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**Syracuse Community Health Center Joins Crouse Hospital
to Celebrate Black History Month**

Dr. Ruben P. Cowart to speak at Syracuse's First Ceremony Today

Syracuse, NY - Syracuse Community Health Center, Inc. joins with Crouse Hospital to celebrate Black History Month in recognition of the creativity, innovation and accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month 2011.

Today, February 2, 2011, Dr. Ruben P. Cowart, President and CEO, will join community leaders, Ms. Cassandra Jones Ingram, Syracuse's First African American Police Officer, Ms. Jackie Robinson, Syracuse's First news anchor at WSTM TV3, Mr. Dennis Duval, Syracuse's First African Police Chief and Dr. Sylvia North, MD, Syracuse's First African American Ophthalmologist today in the Crouse Hospital small cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. to 1: 00 p.m. to share triumphs, challenges and inspiring moments as African American leaders in our community. Dr. Cowart will make remarks at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Black History Month is a celebration and remembrance of important events and people in African American Culture. Dr. Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week in 1926, realizing the importance of providing a theme to focus the attention of the public during Negro History Week. Continuing this tradition, as established by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), this year's theme is: "**African Americans and the Civil War.**" The ASALH was established by Dr. Carter G. Woodson on September 9, 1915.