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Two community health clinics merge in Houston for greater efficiency and sustainability

Denver Harbor Clinic and Airline Children's Clinic now sister organizations

HOUSTON – November 6, 2008 – Houston Community Health Centers, Inc., a private nonprofit organization operating Denver Harbor Clinic (www.denverharborclinic.org) to address health care inequities in Houston's east side, today announced that Airline Family Clinic (www.dsfhouston.org) has become part of the organization and is now specializing in pediatric care.

“Our aim is to increase the value and long-term sustainability of both clinics with the vision of providing quality healthcare to many generations to come.” said Daniel Montez, CEO of Houston Community Health Centers. “We’re very grateful for the opportunity to create a ‘sister’ relationship with Airline Clinic, which is already established and highly respected as a quality medical provider in the Airline community.”

Airline Children's Clinic, formerly Airline Family Clinic, is shifting its focus to the healthy development and health care of children from birth through age 18 as part of the merger. Adult patient of the clinic are moving to Denver Harbor Clinic or other community providers for their primary care needs.

“There is a need for greater access to pediatric care in the Airline community that we are in a unique position to provide,” said Montez. “This new focus came after careful analysis of the needs and other existing resources in the community. The emphasis on health of children enables us to maximize prevention to addressing health inequities.”

Both Airline and Denver Harbor communities in Houston have been declared as a Health Professions Shortage Areas (HPSA) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Both clinics are welcoming new patients and accept Medicaid and most major insurance plans as well as people without insurance. Denver Harbor Medical and Dental Clinic is located three blocks north of Lyons Avenue at 424 Hahlo Street. Airline Children's Clinic is located at 5808 Airline Drive, Houston, Texas 77076.

About Houston Community Health Centers, Inc.

Houston Community Health Centers, Inc. is a private, nonprofit 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 (www.dsfhouston.com). The organization is also committed to spurring neighborhood economic development through new job creation and community improvements in the communities it serves.

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