

## **Debra B. Miller Appointed Board Chair at Whittier Street Health Center**

BOSTON, MA (December 16, 2008) - Whittier Street Health Center, a private, non-profit community health center dedicated to providing high quality, reliable and accessible primary health care and support services for diverse populations, announced the appointment of Debra B. Miller as its Community Board Chair.

“We are excited to have Debra lead our Community board,” said Frederica M. Williams, President and CEO of Whittier Street Health Center. “She is deeply involved in community work, and is committed to and passionate about service diverse medically underserved populations. Whittier and the board will benefit from her strong leadership to advance its vision and mission.”

Miller is Senior Vice President and Director of Corporate Affairs in New England for Citizens Bank. Promoted to this position in 2005, she is responsible for overseeing public and community relations, media relations, internal communications, special events, charitable contributions and government affairs for the New England region.

Miller also oversees the bank’s Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) activities and programs throughout its 13-state footprint. Miller has been in banking since 1978, and over the years has held various positions in mortgage lending and community development. She has been with Citizens since 1993 and was responsible for leading efforts to obtain outstanding CRA ratings from the FDIC in 1999 and 2003.

“I am pleased to be working with Whittier, which has such an outstanding reputation in serving the community and working to reduce social and health disparities,” said Miller. “I look forward to doing all I can to ensure continued mission impact.”

In addition to Debra Miller as Board Chair, other board members announced for 2009 include: Sally H. Jenks as the Secretary, True-See Allah, Omolara Bankole, Pastor Gerald Bell, Zainab Elmi, James Harder, Vernon Nelson, Vianka Perez-Belyea, Makia Powers and Gerrold Walker.

### **About Whittier Street Health Center**

Whittier Street Health Center ([www.wshc.org](http://www.wshc.org)) is a Joint Commission accredited, private, non-profit, independently licensed community health center dedicated to providing high quality, reliable and accessible primary health care and support services for diverse populations to promote wellness and eliminate health and social disparities. Serving more than 12,000 clients with approximately 60,000 clinic visits and 20,000 community outreach visits annually, Whittier has a patient base which is ethnically and racially diverse and includes significant numbers of individuals from Roxbury, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, the South End and Greater Boston. Whittier provides a comprehensive array of 30 healthcare programs and services designed to meet the primary health care, behavioral health, and social needs of the community.

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