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**Elmhurst Hospital Center's Engineering and Maintenance
Division Spreads Much-Needed Holiday Cheer**

EHC Department Offers Holiday Lifeline to Local Families

(Elmhurst, NY, November 23, 2010)--On Tuesday, November 23rd, Elmhurst Hospital Center's Engineering and Maintenance Department distributed holiday turkeys and food packages to over 70 needy area families in the hospital's auditorium. These families were pre-identified by EHC's Social Work Department and received the packages in order to supplement their food supplies during these difficult economic times.

The turkey distribution is an annual event run by Elmhurst Hospital Center's Engineering and Maintenance Department, which is comprised of the hospital's engineers, plumbers, painters, electricians, carpenters, and general construction and building maintenance staff. The division organized bake sales, raffled off a large high-def. flat-screen tv, and hosted other fundraising activities to purchase the turkeys and pantry items for the food giveaway.

For more information regarding EHC's Annual Turkey Drive, please contact Atiya Butler at 718.334.1259 or via email at atiya.butler@nychhc.org.

About Elmhurst Hospital

Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC) is a 545-bed medical facility and a major tertiary care provider in the borough of Queens. EHC is a Level I Trauma Center, an Emergency Heart Care Station and a 911 Receiving Hospital, and is a premiere health care organization for key areas such as Surgery, Cardiology, Women's Health, Pediatrics, Rehabilitation Medicine and Renal and Mental Health Services.

Last year we received well over 600,000 ambulatory care visits and more than 30,000 Emergency Room visits, making EHC one of the busiest hospitals in New York City. We serve an area of approximately one million people in a community recognized as the most ethnically diverse in the world. Ensuring access to high-quality health care for all is our top priority. To find out more, please visit us at nyc.gov/ElmhurstHospital.