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Elmhurst Hospital Center Celebrates National Nurses Week

(Elmhurst, NY – May 18, 2010): On May 14, 2010, Elmhurst Hospital Center’s Department of Nursing hosted a special event for patients in honor of National Nurses Week and RN Recognition Day. The “Come Meet Elmhurst Hospital Nurses” program provided patients with the opportunity to meet the nurses who deliver their care at EHC.

The theme of the event was “**Caring for YOU Today for a Healthier YOU Tomorrow.**” Event presenters emphasized how nurses at EHC provide excellent nursing care using the philosophy of human caring. They also discussed the varied roles nurses play in delivering care, whether it is in the emergency room, in school-based clinics, or in hospital units. But whatever their position-- whether it’s as a Staff Nurse or Educator or Nurse Practitioner or Researcher --patients learned that EHC’s nurses have a strong commitment to serving their health care needs.

The “Come Meet Elmhurst Nurses” event was one of several activities held in conjunction with National Nurses Week. Other events included a cultural festival celebrating the diversity of EHC’s nursing staff, an art exhibition made up of works contributed by hospital nurses, a tribute to Florence Nightingale, and educational and professional development programs.

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About Elmhurst Hospital

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

Elmhurst Hospital Center serves an area of approximately one million people. This community is recognized as the most ethnically diverse in the world. Last year, EHC received 693,600 ambulatory care visits as well as receiving 130,042 Emergency

Room visits making it one of the busiest ERs in New York City. Over 4,200 babies were delivered at Elmhurst last year alone-the most in this region. Ensuring accessible health care is our priority.