

On September 14, 2010 we held a Groundbreaking Ceremony for our new 78,000 sq.ft. silver level LEED certified green building. This new state of the art, patient centered medical home will give us the much needed capacity to provide up to 220,000 clinic visits annually and significantly expand our educational and social services programs.

The ceremony was a celebration of our 77 year history of serving the underserved populations in Roxbury and surrounding communities with cost effective and high quality services, and the beginning of the next phase in our journey to eliminate health disparities in low income communities. We had many of our community members, donors, elected officials, patients and supporters at this great event. Our speakers included Congressman Michael Capuano, Governor Deval Patrick, Mayor Thomas Menino, Dr. Gary Gottlieb of Partners HealthCare and John Fish of Suffolk Construction. Please click [here](#) to see photos from our event. We have been fortunate to have so many that believe in our mission and share our vision of serving as the premier urban health center for diverse populations.

During the next year, we will be hosting fundraising and specialized donor events that will support the capital campaign for our new building; as well as the programs and services at Whittier Street Health Center.

On November 20th, 2010, we will host our 8th annual International Gospel Benefit concert at the Berklee Performance Center. The event includes a VIP Reception from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Hilton Hotel in Boston, and the concert will begin at 7pm. Whittier's Saving the Health of the Community International Benefit Gospel Concert is a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together to enjoy fantastic music, honor a dynamic and inspiring leader and support Whittier's wide range of health and social services. This year's honoree is Reverend Hurmon Hamilton of the Roxbury Presbyterian Church. Rev. Hamilton has made an indelible impact on our community. Please [click here for more information on sponsorship and tickets](#).

On Monday, December 13, 2010, we will be holding our Annual Meeting at 5:30pm at Whittier. James Roosevelt, Jr., President and CEO of Tufts Health Plan will serve as our keynote speaker and will be presented the President's Award for his outstanding support of our mission.

Thank you for your time and continued commitment to Whittier. If you have any questions, please feel free to [visit our web site by clicking here](#), or contact my office at (617) 989-3220.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO