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## **AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka to speak at Mary's Center's 25th Anniversary Gala**

**Washington, DC** – [Richard Trumka](#), President of the AFL-CIO, the nation's largest labor federation, will be the keynote speaker at Mary's Center's annual gala, Noche Tropical, where the Center will celebrate its 25 years of service.

Richard Trumka, former Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO for 15 years and President of the federation since 2009, first visited Mary's Center last May to learn about its services and the community it serves. Impressed by the Center's patient-centered approach and its provision of culturally and linguistically sensitive care, Mr. Trumka offered to help Mary's Center in any way he could.

"I was privileged to visit Mary's Center where I saw firsthand the excellent health care services and programs provided to families in need," said Trumka. "The Center's dedicated staff works tirelessly to serve families who are facing life's most difficult challenges. I look forward to working closely with the great folks at Mary's Center to strengthen communities and build career pathways for young people."

"During Mr. Trumka's visit, we found so many commonalities between our mission and the work done by AFL-CIO to support working people like our participant, that setting a partnership on behalf of the same community we both advocate for was easy," said Maria Gomez, Mary's Center President and CEO. "Inviting him to attend and deliver the keynote address at our gala was one of the many ways he could support us, and we're honored that he agreed."

With the tagline "25 Years of Impact", Mary's Center's annual gala, chaired by Pepco Region President Thomas Graham, will celebrate the many achievements accomplished by the Center in the past 25 years: from its origination as a small basement clinic in 1988 with 10 employees serving 200 women a year to becoming an award-winning center with six locations that employ over 400 employees and serve over 30,000 participants today.

Mary's Center's 25th Anniversary Gala will be held on Friday, October 18th at the Marriot Wardman Park. For more information on sponsorship and tickets, please visit:  
<http://www.maryscenter.org/gala>.

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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. For more information, please visit [www.maryscenter.org](http://www.maryscenter.org) or follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).