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Whitney Young, Jr. Health Center granted \$30,000 by the Seymour Fox Memorial Foundation to support Mobile School-Linked Health Program

(Albany, NY) –Whitney Young Health recently received a \$30,000 grant from the Seymour Fox Memorial Foundation, a charitable foundation that funds public charities. The grant will support the Mobile School-Linked Health Program which currently provides health care services within Troy's Lansingburgh school district via a mobile health unit. More local residents, students, and staff will be able to receive primary and preventive health services, including routine management of chronic illnesses.

For over 50 years, Seymour Fox was an attorney dedicated to serving generations of families in and around Troy. The Seymour Fox Memorial Foundation provides support to institutions and organizations engaged in charitable acts, scientific work and educational activities that exemplify the life, work, and spirit of justice for which he strove during his lifetime.

WYH's mobile health program was launched in January and is on its way to expanding services in underserved communities. According to WYH Director of School-Based Health Programs Karla Powers, "Knowledge and interest in the mobile health unit is increasing. In the past month, we have met with community partners to expand the unit's service area outside the Lansingburgh School District. Through these partnerships, the unit has provided physicals to patients that might have otherwise had gaps in medical care."

WYH accepts charitable donations to help increase access to high quality health care without regard to income. For more information, please visit www.wmyhealth.org.

About Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center, Inc.

Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center, Inc. is a community based, 501(c) 3 not-for-profit corporation that provides much needed primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care to some of the most vulnerable populations in our community. Through two medical and dental centers, three school-based health centers, two addictions programs, and numerous outreach programs, WYH serves nearly 20,000 men, women and children annually. Almost one-third of our patients live at or below the federal poverty level; more than a quarter do not have any health insurance; and more than half rely on Medicaid. Nearly half (43%) of our patients are children and adolescents. WYH has been recognized, for a second time, by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home at both the Albany and Troy health centers. Our addictions programs are licensed by New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). WYH's Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program is accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, please visit us on the web at www.wmyhealth.org.

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