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Assemblywoman Joyner Wins \$1 Million in Capital Funding for Health Center in Highbridge Community

Expanding access to quality affordable healthcare, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) has won \$1 million in state funding to support the construction of a new community health center in the Bronx. Operated by Morris Heights Health Center, the new 3,900-square foot community-based health center is located at 1227 E. L. Grant Highway and will focus on bringing medical services to underserved families in the Highbridge community.

“Morris Heights Health Center has provided Bronx families with high quality health care for 36 years and it is important that we keep investing to expand these necessary health care services” Assemblywoman Joyner said. “This \$1 million in crucial state funding will ensure that their new Highbridge location will provide a full complement of medical services.

“All New Yorkers should have access to quality affordable healthcare as one of our fundamental rights. Making that goal a reality requires the effective investment of public dollars in innovative models of care that have proven results,” Assemblywoman Joyner said. “This investment in Morris Heights Health Center’s newest location will help residents of all ages throughout the Highbridge community live healthier and more productive lives.”

The capital funding secured by Assemblywoman Joyner will support space that is dedicated to teaching patients and their families how to effectively address; substance abuse issues, chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and asthma, and the healthcare needs of our teenaged youth. This will improve outcomes and have a direct impact upon the health of residents while significantly reducing the cost of care.

“This \$1 million state investment in MHHC’s newest community health center on Edward L. Grant Highway is a vote of confidence in the care we’ve been providing to Bronx families for nearly four decades,” said Claudette Phipps, the Vice President of Planning, Development and External Affairs at Morris Heights Health Center. “We appreciate Assemblywoman Joyner’s commitment to expanding access to healthcare for the residents of Highbridge and surrounding communities. Her efforts will ensure that countless Bronx families live healthier lives.”

Celebrating the awarding of the \$1 million in state capital funding to Morris Heights Health Center, Assemblywoman Joyner presented a ceremonial check to MHHC on Thursday, July 27th, at 5:00PM during a ceremony held at 1227 E. L. Grant Highway.

About MHHC: Morris Heights Health Center (MHHC) is a non-profit organization funded by federal, state, and foundation grants as well as private and corporate donors. MHHC provides quality primary health care services to all members of the community, including the medically, socially, and economically disadvantaged. Their services range from medical and dental services to counseling.

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner represents the 77th Assembly District, which includes the Claremont, Concourse, Highbridge, Mount Eden and Morris Heights sections of The Bronx.