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### **Touro College of Pharmacy Faculty and Student Volunteers Offer Free Flu Vaccines to Harlem Community**

New York, N.Y., February 3, 2011 – Harlem resident Joseph Anyaegbu, right, receives his free flu shot from Dr. Ronnie Moore, senior director of practice experience at Touro College of Pharmacy in Harlem. The flu shots — which provide protection against the seasonal flu as well as the H1N1 virus -- were administered in partnership with Project VIVA (Venue Intensive Vaccination for Adults), a research project conducted by the Center for Epidemiologic Studies (CUES) of The New York Academy of Medicine. The project organizes flu shot clinics at community-based centers and other non-traditional venues to increase access to the flu vaccine. Since 2008, pharmacists have been allowed to administer flu shots to adults 18 years of age and older in New York state. Volunteer faculty and student pharmacists from the College of Pharmacy in Harlem have

administered 485 vaccines since the beginning of flu season in October 2010. Dr. Stuart Feldman, dean of the Touro College of Pharmacy, explained that flu vaccine clinics such as these are a necessity in communities where vaccines are in short supply or where cost is prohibitive. Touro College of Pharmacy, which opened its doors in September 2008, is the first school of pharmacy to open in New York in 70 years and is dedicated to increasing educational opportunities in Harlem and serving the Harlem community.

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