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**Mayor Menino Celebrates Grand Opening of Fenway Health's  
New State-of-the-Art Facility**

*Believed to be largest facility ever constructed by LGBT-specific organization*

Mayor Thomas M. Menino today joined Fenway Health staff and board members for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its brand new facility at 1340 Boylston Street in Boston's West Fens neighborhood. The 10-story, 100,000 square foot, \$60 million Ansin Building, generously named by Ron and Ed Ansin in loving memory of Peter Ansin (1957 – 1992), is believed to be the largest facility ever constructed by an organization with a specific mission to serve the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

"I'm delighted to be here today to celebrate another milestone of the revitalization of Boylston Street in Fenway," Mayor Menino said. "Following our rezoning efforts in 2004, the city and the Fenway community worked hard to support the creation of mixed-use development that enhances the pedestrian environment and enriches the entire neighborhood. Fenway Health's new building does just that – and the work they do will have a great impact on many people's lives."

"The Ansin Building is the culmination of ten years of planning and a five year capital campaign, and is a symbol of how far Fenway and our community have come since our founding as a free clinic in 1971, just two years after the Stonewall riots," said Fenway President & CEO Dr. Stephen Boswell. "It is also a powerful statement that we are very serious about the future of our community and about the work of expanding access to quality, culturally competent health care for all people."

Fenway Health's new home will allow the organization to expand its medical, pharmacy and behavioral health services and to add new services, including dentistry and eye care. It will also allow The Fenway Institute to increase its national and international research, education and health policy advocacy capacity to increase its positive impact the health of the LGBT people, those living with HIV/AIDS and the larger community.

Designed by exterior architects Elkus Manfredi and interior architects Anshen + Allen, the building's waiting areas boast floor-to-ceiling windows with impressive views of the surrounding neighborhood. The building is fitted out with the latest in medical, dental and optometric equipment, ensuring Fenway patients receive the highest standard of care possible in a community health setting. The new two-floor conference center and auditorium boast state-of-the-art sound, video and remote conferencing capabilities as well as a full-service catering kitchen. Slate flooring and raked grey carpeting combined with a carefully chosen paint color palette give the interior spaces a warm, comfortable feeling.

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