



NEWS RELEASE

LOCAL SERVICE CLUB CONTRIBUTES \$75,000 TO CREATE *COSMOPOLITAN PATIENT LEARNING & RESOURCE CENTER*

ROCKFORD, IL, March 26, 2009 – Rockford Cosmopolitan Club and Crusader Community Health announced today that they will hold a ribbon cutting and press conference for its new “**Cosmopolitan Patient Learning & Resource Center**” on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. at Crusader Community Health at 1200 West State Street in Rockford.

The **Cosmopolitan Patient Learning & Resource Center** at Crusader Community Health on West State Street was made possible by a \$75,000 contribution from the Cosmopolitan Service Club. The resource center is a new way for Crusader patients to take charge of their own health through interactive touch screen computers. Six self-education computer stations with easy to use interactive visuals in English & Spanish has more than 200 health topics such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, asthma, and preventive care for patients to learn more about their health. Patients waiting for their prescriptions to be filled in the pharmacy are given a beeper to use so that they can use their waiting time to learn more about their disease treatment by visiting the new learning center. The center will help patients learn more about their health and how to better manage chronic disease conditions. The center also includes a meeting space for group education sessions, support group activities, and confidential offices where Crusader chronic disease managers can conduct one-on-one patient education sessions.

Rockford Cosmopolitan’s President **Don Cuppini** said: “We are honored to partner with Crusader Community Health to offer such a wonderful resource to Crusader’s patients. Our hope is to provide a way for the Rockford community to learn more about their health and take necessary steps to prevent and treat various conditions such as diabetes, which our club is so passionate about fighting.”

Since 1994, the Rockford Cosmopolitan Club (<http://www.rfdcosmo.org>) and their partners have contributed in excess of \$335,000 to Crusader Community Health.

In attendance will be Rockford Cosmopolitan members: **Larry Morrissey**, Mayor of Rockford; **Don Cuppini**, Rockford Cosmopolitan President; **Russ Dennis, Jr.**, Cosmopolitan Mid-States Federation Governor. Crusader representatives will include: **Gordon Eggers, Jr.**, President & CEO; **Noel Nickel**, Chief Operating Officer; and **Linda Niemiec**, Vice President Development.

ABOUT COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL

Cosmopolitan International is a group of 70 clubs across the United States, Canada, and Mexico with over 2,000 members. Rockford's chapter is the largest within Cosmopolitan International with nearly 200 members. Its mission is to benefit the Rockford community and Cosmopolitan International by providing its members with charitable, civic, and social activities. Cosmopolitans are dedicated to fighting diabetes and finding a cure. For more information, visit: www.rfdcosmo.org.

ABOUT CRUSADER COMMUNITY HEALTH

Crusader Community Health is a community based, not-for-profit, Illinois Corporation, whose mission is to serve the Rock River Valley area with quality, primary health care for people in need. Services are available on a sliding discount basis. Crusader Community Health has four locations: Crusader Community Health on West State Street, 1200 West State Street, Crusader Community Health on Broadway-Uram Building, Broadway & 7th, Crusader Community Health Belvidere, 1050 Logan Avenue, Belvidere. For more information on Crusader Community Health visit: www.crusaderhealth.org.

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