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**Neighborhood Health Plan Stands Against Racism**

*Partners with YWCA Boston, local businesses for Stand Against Racism Day*

**April 25, 2014 (Boston)** — Today, hundreds of employees from [Neighborhood Health Plan](#) (NHP) and other local businesses took a symbolic stand against racism and inequality by staging a peaceful rally on the Summer Street Bridge in Boston's Fort Point Channel.

For the fifth consecutive year, NHP participated in the annual event as part of the YWCA's national [Stand Against Racism™](#) movement. Locally, the event is organized by [YWCA Boston](#) to draw attention to the importance of eliminating racism and inequality in our society. YW Boston's goal is to unite like-minded organizations and encourage open conversation across diverse communities.

"At NHP, we strive to improve the diverse communities we serve," said NHP President and CEO Deborah C. Enos. "It is an important part of our work and what we stand for as an organization. We are proud to stand together with YW Boston and our neighbors to celebrate our differences."

While Boston is ethnically diverse, its neighborhoods remain some of the most segregated in the nation, according to [2010 census data](#). Among the nation's big cities, Boston is ranked fourth in Hispanic-White segregation, preceded only by Los Angeles, New York and Newark. The same data ranks Boston fifth in Asian-White segregation among the 40 metropolitan areas with the largest Asian populations and 11<sup>th</sup> in Black-White segregation among the top 50 metropolitan areas with the largest Black populations.

"Diversity is an essential part of building communities and we stand together to celebrate our differences," said YW Boston President and CEO Sylvia Ferrell-Jones. "We need to celebrate the richness that diversity adds to our city and are delighted to have Neighborhood Health Plan join us in that."

In 2013, more than 260 organizations across Boston and Cambridge participated in Stand Against Racism.

For more details about Stand Against Racism, please visit [www.StandAgainstRacism.org](http://www.StandAgainstRacism.org).

**About Neighborhood Health Plan**

Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP) ([www.nhp.org](http://www.nhp.org)) is an NCQA-accredited, not-for-profit health plan that provides coverage to over 300,000 commercial and MassHealth members.

For more than 25 years, employers, individuals, and families across Massachusetts have turned to NHP for health care coverage that is both high-quality and affordable. NHP is known for plans that are easy-to-understand and manage. Members have access to a robust network of top doctors, community health centers, and academic and regional hospitals. Founded in 1986 with a commitment to promote health equity for members within the diverse communities we serve, NHP's service and care management programs today continue the tradition of personalized and high-quality care. NHP is a member of Partners HealthCare.

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