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**Tennessee Primary Care Association Honors Tennessee's Health Care Leaders with 2009  
TPCA Awards of Excellence  
*Nashville Doctor Named Outstanding Practitioner of the Year***

Knoxville, TN— Representatives from the Tennessee Primary Care Association presented four annual Awards of Excellence to health care leaders last week at their 33rd Annual Conference. Dr. Michelle Williams, the medical director at Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center was named the Outstanding Practitioner of the Year for demonstrating exceptional leadership, community involvement, and dedication to patient care.

Michelle Williams, MD was presented the Outstanding Practitioner Award for her pivotal role in the continued expansion and success of Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center, Inc. After becoming Medical Director in 2004, the Center's clinical staff has grown by 50% and the specialty services available to patients has also expanded by 50%. Due to her efforts in management and leadership, Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center has been able to expand its clinic hours until 8:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday.

Her most recent efforts include her leadership in ensuring the successful opening of three additional sites (the Mental Health Cooperative, the Pearl Cohn School Based Health Center and the Clarksville Clinic). She has successfully implemented the Dispensary of Hope program in the Clarksville site and will soon expand it to the Nashville clinic.

She is involved in her community by conducting health screenings for children, and representing Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center on various community committees. In 2008, she was accepted to Leadership Nashville.

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*Connecting Communities Who Care*

Tennessee Primary Care Association (TPCA) is a nonprofit corporation connecting Tennesseans with a health care home, especially the medically underserved. Since its inception in 1976, TPCA committed to 1) identifying unmet needs and gaps in service access, 2) developing systems of care, 3) advocating for resources, and 4) promoting awareness of Community Health Centers. Membership includes nonprofit primary care clinics across the state operating over 140 sites providing comprehensive medical care.

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