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NORWEGIAN AMERICAN HOSPITAL UNVEILS CHICAGO'S LARGEST PEDIATRIC MOBILE UNIT ON APRIL 23

Secretary of State Jesse White on hand to cut ribbon

CHICAGO – Secretary of State Jesse White joins Norwegian American Hospital as they debut its Pediatric Care-A-Van, Chicago's largest, multi-use pediatric mobile unit at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 23 at 11:30 a.m.

With the support from the Children's Care Foundation, the custom-designed van is the centerpiece of the hospital's new program, "Pediatric Care-A-Van," designed to target underserved children in the Norwegian American Hospital community without regard to an ability to pay.

The Pediatric Care-A-Van will 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.

The state-of-the-art mobile unit will provide the following type of services: 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 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.

"Norwegian American Hospital has a long standing tradition of dedicated service and commitment to the Humboldt Park community and its youngest members in particular. The pediatric medical mobile unit allows Norwegian to bring this tradition to all residents of our communities," said Alderman Billy Ocasio of the 26th Ward.

For more information about the Norwegian American Hospital Pediatric Care-A-Van, please call Russell Hyde at 773-292-2629 or contact him by e-mail at rhyde@nahospital.org.

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