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ONEWORLD OFFICIALLY BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FACILITIES

OMAHA, NE – Top city officials and community leaders gathered Wednesday, January 4th for the announcement of OneWorld's health care groundbreaking ceremony. OneWorld Board Chair, Dr. Paul Esposito expressed, "Today with great focus, passion and dedication we are able to expand this vision to not only bring access to health care but also safe, healthy housing."

The ceremony commemorated the beginning of OneWorld's vision to transform the historic Livestock Exchange building into an intergenerational affordable housing and primary care campus which leveraged multiple funding sources as a result of receipt of funds from the Affordable Care Act.

Two four story buildings will create a warm and welcoming home for women's health services on the first two floors of the South Building and will also include areas for health education, behavioral health and social work services. "The Stork's Nest," a boutique, will be home to new donated baby clothes and other items. Additionally, floors three and four of the South Building will include 16 affordable one and two bedroom apartments for seniors and transforms the campus to be multi-generational.

The north building will be occupied by an expanded minor urgent care clinic with additional space for physical and occupational therapy, exercise and staff training on the first floor. The second floor will house administrative offices and the third and fourth floor 16 additional affordable senior apartments.

The plans include renovation of a section of the first floor of the Livestock Exchange Building to re-locate the WIC services currently offsite.

"Once complete, and fully operational, we anticipate we will provide health care to over 33,000 patients—an additional 12,000 people---bringing us closer to our dream that no one regardless of who they are or the income they earn goes without health care," said CEO Andrea Skolkin.

Established in 1970, OneWorld Community Health Centers, in partnership with the community, provides culturally respectful, quality health care with special attention to the

underserved. OneWorld is a federally qualified community health center (FQHC) and provides comprehensive primary healthcare, dental, and mental health/substance abuse services to persons in all stages of the life cycle. For more information visit our web site at www.oneworldomaha.org or call (402) 734-4110 to set up an appointment.

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