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Family Health Centers Opens Eighth Location

(LOUISVILLE, KY) November 13, 2017 - Today, the Family Health Centers, Inc. (FHC) Board of Governors hosted an Open House and Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the opening of the organization's newest community health center location at 2500 West Market Street. The facility was formerly KentuckyOne Health Westside Medical Clinic that was closed in August of 2017. Local elected leaders concerned with the closing of a health care clinic in an underserved area of the city, helped to bring KentuckyOne Health and Family Health Centers together to negotiate the transfer of the building to FHC. KentuckyOne Health donated the facility and the equipment to FHC, which reopened as Family Health Centers-West Market on Nov. 6, 2017.

Local officials present for the event included Congressman John Yarmuth (KY-03), Mayor Greg Fischer, and Councilmembers Cheri Bryant Hamilton (District 5) and Barbara Sexton Smith (District 4). "I'm thrilled that Family Health Centers and KentuckyOne Health have worked together to re-open this facility and provide West Louisville residents with the care they need. Having a quality community health center nearby can make a world of difference for so many, and I'm glad the neighborhoods served by this facility will have increased access to care as we work to create a more healthy Louisville." said Congressman Yarmuth to an audience of FHC staff, community partners, and local officials.

"To have a healthy city we need to make sure people have access to important health care services. I congratulate Family Health Centers and KentuckyOne Health on working together to ensure people in the Russell and Portland communities have a quality healthcare provider," stated Mayor Greg Fischer in remarks at the event. FHC-West Market is initially staffed by two nurse practitioners focusing on urgent, primary and preventive care for adults and is expected to care for approximately 1,500 unique patients in the first year of operations.

"On behalf of the Family Health Centers' Board of Governors I want to thank KentuckyOne Health for this generous donation," stated CEO of FHC, Bill Wagner. "Family Health Centers has a 40-year history serving the residents of Louisville's west end. We know from that experience that more health care resources are needed in this community, and we are happy to step-up and help fill this gap. This new health center is a welcome addition to our family of locations."

"As KentuckyOne Health began to change its focus in the Louisville area and planned to close the west Louisville clinic, local leaders and KentuckyOne Health met to explore the idea of transferring our Westside Medical Clinic to Family Health Centers," said Charles Powell, president, KentuckyOne Health Medical Group. Working together to find a way to keep it open for the west Louisville community was the right move to make. The local community will continue to receive the health care services they need and deserve." The donated facility is 5,425 square foot building, with 12 exam rooms, office spaces and a laboratory. FHC-West Market has the physical capacity to add additional services, such as pediatric and women's health services, which will be considered for future expansion.



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Councilmember Hamilton, who encouraged Family Health Centers to consider the West Market clinic, stated “We are delighted that KentuckyOne Health and Family Health Centers have committed to ensuring that families in West Louisville will continue to have access to quality care close to home.” FHC-West Market is located in a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) federally designated medically underserved area.

FHC-West Market is open Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm and patients can make appointments by calling 502-778-8400.

Family Health Centers, Inc. (FHC) is a not-for-profit community health center who provides access to high quality primary and preventive health care services regardless of the ability to pay. Our vision of service is to provide you and your family with the same care and attention we would want for our families and ourselves. Family Health Centers is one of the largest primary care providers in the state, serving more than 39,000 individuals annually through a network of eight health center locations throughout Louisville Metro. Learn more at www.fhclouisville.org.

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