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NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation Raises Over \$125,000 for NYC's Haiti Relief

BROOKLYN, NY - On Thursday, May 6th, New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) and The HHC Foundation of NYC presented a Haiti Relief check for \$125,882.69 to the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City. The Mayor's Fund, which is managing the City's Haiti Relief Fund, is directing 100% of donations to emergency relief organizations directly serving victims of the Haiti earthquake. These funds were the collective effort of staff, patients and visitors at HHC's hospitals, long-term care and ambulatory care facilities.

In response to the January 12th earthquake, **HHC President Alan Aviles** appealed to all staff to raise funds, and sign up for payroll deduction, which continues through the end of this year. Patients, staff and visitors contributed generously, using special drop-boxes and supporting fundraisers such as concerts, lunch sales, cook-offs and raffles. In addition, many staff traveled as "first responders" to Haiti, using their own time and money to help save earthquake victims.

The event was held at Kings County Hospital Center (KCHC), which serves the largest Haitian community in New York City, and has a large number of Haitian staff. KCHC Senior Vice President/Executive Director **Antonio D. Martin** hosted the event, including key participants:

- NYC Councilman **Mathieu Eugene**, 40th Council District, Brooklyn
- **Megan Sheekey**, President of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City
- **Nazli Parvizi**, Commissioner, NYC Mayor's Community Affairs Unit
- **Angela Lyles**, Development Manager, The HHC Foundation of NYC

Several HHC physicians who traveled to Haiti stirred deep emotions in the audience as they recounted their experience trying to save lives: **Dr. Vladimir Laroche** of Coler-Goldwater Hospital; **Dr. Robert Gore, III** of Kings County Hospital and Downstate Medical Center; **Dr. Lisel Loney-Hutchinson** of KCHC-Dr. Susan Smith McKinney Nursing & Rehabilitation Center; and **Dr. Linnea Capps** of Harlem Hospital. Megan Sheekey accepted the HHC Foundation's \$125,882.69 check on behalf of Mayor Bloomberg, assuring the audience that the donations will support the crucial relief and rebuilding of trusted organizations in Haiti.

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TOP PHOTO:

L-R: Antonio D. Martin, Senior VP/ Executive Director, Kings County Hospital Center; Hon. Mathieu Eugene, NYC Council; Megan Sheekey, President of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City; Angela Lyles, Development Manager, The HHC Foundation of NYC; and Nazli Parvizi, Commissioner, NYC Mayor's Community Affairs Unit.

MIDDLE PHOTO:

Antonio D. Martin, Senior VP/ Executive Director, Kings County Hospital Center; Hon. Mathieu Eugene, NYC Council; and Megan Sheekey, President of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City; with HHC staff and first responders who traveled to Haiti after the January 12th earthquake.

BOTTOM PHOTO:

Antonio D. Martin, Senior VP/ Executive Director, Kings County Hospital Center; Hon. Mathieu Eugene, NYC Council; Megan Sheekey, President of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City; Angela Lyles, Development Manager, The HHC Foundation of NYC; and Nazli Parvizi, Commissioner, NYC Mayor's Community Affairs Unit – joined by staff, Community Advisory Board and Auxiliary members of Central Brooklyn Family Health Network.

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