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Mercy Hospital Foundation

PROJECT UPDATE

Construction work on Mercy Hospital's new Emergency Department is progressing quickly. Setting our sights for an April 2010 opening, Robert Hawks, construction project manager for Mercy Hospital, is pleased to report that the new addition has been completely enclosed as of early November with the completion of the exterior glass walls.



Robert Hawks, Mercy Hospital's Construction Project Manager, leads a group of associates on a tour of the new Emergency Department addition that is set to open in the spring of 2010. Preview tours began in mid-November and will continue over the next few months.

On the interior of the structure, all the metal stud work that forms the rooms has been completed and crews have begun installing dry wall. With the arrival of winter, temporary heating systems have been installed for the construction crew.

Outside the building, workers recently completed the structure

for the rooftop helipad and the stone work for the meditation garden. They have also begun laying concrete for the ambulance entrance, sidewalks and driveway. In addition, crews have started placing the exterior stone finish on the new addition.

The \$32 million construction project will result in a 46,000

square-foot addition to the front of the hospital.

When completed, the state-of-the-art ER facility will feature 34 private treatment rooms, including three airborne isolation rooms, and two resuscitation rooms. There will also be expanded space for physician staff, nursing, and support services.

Watch the construction of Mercy's new ER via LIVE video.

Visit www.chsbuffalo.org and click on the Mercy ER Construction Update.

Also...don't forget to visit us on facebook - go to www.facebook.com and become a fan of Mercy Hospital!

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Mercy Hospital "Autumnal" Features JoAnn Falletta Concert

Guests at the Mercy Hospital Foundation's **Autumnal** on November 13th were treated to a rare private performance by Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (BPO) Music Director JoAnn Falletta.

This very special evening, which also included gourmet dinner stations, was held at the historic Roycroft Inn in East Aurora.

Physicians, donors and friends of Mercy Hospital gathered for this signature event to raise funds and awareness for the hospital and its critically important programs for the residents of our community.



Buffalo Philharmonic (BPO) Music Director JoAnn Falletta performing on classical guitar.

BPO Concertmaster Michael Ludwig, JoAnn Falletta and Robert Alemany.



Darya Brach, John Brach, M.D. and Mercy Hospital COO John Herman with his wife, Lisa.

Jennifer Lico, Serrie Lico, M.D., Mercy Hospital Foundation Executive Director Dan McCormack, and Julie LaManna, Mercy's Clinical Director of Cardiovascular Services.



Michael Licata, M.D. and Mary Turkiewicz, M.D. (foreground) with friends.

Volunteers Claudia Moran, Helen Salmon and Joyce Huen.

Ronald J. Eckert, M.D., Donna Eckert, Julio Alvarez, M.D. and Amy Alvarez, M.D.

Angels Exchange Wheels for Wings

Think that the only associates honored as Angels of Mercy are nurses, doctors or other direct caregivers? Not always!

In October, a grateful donor recognized Mercy Hospital's valet parking crew for excellent service during her frequent visits to an ailing family member. The valets/Angels include Willie Acosta, Jose Acevedo Rivera, Eddie Candelario, Daniel DeJesus, Harold Deleon Marrero, Wilfredo Jimenez, Jabreel McDaniel, Ismael Rojas and Carlos Torres.

In her tribute, our donor writes, "One group that made my visiting less stressful was the great guys in valet parking. Their kindness and fast and efficient service helped me cope with my often twice daily visits to the hospital."



Joining the valet crew are (from left) Craig Barber of Allpro Parking, C.J. Urlaub, President & CEO of Mercy Hospital, Mary Kienzle, Vice President of Mission for Mercy Hospital, Richard Serra of Allpro Parking and Mike O'Connell, Mercy Director of Security.

"I was too stressed to even think about parking my car and they were always there without any delays, taking care of things very quickly. I can't even say how much I appreciated it."

The Angels of Mercy program allows patients and their families to recognize the exemplary work of a Mercy Hospital

associate in any service area, while making a gift to the Mercy Hospital Foundation.

