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**C2C AND STACK DESIGN BUILD COMPLETE PROTOTYPE CONTAINER CLINIC**

**November 11, BOSTON** Containers to Clinics (C2C) and Stack Design Build today announced the successful completion of their prototype container clinic. Construction of the prototype lasted nearly two months and will be celebrated with a launch event and clinic unveiling at Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The container clinic will be displayed at the ICA from Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> thru Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, after which it will be transported to the Seaport World Trade Center for Build Boston – New England's largest design and construction conference.

Containers to Clinics Executive Director Elizabeth Sheehan founded C2C after reading Laurie Garrett's article "Challenges of Global Health" in the January/February 2007 edition of Foreign Affairs, a magazine published by the Council on Foreign Relations. In discussing opportunities for improving global health, Garrett (CFR's Senior Fellow on

Global Health) hypothesized about bridging healthcare delivery gaps in the developing world. In particular, she profiled the Doc-in-a-Box experiment executed by students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (full article available at <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/62268/laurie-garrett/the-challenge-of-global-health>). Garrett's discussion of shipping containers as durable, portable, and modular spaces that can be transformed into health clinics resounded with Sheehan, who has spent two decades working as a physician's assistant in health centers and regional hospitals in South East Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. After the RPI project, the potential Garrett uncovered in the "container clinic" lay dormant until Elizabeth reenergized the idea by founding C2C in September 2008.

C2C's facility is made from two 8' x 20' recycled shipping containers. The first of these houses two exam and consultation spaces in which women, infants, and children will receive preventative and primary health care services from local doctors in the Dominican Republic. The second is comprised of the pharmacy and laboratory spaces. In short, the container clinic is a fully functional health facility built into two boxes of recycled corrugated metal and ready for shipment to rural communities around the world.

Press Passes for the November 16<sup>th</sup> event at the ICA are available. Please contact Kathleen Fleming at [kathleen@containers2clinics.org](mailto:kathleen@containers2clinics.org) for more information.

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Driven by the belief that basic health interventions can save the lives of millions in the developing world, **Containers to Clinics** developed a new clinical model for health service delivery. C2C retrofits portable shipping containers into health clinics with high-quality equipment, medicines, and medical staff. The clinics are transported to underserved areas of the developing world to administer primary healthcare to women and children. C2C's clinics are designed with diagnostic, lighting and climate-control technologies appropriate for low-resource settings and reflect local cultural traditions and health education needs. By repurposing shipping containers, C2C exports access to better health around the world and closes the gap between available treatments and the women and children who desperately need them.