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**NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm Announces \$1,000,000
in Funding for Emergency Department Renovation
at Elmhurst Hospital Center**

Elmhurst, NY, November 19, 2010 -- At a press conference on Friday, New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm presented Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC) with a \$1,000,000 check to pay for a new chest pain facility that is being constructed as part of its Emergency Department renovation.

The renovation of the Elmhurst Hospital Center Emergency Room will include the demolition and new construction of approximately 3,550 square feet of space on the first floor of the Elmhurst Hospital Center.

"It is with great pleasure that I present Elmhurst Hospital Center with the funding necessary to help make these improvements to their emergency department," said New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm. "Elmhurst Hospital has a long history of delivering exceptional and comprehensive medical services to our community and I am committed to continue making healthcare a top priority in our district."

The Chest Pain Observation Unit being created within the Emergency Department will consist of six beds and will be used to observe patients with chest pain, to expedite the differential diagnosis process and divert patients, when medically appropriate, to community-based services instead of admitting them for inpatient services.

"The creation of the new Chest Pain Observation Unit within Elmhurst Hospital Center's Emergency Department will allow us to increase efficiency within the ER and accommodate the growing needs of our community," said Elmhurst Hospital Center Executive Director Chris Constantino. "Elmhurst Hospital Center has one of the busiest Emergency Rooms in New York City, so we are extremely grateful to Councilman Dromm for his support."

Emergency Department physicians and nurses were also on hand at the press conference to champion the renovations.

"Our ER Chest Pain Unit will help us better identify patients with potential cardiac disease, as well as expedite their care," said Dr. Stuart Kessler, Director of Elmhurst Hospital Center's Department of Emergency Medicine. "Our expanded Emergency Department facilities will lead to the enhancement of the cardiac care offered at EHC."

Elmhurst Hospital Center, a 545-bed community hospital located in the heart of Queens, serves an area of nearly one million people in one of the most ethnically and linguistically diverse communities in the United States. Last year, EHC received 693,600 ambulatory care visits as well as 130,042 Emergency Room visits.

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