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# *Leadership by Example: Idealists Creating Change*

*Exemplary individuals share their wisdom  
 and their achievements promoting social justice*

**B**echara Choucair, M.D., was recently appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley to Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health. As commissioner, Dr. Choucair leads the charge in fulfilling the department’s mission to make Chicago a safer and healthier city by working with community partners to promote health, prevent disease, reduce environmental hazards and ensure access to health care.



Previously, Dr. Choucair served as Executive Director and Medical Director of Heartland International Health Center, a federally qualified health center on Chicago's north side that provides services for the underserved in Rogers Park, Edgewater, Uptown, Albany Park, and Lincoln Square. “Through a commendable display of intelligence, integrity and accomplishment, Dr. Choucair has transformed the Heartland Alliance’s clinical division and developed a profile as a credible partner and skilled diplomat, earning him high grades from all who have worked with him,” said Dr. Russell Robertson, chair of the Northwestern University Feinberg Department of Family and Community Medicine.

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, Dr. Choucair earned a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Chemistry (with distinction) and a Medical Diploma from American University of Beirut. Dr. Choucair also holds a Master's Degree in Health Care Management from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Dr. Choucair is a recipient of the Loretta Lacey Maternal and Child Health Advocacy Award, Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, 2009; Health Professions Training and Education Award, National Association of Community Health Centers, 2008; American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, Pfizer Teacher Development Award, 2007; and Forrest Riordan Humanitarian Award, 2005.

**Northwestern University Medical School, Hughes Auditorium  
 303 E. Superior St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Chicago**

**Thurs., June 10, 2010 6:00pm**

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