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## **OVER 400 FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS CONDUCTED AT HEALTHFEST 2011**

*Annual Wellness Fair Attracts Over 1,500 People, Impacts Lives with Free Screenings and Health Information*

**New Haven, CT.** — The Cornell Scott–Hill Health Center held its annual wellness fair on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at the health center’s 400 Columbus Avenue location in New Haven. The fair, entitled HealthFest 2011, offered free health screenings and health information on a variety of topics as well as free food, entertainment and activities for children and families from the community.

The fair was attended by over 1,500 people from the community including special visitors Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and New Haven’s Mayor John DeStefano.

Over 400 free health screenings were conducted during the event including screenings for blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure, HIV/AIDS, and eye disease. In addition to the health screenings, healthcare professionals from nearly every department at the Cornell Scott–Hill Health Center were on hand to provide information on a variety of topics including OB/GYN, Behavioral Health, Internal Medicine, Dental, and Women Infant and Children’s services.

Jamesina Henderson, CEO of the Cornell Scott–Hill Health Center, offered the following perspective:

“What a spectacular day HealthFest 2011 was. Not only were we able to provide the people of our community with a day full of fun, food and entertainment but more importantly, by offering free health screenings and health information, we were able to have a positive impact on their health.”

The event was broadcast live by WYBC radio and on-air personality Juan Castillo who encouraged his listeners to come to the fair and to bring a relative. Other entertainment included African drumming, face-painting, juggling, a puppet show, a mime, a stilt-walker and slides and games for children of all ages.

Community-based organizations from around the state participated as well including the Hispanic Health Council, the Boys and Girls Club of New Haven, New Haven Job Corps, Community Action Agency, Christian Community Action and NeighborWorks New Horizons. These important community partners as well as many others were able to share information about their programs and services with HealthFest attendees. New Haven’s ReadMobile was also on-site to share the joy of reading with kids and families.

*The Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center is the oldest and among the largest community health centers in Connecticut. The center provides integrated medical and behavioral health solutions throughout the greater New Haven area and the Naugatuck Valley with the goal of improving the health status of patients and the community at large. The Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center has been a leader in community healthcare innovation for over 40 years. Learn more at [www.hillhealthcenter.com](http://www.hillhealthcenter.com).*

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