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## **CHI HOSTS GRAND RE-OPENING CEREMONY FOR ITS MARATHON HEALTH CENTER**

Marathon, Florida- Community leaders will cut the ribbon at the new Community Health of South Florida, Inc. (CHI) Marathon Health Center, a state of the art, beautiful new facility designed to provide comprehensive care to the middle Keys.

The Grand Re-Opening Celebration will take place on January 7, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the new center, 2805 Overseas Highway MM 48.5, Marathon, FL 33050. The center received a makeover from the inside out to provide a pleasant, serene atmosphere for patients at a convenient location. It is just next door from CHI's old Marathon Health Center. The million-dollar renovation is thanks to a Health Resource and Services (HRSA) Grant to expand dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services. The new center features an array of services including primary care, pediatrics, OB/GYN, dental, behavioral health via telehealth, pharmacy and a Quest lab drawing station.

"We want the people of the middle keys to join us for this big celebration," said Brodes H. Hartley Jr., President/CEO of CHI. "This is their health center and we are so proud to serve as their medical home. We believe the new center will help ensure that everyone has access to high quality healthcare in a welcoming facility."

The Grand Re-Opening Celebration will include food from Irie Island Eats, music by John Bartus, free health screenings, tours of the new center and an opportunity to meet the team.

The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP go to <https://www.chisouthfl.org/marathonreopening> or call (305)252-4853.

Community Health of South Florida Inc. is a non-profit health center with 11 health centers and 35 school-based health centers. Currently it has two health centers in the Keys: the Tavernier Health Center and the Marathon Health Center. Its vision is to one day be able to service Monroe County with a center in the lower, middle and upper Keys.

CHI is a recipient of the Governor's Sterling Award, it is accredited by the Joint Commission and is also accredited as a patient centered medical home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance. CHI is also designated as a behavioral health medical home. In addition, CHI is home to the Brodes H. Hartley Jr. Teaching Health Center, training the next generation of doctors in primary care and psychiatry. CHI intends to break ground in 2020 on the first Children's Crisis Center in southern Miami Dade County. It will service kids with severe behavioral health problems from Monroe and Miami-Dade Counties.

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