More than 200 Mercy associates have now been honored as Angels of Mercy. For more information on this program, please contact Jennifer Merlette, Director of Development, at (716) 828-2120.



Support the Foundation That Supports Mercy Hospital!

The Mercy Hospital Foundation relies on the generous support of its community to ensure that quality health care is available when and where you need it. You can help us to continue on our mission through your support of the Annual Giving Campaign.

Your gift will help Mercy Hospital in countless ways, including upgrades to our diagnostic and treatment technology, facility renovations, and funding for training of our clinical staff, ensuring that the care of our number one priority, our patients, is unsurpassed.

To donate, please use the enclosed envelope or contact the Foundation at (716) 828-2038.

We are also online at www.mercyhospfound.org.

With your commitment, we can advance the health of our community for many years to come!

Mercy Soars Above the Clouds

In her home life, Marci Zynda, RN, a nurse in Mercy Hospital's Open Heart Unit, has been helping her sister Marianne Whiting who was diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2005.

"In April of 2007, doctors in Buffalo told my sister they could no longer help her and that she had about six months to live," said Zynda. "She then found hope at a Cancer Treatment Center of America located in Philadelphia, PA, where she began traveling three times a month for chemotherapy treatment."

"The center typically arranges all her travel for her visits. However, about a month ago, they had difficulty finding a flight for her," recalled Zynda.

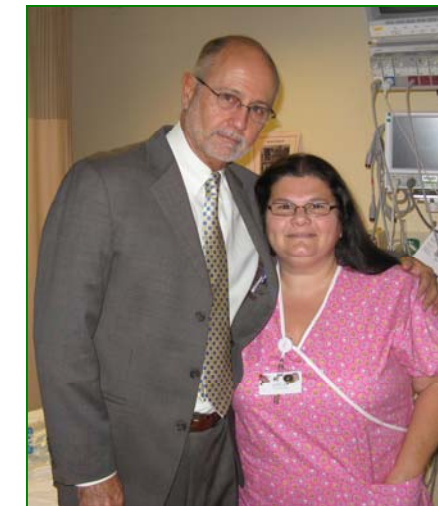
"In the past, I had mentioned my sister's situation to Dr. John Bell-Thomson, Chair of our Cardiothoracic Surgery Department, who is also a licensed pilot. He would always offer to fly us down to Philadelphia if we ever had any trouble getting there," said Zynda. "Of course, I thought

there was no way I would actually take him up on it, but it was so nice of him to offer."

"Then came the day that my sister called to say that she might miss a treatment because flights were not available. In a last minute effort, they had her flying into New York and taking a very late flight home," noted Zynda. "That kind of travel is hard on my sister who is very weak."

"When I told Dr. Bell-Thomson about it, he said that he wanted to help and we weren't going to let her miss her treatment," she continued. Dr. Bell-Thomson proceeded to fly Marci and her sister to Philadelphia, waited the five hours for her to receive her chemotherapy, and then delivered them safely back to Buffalo.

"I am so grateful to him and my sister, who has been there every step of the way," said Marianne Whiting, whose husband Jeffrey is Deputy Town Attorney for Cheektowaga.



Dr. John Bell-Thomson and Marci Zynda, RN in the Open Heart Unit.

She also has two daughters, 23-year-old Brittani and 18-year-old Karissa. "That visit kept me alive and I feel I didn't have a chance to properly thank him," she added.

Dr. Bell-Thomson said that it only seemed natural that he should offer to take them. "When you know someone who is so sick, you learn to appreciate every day, no matter what it brings," he said. "And that day was special because we all enjoyed the flight just above the clouds on a beautiful morning and on the evening return."

IRA Charitable Rollover Extended Through December 2009

The IRA Charitable Rollover has been extended through December 31, 2009, allowing charitable contributions to be made directly from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).

If you are age 70½ or older, this legislation allows you to make direct transfers of up to \$100,000 from an IRA to charities such as the Mercy Hospital Foundation.

If you would like more information on planned giving, please contact Jennifer Merlette, Director of Development, at (716) 828-2120.