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Attention: Community Editors, Producers,  
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**UNITY HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION TEAMS UP WITH D.C.  
UNITED TO PROMOTE LITERACY TO DC YOUNGSTERS**

**Washington DC (December 11, 2008)** – Unity Health Care Foundation (*The Foundation*) announces the grand opening of Unity Health Care's Upper Cardozo Center Reading Key Corner. The Foundation has teamed up with D.C. United's charitable non-profit arm, United for DC and Reach Out and Read of Metro DC, to promote literacy through its **Key Corner: Unlocking the Doors to Success** literacy project. The Foundation will host an official ribbon-cutting event on Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 am. Unity's Upper Cardozo Center is located at 3020 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington DC.

"The corner will be dedicated to our devoted volunteer, the late Joyce MacCorquodale, who worked tirelessly with her friend Helena Openchowski to maintain the reading corner, replenish the used book supply and read to children on a weekly basis since the inception of the program," says Michelle R. Madison, CEO of Unity Health Care's Foundation. "The Foundation's Key Corner project will continue to broaden the scope of its successful literacy based reading program by providing corporations similar to United for DC, the opportunity to sponsor a reading corner within one of Unity Health Care's centers that specifically serves children through its comprehensive pediatric services, added Madison."

United for D.C. has previously opened two reading corners at the Children's Health Center on Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and on Good Hope and Road in Southeast D.C. The goal of each Reading Corner is provide a fun soccer-themed atmosphere where children and their families can read while waiting to visit their physician, as well as to promote physical activity as part of a child's healthy development

**About Unity Health Care and the Unity Health Care Foundation:**

Unity Health Care, Washington DC's largest nonprofit health and social service organization serves individuals and families in all eight Wards of the District of Columbia through its network of eleven Community Health Centers, four specialized Health centers, ten sites serving homeless people and two mobile medical units. More than 80,000 people including the working poor, uninsured, homeless, and the formerly incarcerated benefited from services in 2007. For more information about Unity Health Care, Inc., visit our website [www.unityhealthcare.org](http://www.unityhealthcare.org).

The primary purpose of The Unity Health Care Foundation ("The Foundation") is to cultivate financial resources that will support the mission-driven programming within Unity Health Care, Inc. The "Foundation" focuses on the development of essential relationships with corporations, philanthropists, foundations and volunteers in support of Unity's vast array of services and programs offered throughout the nation's capital. The vulnerable children and families who live in our communities can benefit from a combined vision created by our network of "**Partners in Caring**". The **Key Corner** project is just one part of that network. Our hope is that you will join us in sharing the joy of reading and the importance of literacy with our young patients and their parents. We encourage you to become a "**Partner in Caring**" Volunteer. Advocating. Donate. For more information, please contact Naima Hashim, VIP (Volunteers Are Important People) Program Director at (202) 715-7984 or via email at [nhashim@unityhealthcare.org](mailto:nhashim@unityhealthcare.org).

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