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Community Open House at Airline Children's Clinic on Sept. 17

Renovations funded by healthcare stimulus dollars unveiled

HOUSTON –September 14, 2009 – Airline Children's Clinic, a private nonprofit health center in Harris County is hosting an open house for the community on Thursday, September 17 from 3 to 6 p.m. at 5808 Airline Drive. Parents are encouraged to bring their children for free health screenings from the pediatric medical staff in celebration of the grand opening of the renovated facility.

Airline Children's Clinic was recently renovated and upgraded from a general medical clinic to one that specializes in serving the medical needs of children in Harris County. The renovation is funded, in large part, with federal health care stimulus dollars available to community health centers for infrastructure.

"We look forward to meeting and welcoming children in the Airline Drive community to the clinic," said Dr. Patricia Rodriguez, pediatrician and medical director of Airline Children's Clinic. "The healthy development of children is essential for the health of the community, and we're committed to ensuring that all children have access to care."

Medicaid and CHIP enrollment will also be available onsite at the open house, along with social service information and free beverages and snacks.

There are more 10,200 children under the age of 18 living the Airline Drive community, many of whom do not have a primary healthcare provider and rely on emergency rooms for medical care.

About Airline Children's Clinic

Airline Children's Clinic is owned and operated by Houston Community Health Centers, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization operating community based health centers in Houston. The organization was founded in 1999 and provides a full range of medical and dental health care services in medically underserved areas through its two clinics: Denver Harbor Clinic (www.denverharborclinic.com) and Airline Children's Clinic. The organization is also committed to spurring neighborhood economic development through new job creation and local improvements in the communities it serves.

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