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### RESTON HOSPITAL CENTER NAMES INAUGURAL KEY WOMAN IN HEALTHCARE

Honoring Maimah Karmo for her work unlocking doors for women facing breast cancer everywhere

(Reston, VA- October 16, 2009)- Today at a breast cancer survivor's luncheon, Reston Hospital Center presented the inaugural Key Women in Healthcare Award. This award recognizes key women who have advanced healthcare on a local, regional or global level. Key Women are recognized with a Tiffany key necklace, which represents the impact that they have made opening doors for the community.

"The hospital is honored to name Maimah Karmo as our first Key Woman in Healthcare," said Jane Raymond, Reston Hospital Center COO. "She has done so much to unlock doors to breast cancer education, screening, treatment, and advocacy, all while undergoing her own treatment for breast cancer, working, and raising her daughter."

In addition to celebrating Ms. Karmo's achievements by recognizing her as a Key Woman in Healthcare, Reston Hospital Center was also able to make a \$2,500 donation to the Tigerlily Foundation, which she founded.

Ms. Karmo was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006, at the age of 32, and while undergoing her chemotherapy treatment she decided that she had to do something more to battle breast cancer at a much grander scale. She founded the Tigerlily Foundation, which has a mission to educate, empower, and inspire young women affected by breast cancer. The foundation's programs provide Chemotherapy Buddy support, group meetings for survivors, fundraising for women in need of financial aid, meals through Delicious Dish for women undergoing treatment, beauty and pampering for survivors and those undergoing treatment, and mammograms for those without insurance.

Born in Liberia, Ms. Karmo has worked with hospitals, manufacturers and partner organizations to send mammogram and ultrasound machines and educational materials to Liberian hospitals so that women might get the breast care that they need. In December of 2007, Tigerlily donated its first mammogram machine to the John F. Kennedy Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia. Ms. Karmo hopes one day to open a Tigerlily Breast Health Center there.

Most recently, she has been involved with Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's efforts to pass the Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young (EARLY) Act, which would implement a national education campaign about the risks that young women face from breast cancer. The act would also fund support services for women with breast cancer.

Reston Hospital Center is not the first to notice all that Ms. Karmo has done for the breast cancer community. She has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show, alongside Nancy Brinker and Christina Applegate; Good Morning America; and local television



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programs, and has been featured in The Washington Post, USA Today, and various other national publications.

Key Women in Healthcare are those who have made an impact on the health of the community through fundraising, education, legislative action, serving as a volunteer health provider, or performing groundbreaking medical research. These women have served as keys to unlock doors for those who may not otherwise have had access to healthcare, those who were facing difficult diagnoses and didn't have anywhere else to turn, those who may not understand the complicated world of medicine, or those who are receiving state-of-the-art treatment as a result of scientific research performed by a key woman.

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