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CARING FOR CITIZENS, CREATING JOBS

Historic Community Health Center a “Powerful Engine” which Significantly Impacts Area Economy

PASCOAG, RI – Capital Link, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding community-based health care, recently released a 2009 economic impact statement produced in conjunction with the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) calculating the effect of WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care’s Pascoag, Foster, and North Kingstown health centers on the local community.

Highlights of the report include:

- WellOne injected **\$7.7 million** of operating expenditures directly into the local economy, and stimulated additional indirect and induced economic activity of **\$6.4 million**.
- WellOne had an overall economic impact of **\$14.1 million**.
- WellOne directly generated **88 jobs**.
- WellOne supported an **additional 52 jobs** in other industries.

“For over 100 years, WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care has been caring for the public health of area citizens,” stated President & CEO, Peter J. Bancroft. “We are very proud of our ability to serve the needs of the community both through the primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services that we offer to all as well as our ability to positively impact the local economy. Although this report reflects the positive results of our efforts in 2009, all of the economic indicators denoting our local impact have only increased since then.”

About WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care

Established in 1909, WellOne is the oldest nonprofit community health center in Rhode Island, was the first rural health clinic in the nation, and historically has served as a pioneer in public health initiatives including its groundbreaking immunization and chronic disease management programs. WellOne’s mission is to provide the high quality healthcare to the residents of the communities that it serves. WellOne operates sites in Pascoag, Foster and North Kingstown and serves approximately 13,000 patients of these communities and the surrounding towns of Glocester, Smithfield, Scituate, West Greenwich, East Greenwich, and Exeter. In addition to primary medical and dental care, the organization provides behavioral health, services on a sliding fee scale to qualifying uninsured patients, an on-site laboratory, and operates a discount pharmacy program in collaboration with CVS for patients without prescription drug coverage. For more information, visit www.welloneri.org.

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About Capital Link

Capital Link is a national nonprofit organization that provides high-quality, affordable, innovative advisory and lending services related to planning and financing capital projects. Capital Link serves nonprofit community health centers with the goal of supporting and expanding community-based health care. Capital Link was founded through the joint efforts of the Community Health Center Capital Fund, Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, National Association of Community Health Centers and Primary Care Associations in Illinois, North Carolina and Texas. (www.caplink.org)