

Press Release
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 9, 2023

Contact:

Lyda Vanegas

Vice President of Marketing & Communications

lvanegas@maryscenter.org

202-420-7051

Jessica Laycock

Communications Manager

jlaycock@maryscenter.org

202-595-5274

**Mary's Center Receives Funding from the Inter-American Development Bank
to Provide Prenatal Care Visits for Uninsured Women in Prince George's County**

The program will reach 149 uninsured pregnant women

Washington, DC – Today, Mary's Center announced a \$25,000 grant from [Inter-American Development Bank](#) (IADB) which will allow us to provide prenatal care visits for 149 uninsured pregnant women living in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Mary's Center's health clinic in Adelphi, Prince George's County, opened its doors in 2012 to meet the urgent need for healthcare services and other community resources in a predominately Latino and Black neighborhood that historically lacked access to care in the County.

"This important funding comes at a time when our community is experiencing increased demand for our services due to high rates of uninsurance, unemployment, and financial constraints," says Dr. Tollie B. Elliott, Sr., Mary's Center Chief Executive Officer. "Most of the unreimbursed care that we provide goes to our Prince George's location, and this grant will greatly support our efforts to have healthy pregnancies and healthy birth outcomes."

Nearly 60% of the prenatal care we provide at our Adelphi health clinic is administered to women without access to health insurance; 71% of our participants identify as Latinx or Hispanic. In 2021, the Adelphi clinic served 3,128 prenatal participants in 6,476 visits. In addition, 92% of all prenatal participants at Mary's Center are low-income. Our prenatal and wellness visits for uninsured women are an entry point for the integrated delivery of the critical health, education, and social services offered by Mary's Center.

The IADB's \$25,000 grant initiative was established to give back to the city and communities in need, which is in line with Mary's Center's mission of improving the lives of the thousands of families served every year. The IADB has partnered with Mary's Center for over 20 years through different initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life of Caribbean and Latin American communities living in the DC region.

Learn more about our prenatal care program and overall, Mary's Center services for women [here](#).

###

[About Mary's Center](#)

Mary's Center is a community health center serving over 65,000 people of all ages, incomes, and backgrounds in the Washington, DC metro area for 35 years. With an integrated model of health care, education, and social services, Mary's Center offers each participant individualized care on the path toward good health, stability, and economic independence. For more information, visit www.maryscenter.org.

About IADB

IADB works to improve lives in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through financial and technical support for countries working to reduce poverty and inequality, they help improve health and education and advance infrastructure. Their aim is to achieve development in a sustainable, climate-friendly way. With a history dating back to 1959, today they are the leading source of development financing for Latin America and the Caribbean. They provide loans, grants, and technical assistance; and we conduct extensive research. They maintain a strong commitment to achieving measurable results and the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability. For more information, visit www.iadb.org/en