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**ELIZABETH SETON PEDIATRIC CENTER
LAUNCHES LONG TERM HOME CARE PROGRAM**

On Friday, March 23, 2007, **Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center** launched its Long Term Home Health Care Program, which will now provide pediatric home care in addition to all of the other quality services offered by the center. With the addition of this Home Care Program, the Center will bring their established expertise and high standard of quality health care to the home setting.

This Program launch represents a real advantage for New York City children who have extended care needs that would require hospitalization or placement in a long term care facility. Many more will now be able to live at home with the support of this home care program. The program provides an array of professional services including physical, occupational, speech, respiratory therapy; skilled nursing, nutrition, social work, home health aides, homemakers and housekeepers. The Pediatric Center's goal is to provide a model program of pediatric home health services and also to assure continuity of care through a seamless transition from a skilled **nursing facility** to the child's home.

The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center is a healthcare organization providing quality specialized nursing/rehabilitation care to medically fragile children with differing levels of abilities. These **children** and their families are the focus of all that we do. The growing organization located in Manhattan and White Plains, New York now includes a 136 bed residential health center, special education school and home care program.

The Pediatric Center was originally established in 1988 by the Sisters of Charity as an affiliate of the New York Foundling. It is now an independently incorporated healthcare organization with its own distinct mission and leadership. In March of 2005 the organization was officially renamed in honor of Saint Elizabeth Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity.

For more information regarding Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center's Long Term Home Care Program, please call (212) 239-6568.

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The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and John A. Coleman School are committed to changing the lives of medically fragile children, one child at a time. All programs are centered on the children we serve and their families, respecting individual cultural beliefs and practices. Each child admitted to the Center enters a "Neighborhood" where they receive team-based trans-disciplinary care, including medicine, nursing, social services, palliative care, mental health, rehabilitation, education, nutrition, child life/therapeutic activity, pastoral care and more. To learn more please visit www.setonpediatric.org.