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Metropolitan Family Health Network Invites Vendors and Donors to Participate in August 9th National Health Center Week Event

Festivities will include a food drive, a clothing drive, and a chance for local agencies and companies to showcase their organizations.

July 12, 2022, Jersey City, NJ – Metropolitan Family Health Network (MFHN) invites local agencies, non-profit organizations, companies, and community leaders to join the MFHN 2022 National Health Center Week celebration. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 935 Garfield Avenue, Jersey City, and will include a food drive and a clothing drive. Participants will be able to display and distribute their organizations' information and giveaways.

"We see that many people in our community are struggling to make ends meet, and often have to choose between purchasing food or paying for housing and transportation," said MFHN President and CEO Joan Dublin, RN, MPA, ACHE. "We hope to help make things a bit easier by distributing free bags of food, and new or gently used clothing on August 9th, and we need our community partners' help to make these drives successful."

As a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Metropolitan Family Health Network cares for more than 14,000 children, women, and men in about 44,000 patient visits each year. MFHN patients are among the most vulnerable, physically and economically; slightly more than half live at – or below – poverty level guidelines. The COVID-19 pandemic and recent economic challenges have been especially devastating for them. MFHN never turns anyone away because of their lack of insurance or inability to pay for care.

"We hope we can count on the generosity of our community to participate in this event, and to donate to our food and clothing drives. Of course, monetary donations are also welcome," Ms. Dublin stated. "Last year we distributed more than 500 bags of free food to families at our National Health Center Week and also at each of our other food drives, and we hope to be able to do that and perhaps more this August."

MFHN will acknowledge all event participants and donors in press releases, social media, and website postings. To arrange for food donations, please contact Denise Brower by phoning 201-478-5877 or by emailing DBrower@metrofhn.org. Checks and monetary donations may be made payable to Metropolitan Family Health Network and sent to 935 Garfield Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304. To arrange for participation at the event, please contact Bryant Nguyen at 201-478-5844 or at bnguyen@metrofhn.org.

Metropolitan Family Health Network is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization and provides tax-exempt status to contributions.

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About Metropolitan Family Health Network

Metropolitan Family Health Network is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that provides a comprehensive roster of ambulatory health care services. A 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, MFHN is dedicated to making high-quality, affordable health care accessible to all of the residents of Hudson County, particularly those who are uninsured, underserved, and/or homeless. In 2021 MFHN provided services for more than 14,000 patients in about 44,000 visits at its two primary-care centers – one in Jersey City and one in West New York. MFHN has continually earned the gold-seal accreditation from The Joint Commission, an independent organization that accredits and certifies health care organizations in the U.S.