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Heartland Community Health Clinic  
Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary  
And National Health Care Week



**Administrative Headquarters, Peoria Illinois, August 8, 2014** – Heartland Community Health Clinic, celebrating its **tenth year anniversary** as a federally qualified health center, is recognizing **National Health Care Week** as part of its commitment to serving the needs of the medically underserved and working poor.

National Health Center Week 2014 (NHCW) Kicks off on August 10-16<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year's weeklong campaign is **"Celebrating America's Health Centers: Transforming Health Care in Our Local Communities."**

NHCW was started by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) almost 30 years ago to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's Health Centers as local solutions for affordable and accessible health care. State and local governments also join in the national celebration of NHCW and issue proclamations that recognize the contributions of America's Health Centers.

Heartland Clinic CEO, Farrell Davies said, "It is important to pause in our busy schedules and acknowledge the effort people make every day in Heartland Clinic's facilities. This week gives us a chance to thank our employees for all they do for our patients and communities."

One of the most anticipated events of the upcoming week is the **Open House** scheduled at the new Administrative Building on University Street. The ceremony will take place Friday, August 8th, and begins at 11:00 a.m. The Open House celebrates not only NHCW, but also HCHC's 10 year anniversary as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and receiving a **DCEO Grant**. The event includes **Governor Quinn** attending and recognizing **Senator David Koehler** for his significant contributions over the years to the mission of Heartland, and dedicating the new conference room in his honor. Guests will learn about the continuum of health care services available while enjoying tours of the new facility, and snacks. Heartland Community Health Clinic will celebrate all next week at each site.

Governor Pat Quinn shared, "People who have access to quality health care lead longer, happier, more productive lives," Governor Quinn said. "Heartland's new facility will give more people in Peoria County the care they need regardless of their ability to pay."

For more information about Heartland Community Health Clinic or its community open house, visit our website at <http://www.heartlandchc.org> and click on "events."

#### About HCHC

Heartland Community Health Clinic (HCHC) has been in operation since 2004, as a federally designated community health center. It began as an example of how a community addresses a growing concern: lack of access to health care, ineligible for programs, or no health care. **The Mission Statement: We provide accessible, high quality, comprehensive primary health care for the medically underserved, regardless of ability to pay, and conduct high quality**



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