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Pepco Region President, Thomas Graham to Chair Mary's Center's 25th Anniversary Gala

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Washington, D.C. – Mary's Center is proud to announce that Thomas Graham, Pepco Region President has enthusiastically committed to serve as chair of the Center's annual gala, *Noche Tropical*, (a tropical night) to be held on Friday, October 18, 2013 at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C.

Noche Tropical, Celebrating 25 Years of Impact will celebrate the Center's achievements throughout its first 25 years of service providing health care, education and social services to thousands of families in the entire DC metropolitan area.

"During the short period of time I've known the Center, I have been impressed by the outstanding outcomes of families overcoming difficulties and succeeding in life; that was the driving force to support this special commemoration," said Graham.

Maria Gomez, Mary's Center's president and CEO, praised Graham's commitment to his community through his involvement with Mary's Center.

"Tom's generous contributions to Mary's Center go a long way," said Maria. "Thanks to Mr. Graham's foresight and an energy assistance program sponsored by PHI Community Foundation, nearly 100 families experiencing financial hardship received grants to cover overdue electricity and gas bills; he has also moved mountains to support our presence in Prince George's County. We are so grateful for his invaluable contributions."

Noche Tropical is Mary's Center's largest fundraiser of the year. In 2012, the event raised over \$460,000. This year, the Center expects more than 600 guests and hopes to raise \$800,000 with Graham's support.

Tickets for *Noche Tropical* are available for purchase online and by contacting Rebecca Diamond (202) 420-7071, rdiamond@maryscenter.org.

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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 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.