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### **CHICAGO'S NEWEST PEDIATRIC MOBILE UNIT UNVEILED**

*Norwegian American Hospital's Pediatric Care-A-Van a Huge Success among Local Politicians*

CHICAGO – Over a hundred people, including Secretary of State Jesse White and Senator William Delgado, were on-hand at last week's ribbon-cutting ceremony to witness the unveiling of Norwegian American Hospital's Pediatric Care-A-Van, Chicago's largest, multi-use pediatric mobile unit.

The hospital's new program, "Pediatric Care-A-Van," is designed to target underserved children in the Norwegian American Hospital community without any regard to an ability to pay.

The primary goal of the Pediatric Care-A-Van is to provide high quality health care services directly to children and their families by going to schools, and day care and community centers. It will also link these children and their families into an appropriate primary care system for further care when needed.

"If a child is not healthy, he or she will not learn," J. Zinkel, designer of Norwegian's new, state-of-the-art mobile unit said. "If children cannot learn, they cannot improve their situation in life; they cannot move on to make their world, our world, a better place."

The Pediatric Care-A-Van will provide services including: routine child immunizations, required school/sports physicals, hearing and vision screenings, pulmonary function testing, asthma assessments, childhood health promotions, in addition to injury prevention and education. It also has two, full-sized patient examination rooms, laboratory, medical records area and nursing station.

The mobile unit is specifically built to easily navigate Chicago streets and highways with the capability to park, set-up and operate on a street, lot, playground or field at any school or community partner location. Its exterior graphic design, displaying the Norwegian American Hospital logo and some of the patients and doctors seen here in the hospital, was created to make it easily recognizable and distinguishable from other Chicago area mobile medical providers.

For any additional information on the Pediatric Care-A-Van, or to schedule a time for the Pediatric Care-A-Van to come to you, please call Russell Hyde, Mobile Unit Manager, at 773-292-2629, or contact him by e-mail at [rhyde@nahospital.org](mailto:rhyde@nahospital.org).

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