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CHCI PARTICIPATES IN DISASTER DRILL

SPENCER, OK, MAY 1, 2008: At 8:14 a.m. Wednesday Community Health Centers, Inc. CEO, Rosalyn Johnson, received the warning that severe weather was about to strike Oklahoma. The mock warning alerted that Tornadoes and large hail were imminent. By 8:45 a.m. victims of the tornadoes that had torn through the region were piling through the doors of Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center. Bloody and bruised victims, some with objects penetrating their bodies, others unable to see due to debris in their eyes all came desperate for medical attention. Like many others across the state, the victims were pretending to be injured during a full-scale exercise to test Oklahoma's first responders and incident command system. Along with several Hospitals, Oklahoma City Police and Fire Departments and the Office of Emergency Management, Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center participated in the mock disaster. Injured victims entering the health center were immediately triaged and attended

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to. The victims were sent through full medical evaluations, exams and x-rays, as well as mental health services. "Our medical and support staff did a phenomenal job of responding to and treating the disaster victims. Mary Mahoney is the closest medical facility in the northeast community, so we want to be prepared to meet as many of the community's medical needs as possible in a real disaster" says Johnson.

As with the others participating in the drill, Mary Mahoney was required to stay in constant communication with the Medical Emergency Response Center during the drill with victim updates and their progress of care. "The exercise proved to be a valuable experience for our staff, giving us the opportunity to prepare for expected and unforeseen challenges that can occur during a real event" said Johnson.

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