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### **Jupiter Volunteer Clinic Opens To Serve The Uninsured/Underinsured In Jupiter**

**February 10, 2012 – Jupiter, Florida** -- The Town of Jupiter, Jupiter Medical Center, Palm Beach County Health Department and El Sol- Jupiter's Neighborhood Resource Center, are pleased to announce the Grand Opening of the Jupiter Volunteer Clinic, Saturday, February 11, 2012.

In response to the growing number of uninsured/underinsured individuals living in the Jupiter area who have limited access to health care, the partners listed above, along with input from the Florida Public Health Institute, have developed an innovative solution. By maximizing existing resources, this group has created a collaborative model which includes: space, supplies and staff provided by the Palm Beach County Health Department; ancillary services including Laboratory and Imaging donated by Jupiter Medical Center; and the invaluable dedication of Volunteers (Physicians, Nurses, Physician Assistants, Medical Students, and Interpreters) who are generously donating their time and skill. In addition, the Quantum Foundation has awarded grant funding to El Sol to support the work of a Clinic Coordinator.

Jupiter Mayor, Karen Golonka stated, "by quickly working together, these organizations established a clinic that will provide much needed health services to people in our area who otherwise would not have access. The Town was pleased to play a role in organizing and facilitating this effort."

The Palm Beach County Health Department was happy to partner with these organizations. As noted by Dr. Alina Alonso, Director, Palm Beach County Health Department, "this is a hybrid among health centers and we are very pleased to do our part by contributing clinic space, supplies and staff."

"Jupiter Medical Center is proud to be part of a group that is collaborating on this grassroots project," said John Couris, President and CEO, Jupiter Medical Center. "This is a great example of public and private organizations coming together to do the right thing for our community."

"It is remarkable how many community partners came together to address this critical need in Jupiter. The volunteer clinic will make a big difference for many of our neighbors who have been struggling to access even the most rudimentary health services. We are honored to be a part of it and continue our mission to improve the quality of life for all Jupiter residents," said El Sol Neighborhood Resources Center Director, Jocelyn Skolnik.

The Jupiter Volunteer Clinic is located in the Palm Beach County Health Department Building at 6405 Indiantown Road. The Clinic offers Adult Primary Care Medical Services to people in need in Northern

Palm Beach County most Saturdays between the hours of 9am and 1pm. Appointments may be scheduled by contacting Diane Williams, Jupiter Volunteer Clinic Coordinator at 561-506-6487.

The Grand Opening of the Jupiter Volunteer Clinic will coincide with a county-wide event sponsored by the Quantum Foundation. "Find a Medical Home Day" will take place 10am-6pm, Feb 11, 2012 and will offer health screenings, health benefit eligibility screening, tours of various medical clinics throughout Palm Beach County, including the Jupiter Volunteer Clinic.

Please join us in celebration as we introduce this new service to our community. Ribbon-cutting will take place at 11:00am at 6405 Indiantown Rd in Jupiter.

For information about the Jupiter Volunteer Clinic including volunteer opportunities, please contact: Diane Williams, Jupiter Volunteer Clinic Coordinator, 561-506-6487 or Amy Pepper, Project Manager, Jupiter Medical Center, [amypepper@bellsouth.net](mailto:amypepper@bellsouth.net).

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