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Rep. Yarmuth, Family Health Centers Break Ground on Expansion

East Broadway Community Health Center, fueled by Affordable Care Act grant, is largest expansion project in nonprofit health center's history

LOUISVILLE – This morning, Congressman John Yarmuth (KY-3) and the Family Health Centers (FHC) Board of Governors broke ground on the East Broadway Community Health Center, the largest expansion project in the 37-year history of the nonprofit agency.

The \$6 million renovation project is supported through a \$5 million federal grant, part of a series of capital investments made in community health centers through the Affordable Care Act. The expanded health center will be located at 834 East Broadway, in a building that recently housed an antique mall.

Occupying the first three floors of the five-story building, the East Broadway Community Health Center will significantly expand FHC's current operation, from 8,400 square feet to more than 30,000 square feet. The renovated site, which will offer primary care integrated with behavioral health services, as well as on-site radiology, dental, and pharmacy services, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2014.

"The Family Health Centers expansion on East Broadway is a key step toward achieving our goal of ensuring that every Louisvillian has access to quality, affordable health care," said Congressman John Yarmuth (KY-3). "As tens of thousands of Kentuckians realize the benefits of the Affordable Care Act in their everyday lives, I am proud to support this critical investment in health infrastructure that will expand access and care in our community."

Recent federal investments in community health centers are helping build the infrastructure to care for the more than 100,000 uninsured Louisville residents who are gaining access to coverage under the Affordable Care Act. The expanded FHC-East Broadway Community Health Center will provide capacity to serve an additional 10,000 individuals every year. At present, FHC-East Broadway serves approximately 5,800 patients annually.

"This is the largest expansion project by Family Health Centers in our 37-year history," said Bill Wagner, FHC Executive Director. "With so many people gaining health insurance through the Affordable Care Act and kynect, the Kentucky insurance exchange, services and providers are needed to care for these individuals. This expanded site will allow Family Health Centers to meet this community need."

Family Health Centers is funding the remaining \$1 million of the project's capital expenses through reserves and fundraising efforts, including online fundraising through Crowdrise.

“This expansion project is an important investment in the East Broadway corridor and an important step toward our goal of creating a much healthier city,” said Mayor Greg Fischer. “Providing access to timely preventive and primary care services is essential to keeping people healthy and keeping health care costs down.”

Family Health Centers is a nonprofit community health center established by the Louisville-Jefferson County Board of Health in 1976 to provide residents of Louisville and Jefferson County access to high-quality primary and preventive health care services without regard to the ability to pay. Family Health Centers is the largest safety-net primary care provider in the state, providing services to more than 42,000 individuals annually through a network of seven health center locations throughout Louisville Metro.

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