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(Elmhurst, NY, June 5, 2009)--Elmhurst Hospital Center celebrated World Environment Day in the Main Lobby on June 5th. World Environment Day started as a United Nations initiative in 1972 to raise global awareness regarding issues like climate change and sustainable development.

During EHC's day-long event, various eco-friendly vendors gave out information regarding their products and ways to cut down on or eliminate the use of the harsh chemicals often found in household cleaning products. Local utilities Con-Edison and National Grid also presented information on ways to reduce energy consumption. EHC showcased its own internal efforts to "go green", including a display of energy efficient lighting currently in use in many areas of the hospital.

Employees also had a chance to get in on the fun by playing an eco-quiz. Winners received an environment-friendly EHC shopping bag. Participants also had the opportunity to purchase a raffle for a brand-new mountain bike. The winner of the bike, an Engineering and Maintenance employee, graciously re-donated the bike as a raffle prize to raise money for this year's annual EHC Turkey Drive.

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.