



United Medical Center Breaks Ground for Pediatric Emergency Department

Join United Medical for Children's Facility Groundbreaking

WASHINGTON, DC (August 5, 2009) – United Medical Center took their next bold step forward when officials unveiled their new Pediatric Emergency Department today. Partnering with world renowned Children's National Medical Center, United Medical Center is slated to open the emergency facility in Spring 2010.

Amongst the support of D.C's Mayor Fenty, Council Chairman Vincent Gray and Councilmember David A. Catania and Children's Medical Center representative Jacqueline Bowens, UMC President Frank DeLisi announced the groundbreaking for the first pediatric department located East of the Anacostia River.

"This is just the next step in a long journey of keeping a promise we made to the community to continually provide better health care," says Councilmember David A. Cantania.

Children's main campus (111 Michigan Avenue N.E) serves an average of 15,000 children from Wards 7 and 8 requiring nearly an hour commute for their families often by public transportation.

The \$14 million facility will be funded with an \$11 million from a DC government, part of the government's initiative to award \$51 million in grants to enhance primary and emergency medical care in underserved areas of the city. The remaining \$3 million will be covered by the United Medical Center while Children's Medical Center personnel will staff the emergency department.



The Pediatric Emergency Department marks the latest achievement on the Specialty Hospitals of America's (SHA) long list of accomplishments. SHA purchased the United Medical Center in November 2007, then known as the Greater Southeast Community Hospital. Over the past seven months SHA has announced numerous facility openings at the United Medical Center including a Long Term Acute Care Center, Skilled Nursing Facility, a MRI Facility, and the Advance Center for Wound Healing.

About United Medical Center

United Medical Center has provided medical services to residents of the Washington metropolitan area since 1965. Under the leadership of Specialty Hospitals of America, LLC, United Medical Center is committed to its evolution into a full-service, state-of-the-art facility where physicians and staff provide expertise in medical and surgical specialties with the combined results of improved patient care and a sustainable business model.

About Children's National Medical Center

Children's National Medical Center, located in Washington, DC, is a proven leader in the development of innovative new treatments for childhood illness and injury. Children's has been serving the nation's children for more than 135 years. Children's National is proudly ranked among the best pediatric hospitals in America by US News & World Report and the Leapfrog Group. For more information, visit www.childrensnational.org.

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