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ELMHURST HOSPITAL CENTER HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL PEDIATRIC HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR

Successful event raised awareness on preventable injuries and emphasized the best ways to access services

On Wednesday, June 12, 2013, Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC) hosted its First Annual Pediatric Health and Safety Fair. Sponsored by Healthfirst, the event, aimed at parents and caregivers sought to raise awareness of preventable injuries and to educate the community as to the steps they can take to prevent injuries. Most childhood injuries, (including accidental ingestions, burns, pedestrian injuries, and falls) are preventable; yet make up a large percentage of physician consults and emergency room visits. Elmhurst Hospital Center is committed to the mission of educating the community with the goal of preventing childhood injuries. The FDNY, Parks and Recreation, GrowNYC and the New York State Department of Transit Safety Education Division all participated in the event held outside of the hospital on 41st Avenue. The pediatric health and safety fair featured numerous health and safety lectures from participating organizations as well as from EHC's Pediatric Department and Food and Nutrition, which included a cooking demonstration. Cito the Clown was also on hand to entertain the children.

About Elmhurst Hospital Center

Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC), part of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), is the major tertiary care provider in the borough of Queens. The hospital is comprised of

545 beds and is a Level 1 Trauma Center, an Emergency Heart Care Station and a 911-Receiving Hospital. It 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.

Elmhurst Hospital Center serves an area of approximately one million people in a community recognized as the most ethnically diverse in the world. Last year, EHC received close to 700,000 ambulatory care visits as well as receiving over 130,000 Emergency Room visits, making it one of the busiest hospitals in New York City. Over 4,000 babies were delivered at Elmhurst last year alone- the most in this region. Ensuring accessible health care is our priority.