

July 8, 2004

Barbara E. Minch  
President & CEO  
William F. Ryan Community Health Center  
110 West 97<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10025

**Re: Letter of Support**

Dear Ms. Minch:

We are aware that The William F. Ryan Community Health Center and its satellite, the Ryan-NENA Community Health Center, have been vital health care resources in various Manhattan neighborhoods for nearly 37 years. We are most familiar, of course, with Ryan's affiliate, the Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center, which opened its doors to patients in the summer of 2001, and has become an important community-based health care provider for the medically underserved residents of Chelsea/Clinton. These health services are especially needed for the large numbers of residents who have little or no access to high quality culturally and linguistically competent, and affordable primary care services. We value the comprehensive and affordable medical, mental health, dental, and health education and outreach services, which Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton provides.

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 greatly appreciates the valuable services provided by the Ryan Center and appreciates the fact that staff of the Center participate regularly in our meetings to provide information on available resources and upcoming events as well as to discuss health-related issues of interest to the community.

We would be delighted to see your services maintained and, hopefully, expanded and are, thus pleased to offer this letter of support of the Ryan Center's competing service area grant application for Public Health Section 330 funds.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board No. 4