



United Health Foundation®

**UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION MOURNS
THE LOSS OF SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY**

The United Health Foundation mourns the loss of Senator Edward Kennedy, a great friend and champion of community health centers in the U.S. Congress. Senator Kennedy helped launch the community health center movement in 1966 when he secured the first funding for health centers through an amendment to the Economic Opportunity Act, leading to the establishment of the nation's first comprehensive health center in his home town of Boston. In 1974, Sen. Kennedy authored legislation that clearly defined, designated appropriations for and further established community health centers.

Throughout his life and during his career in the Senate, Senator Kennedy fought tirelessly to increase health care access for the underserved. His legacy will live on through the more than 6,000 health center sites across our nation that provide essential health services that help people each and every day -- a direct result of his efforts. We are proud and honored that Senator Kennedy participated in our Faces of Hope project and his memory will forever inspire us.

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