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## Dr. Amarilys Cortijo '71, M.D.

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*Medical Director, Mt. Hope Family Practice*

*Medical Director, ECHO Free Clinic*



Amarilys Cortijo's achievements represent two qualities: kindness and compassion.

Cortijo is the medical director of Mt. Hope Family Practice, an ambulatory health care center in the Bronx that provides primary and mental health care to people of all ages and backgrounds. Additionally, she has worked for the past 10 years as the medical director of the ECHO Free Clinic, a joint project of the Institute for Family Health and the students of The Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. In Manhattan, she directs New York City Free Clinic. Both clinics provide free medical care, social services and health education to uninsured patients. Cortijo also is a member of the community advisory board to the Clinical and Translational Research Institute of New York University and the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

"I have cared for hundreds of new immigrants and many marginalized Americans over the last 30 years," she said. "One of my goals has always been to make them feel as welcomed and as appreciated as La Roche College and its religious community made me feel."

