitarist Ernesto Tamayo on February 10th to raise funds for the Teen Program; the 1st Anniversary of Mary's Center's Bernice Fontenau Senior Wellness Center on March 1st, the Grand Opening ceremony of the Center's first site in Prince George's in early Spring; the 1st Annual Mary's Center's Golf Classic on May 17th; and Mary's Center's Annual Gala, *Noche Tropical*, on October 19th, among others.

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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 24,000 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 90 countries. www.maryscenter.org.

About Doug Kammerer: An accomplished meteorologist, Doug has earned the seal of Certified Broadcast Meteorologist from the American Meteorological Society (AMS). He also won an EMMY presented by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. Doug has studied and forecasted the weather in Orlando, Jacksonville, and Macon, GA. He spent the last several years in Philadelphia at KYW-TV, The CW Philly, WCAU-TV, and WPHL-TV. He has covered the elements all around the country firsthand, trekking to the top of New Hampshire's Mt. Washington (site of "the worst weather

in the world”) and reporting from the eye of hurricane Frances for NBC News. Doug holds a degree in Meteorology from the University of Northern Colorado.