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Wheels2U Partners With the Norwalk Community Health Center

Westport's Wheels2U service is joining with Norwalk Community Health Center (NCHC) to bring patients with transportation challenges to Norwalk Community Health Center's medical mobile unit (MMU) at Jesup Green each Tuesday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

The MMU provides essential medical and behavioral health services for individuals facing transportation or other barriers to care. It was brought back to Westport by Homes with Hope which recognized an unmet need in the community following the COVID pandemic.

"Wheels2U, Westport's on-demand transportation service, already serves Jesup Green during the MMU's Tuesday hours so this partnership is a natural fit" said Peter Gold, a Director of the Westport Transit District. "We're proud to help those without reliable transportation get to the medical and wellness care they need. They can book a ride using Wheels2U's app or by calling 475-258-7893. Wheels2U's fare is only \$2.00 and new users get their first five rides free, ensuring cost is never a barrier to accessing healthcare."

Kelcey Hix, LCSW with the MMU in Westport, said "NCHC is excited to partner with Wheels2U to make healthcare more accessible. Reliable, safe and convenient transportation helps people, especially our older adult and underserved populations, connect to healthcare systems and has a direct impact on individual and community well-being."

Westport Human Services Director Elaine Daignault said, "Wheels2U makes it easy and affordable for residents to get to the Medical Mobile Unit right in downtown Westport. It's a simple way to access a range of health services close to home, and our team at Westport Human Services is available to help residents sign up and provide support or Wheels2U vouchers if needed."

NCHC provides services to nearly 13,000 patients in Fairfield County, many of them uninsured, underinsured or otherwise unable to find healthcare within reach. It has also evolved into a nationally recognized continuum of care organization and provider of choice for pediatric, women's, adult, podiatry, cardiometabolic, behavioral, dental and wellness services. In addition to the MMU and its flagship location at 120 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, NCHC also offers health and wellness care at its South Norwalk satellite at Smilow Life Center, and its three school-based centers in Norwalk.

Information about Norwalk Community Health Center can be found at <https://www.norwalkchc.org>. Call 203-851-1000 for behavioral health information and scheduling a medical or behavioral health visit.

Information about Wheels2U can be found at <https://www.wheels2u.org/westport>.

Residents requiring financial assistance can contact Westport Human Services at 203-341-1050 or humansrv@westportct.gov for additional resources.