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Elmhurst Hospital Center Selected as 2011 GreenCare Award Winner

Elmhurst, NY (April 19, 2011) – Elmhurst Hospital Center has been recognized as one of the most green healthcare organizations in America by the GreenCare Awards program. Elmhurst Hospital Center was selected among more than 125 applicants as the 2011 GreenCare Award Winner of the Equipment and Supplies category, reflecting the organization's commitment to providing environmentally sustainable healthcare.

"We're proud to recognize Elmhurst Hospital Center as the 2011 GreenCare Award Winner for Equipment and Supplies," says Jennifer Woofter, President of Strategic Sustainability Consulting. "Through the organization's commitment to environmental stewardship, Elmhurst Hospital Center is advancing the practice of medicine and improving the quality of patient care—now and for future generations."

The organization will be featured in upcoming issues of *Healthcare Insight* and *MD News* magazines—reaching every healthcare marketer in America and more than 200 physicians nationwide, respectively—and will be awarded the exclusive GreenCare sculpture to commemorate this remarkable achievement. This exclusive sculpture is handcrafted by the award-winning iGNiS Studio.

About the GreenCare Awards

The GreenCare Awards annually recognize environmentally sustainable healthcare practices. Co-sponsored by Strategic Sustainability Consulting, *Healthcare Insight* magazine, and the MD News Network and in collaboration with the Arbor Day Foundation, the GreenCare Awards program highlights the nation's hospitals, healthcare systems, and physician practices committed not only to caring for patients, but also to protecting the planet.

About Elmhurst Hospital Center

Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC) is a 545-bed medical facility and a major tertiary care provider in the borough of Queens. EHC is a Level I Trauma Center, an Emergency Heart Care Station and a 911 Receiving Hospital, and is a premiere health care organization for key areas such as Surgery, Cardiology, Women's Health, Pediatrics, Rehabilitation Medicine and Renal and Mental Health Services.

Last year we received well over 600,000 ambulatory care visits and more than 30,000 Emergency Room visits, making EHC one of the busiest hospitals in New York City. We serve an area of approximately one million people in a community recognized as the most ethnically diverse in the world. Ensuring access to high-quality health care for all is our top priority. To find out more, please visit us at nyc.gov/ElmhurstHospital.

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