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**Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton to Speak at Groundbreaking of the
National Youth Transitions Center in D.C.**

*New HSCF Facility will create national community to help young individuals and veterans
with disabilities transition to independence*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—June 23, 2010— Plans for a seven-story building located in Northwest Washington, D.C. will be the home of the new National Youth Transitions Center to open in early 2012. The HSC Foundation, an organization that facilitates access to support and services to individuals with disabilities and their families, hosts a groundbreaking ceremony for the building Mon., June 28, 2010 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at the site of the future location of the center, 2013 H Street Northwest Washington, D.C.

Developed by The HSC Foundation, the facility will offer programs and services to help young people and veterans with disabilities build paths to independence and to the world of work. The center will also be a hub for regional and national disability organizations, policymakers, government agencies, and disability advocates.

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), will provide opening remarks. She will be joined by the President and CEO of The HSC Foundation, Thomas W. Chapman, EdD, MPH.

“I am very pleased to help break ground on the much-needed National Youth Transition Center,” said Norton. “The center will fill a large gap in services for the youth, their families, teachers and the community. Now there will be a place where much-needed coordinated services, such as, mentoring and job training will be available.”

The center will offer career counseling and exploration, school-to-work readiness training, work-based learning, personal development and leadership training. The building will also create a national disability community and bring together organizations, non-profits, educational institutions and policy makers in a centralized location.



Young people with disabilities are twice as likely as their non-disabled peers to drop out of school, face much higher adult unemployment rates and are three times more likely to live in poverty as adults.

“When young people with disabilities transition to post-secondary education and employment, they are faced with significant barriers and need the support of families, teachers, counselors, health care providers, youth service organizations and government agencies,” said President and CEO of The HSC Foundation, Thomas W. Chapman, EdD, MPH. “The National Youth Transitions Center is part of that support system, offering training and resources while promoting awareness and advocacy.”

Media are invited to attend the groundbreaking. Please contact Korenna Cline at k.cline@epicmediarelations.com or via phone at 703.299.3404 for details.

About The HSC Foundation

The HSC Foundation (HSCF) is dedicated to improving access to services for individuals who face challenging social and health care barriers due to disability and chronic illness. It puts a particular emphasis on youth, especially those who are transitioning to adulthood. The HSC Foundation serves as the supporting organization to three nonprofits, The HSC Pediatric Center, Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc., and HSC Home Care, LLC. To learn more about The HSC Foundation, visit <http://www.hscfoundation.org>.

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