The NEW Roseland Hospital News

From left to right: Dr. Bechara Choucair, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Public Health; 9th Ward Ald. Anthony Beale; State Rep. Lashawn Ford; Jaquie Algee, VP External Relations, SEIU; Dr. Joy West, Director of Obstetrics & Gynecology at RCH; Julie Hamos, Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services; Catherine Kapella, Program Director, Washington Square Health Foundation; Howard Nochumson, Executive Director, Washington Square Health Foundation; Tim Egan CEO, Roseland Community Hospital; U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin; IL Sec. of State Jesse White; Genivee Chapman, Chair Roseland Community Hospital Board; IL State Rep. Edward Acevedo; Dr. David Miller, Chief, Division of Oral Health at Illinois Department of Public Health; 34th Ward Ald. Carrie Austin; Leon Walker, Principal, Urban Medical Centers; Brian Dolan, Chairman of the Board, Roseland Community Hospital Foundation; Judge Fredrenna Lyle, Cook County Circuit Court; IL Sen. Willie Delgado; IL Sen. Emil Jones III; IL State Rep. Bob Rita; Cook County Commissioner Deborah Sims.

Dental Van, A Dream Come True

Federal, State, County and City Officials Join Vets and Community at Ribbon Cutting

The “NEW” Roseland Community Hospital and the tremendous turn-around of operations at the Southside safety-net healthcare provider were highlighted at a ribbon cutting ceremony for the state-of-the-art, full-service dental mobile on Friday, July 25.

The joint venture between RCH and the Mobile CARE Foundation (MCF) will provide examinations, cleanings, sealants, x-rays, fillings, extractions and plenty of meaningful education for children ages 4-18.

“Let me ask you to take special note up there on the top of the van,” U.S. Senator Dick Durbin said to a crowd of over 200 guests and an additional 20 elected officials. “We want to give special thanks to Mr. Howard Nochumson and the Washington Square Foundation for their major contribution for this dental van.” Washington Square Health Foundation provided a Program Related Investment of $350,000 to create the rolling dental clinic and the Polk Bros. Foundation added $25,000 to fund the beginning operations. An additional grant from an anonymous donor of $250,000 will pay for the first six months’ operating expenses.

“Children in our community are suffering from a lack of access to quality dental care,” RCH President and CEO Tim Egan said. “Being able to provide this service for kids in need is absolutely a dream come true. The RCH/MCF Dental Van will provide services to the Greater Roseland Community and wherever children are underserved.”

The program has already created relationships with the Jesse White Scholars and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

“How can we say thank you?” 34th Ward Alderman Carrie Austin said to the RCH Administration, program funders, and all supporters of the Dental Van. “We thank you for all of your efforts to make sure that this van can be an outpour in this community and help those that are in need.” MCF has provided comprehensive asthma care to the Greater Roseland Community for 15 years and the partnership with RCH is just one way the hospital will be reaching out beyond its walls to play a more significant healthcare role.

A Message from Sen. Durbin

“Here is what I’ve learned: healthcare must include dental care. When you don’t include dental care you run the risk of people suffering and even dying. That is why this van is going to make a difference in the lives of thousands. Thousands of kids. They estimate 2,000 children are going to receive dental services through this van each year. Thank you to those who made it possible and congratulations to the NEW Roseland Community Hospital.”

- U.S. Senator Dick Durbin at the ribbon cutting on Friday, July 25.
Celebrating
Mobile CARE Foundation &
Roseland Community Hospital

Dental Van Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
July 25, 2014

Thank you
for joining us!

Special Thanks to Our Elected Officials & Distinguished Guests
“Every month I called Tim to ask when the van was coming and now it’s finally here. This vehicle is going to help a lot of kids, save a lot of lives and parents won’t have to leave work to take their kids to the dentist.”

Jesse White
Illinois Secretary of State

“I want to congratulate Tim Egan and Roseland on their tireless efforts to make this wonderful opportunity possible and providing dental care to children who otherwise wouldn’t have the opportunity to get these services.”

Catherine Kapella
Washington Square
Health Foundation

“Thank you to everyone for continuing great health services in our neighborhoods. We will continue to support Roseland Hospital in providing quality services like mammography and now dental care to the community.”

Dr. Bechara Choucair
Commissioner, Chicago
Department of Public Health

“I want each of you to close your eyes and think about where we were a year ago. Now open your eyes and look at where we are today. Tim said a year ago he was going to bring a dental unit to the hospital and I said you have my full support.”

Emil Jones, III
Illinois State Senator, 14th Dist.

“As Sen. Durbin said, dental care is healthcare and it’s important. This is wonderful to see and we hope that adults are next.”

Julie Hamos
Director, Illinois Department of
Healthcare and Family Services

“To have this van that is going to provide quality service to our community, to our kids is key... like Ald. Austin said, bad dental care can lead to other illnesses. So it’s important that we all continue to come together to make Roseland Hospital a beacon in our community.”

Anthony Beale
9th Ward Alderman
Mammography Today Program

Every month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month at the “NEW” Roseland Community Hospital

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. But you can build hope against breast cancer with an early detection program. Whether you’re 20 or 80, it’s important for all women to practice good breast health. This includes scheduling regular mammograms starting at the age of 40, receiving annual clinical breast exams, performing monthly self exams and assessing your risk with your physician.

According to the Chicago Department of Public Health there were 22.9 female breast cancer deaths per 100,000 females nationally in 2007. From 2007 to 2009 many of the community areas surrounding Roseland Hospital showed average annual adjusted breast cancer rates of 33 to 45 deaths per 100,000 females. This means some of these communities experienced mortality rates that were almost double the national number.

Roseland Community Hospital provides mammograms for all women including FREE Mammograms for Uninsured women who live within the City of Chicago. It is our goal to decrease health disparities in our community by increasing breast health awareness and promoting the importance of receiving annual mammograms.

We encourage women to schedule their annual mammogram at Roseland Community Hospital. We offer state-of-the-art technology using 40% to 50% less radiation while providing 2 to 3 times the resolution of other digital mammography equipment. RCH is ready for you to schedule your next mammogram today!

Have you scheduled your Mammogram?

Please Contact RCH:

There’s always something going on at Roseland!

We host health screenings, special events, fundraisers, and more. Find out what’s on our calendar at:

www.roselandhospital.org

For More Information
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A Message from the “NEW” Roseland President & CEO

As the father of four sons, it gives me an unsettling pain to know that there are children in our city who are in need of food, clothing, shelter and—because of my career calling—healthcare.

In the past, with the help of some tremendous partners, I have created mobile health programs that reach children where they live, play, go to school and worship.

These programs are so much more than just a community outreach tool. Our team members returned from their site visits with horror stories about removing cockroaches from kids’ ears, identifying cases of physical and sexual abuse and even initiating suicide interventions.

Mobile medicine providers are making the difference in the lives of kids every day, all over this country.

That is why I am so thrilled to be part of the Roseland/Mobile CARE Foundation Dental Van program. It was a very long road and we overcame several obstacles, but those are truly in the rear-view mirror.

As violence plagues our neighborhoods we have to focus on the root causes. One way we can combat the negative forces that sway our children is to give them a better path in life.

Children need to be healthy so they can stay in school and learn. They need to be guided through their education by shaping values that a better life is far better than gangs, drugs and violence.

My father and mother did everything in their power to allow me to have a good chance in life. That’s why knowing our new Dental Van will help over 2,000 children every year is an absolute dream come true.