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**CALVARY HOSPITAL TO CONTINUE OFFERING FREE FOOT
SCREENINGS FOR DIABETICS IN THE BRONX**

Outreach to Help Adult Diabetics Prevent Serious Health Problems

Bronx, NY, May 2009 – Following their successful pilot from last year, Calvary Hospital is again planning to offer **free monthly foot screenings for adult diabetics**, on the following Fridays, all from 9 am to 12 Noon: **May 15, June 12, July 10, August 28, and September 25**. The screenings will take place at Calvary Hospital’s Center for Curative and Palliative Wound Care located at 1740 Eastchester Road in the Bronx. For directions, go to www.calvaryhospital.org.

Participants will receive a thorough individual screening and assessment of their feet by expert medical professionals. Bilingual staff, fluent in Spanish and English, will be available at every screening. There is no charge for the screenings but RSVPs are required. To register, people should call **(718) 576-2714** to schedule the date of their choice.

Diabetes affects a significant number of New Yorkers. The Hispanic, African American and West Indian communities in the Bronx are particularly hard hit with the many consequences of diabetes. Calvary’s goal with these screenings is to help adult diabetics identify and prevent serious foot-related problems before they occur. The hospital’s pilot last year helped dozens of adult diabetics from all over the metropolitan area. The foot screenings are supported by a grant from Stratford and Kathleen Wallace and Calvary’s Center for Curative and Palliative Wound Care.

Calvary Hospital (www.calvaryhospital.org) is the nation’s only fully accredited acute care specialty hospital devoted exclusively to providing palliative care to adult advanced cancer patients. A 225-bed facility with locations in the Bronx and Brooklyn, Calvary is the model for the relief of cancer pain and symptoms for more than a century. More than 5,300 patients are cared for annually by Calvary’s inpatient, outpatient, home, hospice, nursing home hospice, and wound care services.