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St. James Mercy Hospital Breaks Ground for New Facility

HORNELL, N.Y. – Leaders from St. James Mercy Hospital and the greater Hornell area, as well as employees and medical staff, community members, and others, gathered in Hornell Wednesday, November 8 to host a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Hornell Medical Village, the future home of the new Hospital and Medical Office Building. A brief reception with refreshments followed the ceremony.

"Our organization has come such a long way over the past several years, and I am tremendously proud of this team," said Jennifer Sullivan, President & CEO of St. James Mercy Hospital. "Through it all, we have remained committed to providing top quality care to the residents of the Hornell area, and today's ceremonial groundbreaking represents the achievement of a significant milestone that would not have been possible without that commitment."

"The State of New York has been an excellent environment for hospitals, which is part of how we made it to this point," said Hornell Mayor Shawn Hogan. "Governor Cuomo and leaders at the Department of Health understand what it takes to truly transform health care in our state, and they've dedicated the resources to help organizations like St. James carry out that transformation at the local level."

St. James Mercy Hospital was awarded \$54.9 million from New York State in 2016 to cover the construction of the new Hospital and a new Electronic Health Record (EHR) system. In July of 2017, the State announced an additional \$7.9 million for the project.

Dr. Mark Taubman, CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center, said that UR Medicine has been pleased to partner with St. James through the transition process cited by New York State in awarding the grants. He said that UR Medicine looks forward to working with leaders in Hornell, Dansville, and Wellsville to provide outstanding medical care across Upstate New York.

"Providing high-quality care to patients as close to home as possible is one of our medical center's top priorities," said Dr. Mark Taubman, CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center. "The new Medical Village will help Steuben County families to receive an expanded range of UR Medicine services close to home, and we appreciate the support of our New York State leaders and the Hornell community in helping to make these facilities possible."

"Generations of area residents will benefit from the work that has gone into this project to date," said Dr. John Weyand, Chairman of the St. James Mercy Hospital Board of Directors. "I am proud to have been involved in the inception of this project, and thrilled to be here today, kicking off the construction officially. We are extremely grateful to all our partners, particularly our colleagues at UR Medicine who have been excellent collaborators full of vision and integrity."

The Medical Village located at 7301 Seneca Road, North Hornell, will provide for accessible and efficiently organized ambulatory care services. The Village concept brings together primary care, specialists, emergency medicine, surgery, outpatient services, inpatient care, and more on one health care campus. This will make it easier for patients to access quality care, support efforts at recruiting and retaining top providers to the area, and increase efficiency across the spectrum of services.

The new two-story, 87,000-square-foot St. James Mercy Hospital will feature:

- 15 inpatient beds
- Emergency Department with 8 treatment rooms and 4 observation rooms
- Surgical Suite with 2 operating rooms, 2 procedures rooms, and 15 pre/post-surgery rooms
- Phlebotomy and Lab
- Pharmacy
- Imaging Services including diagnostic radiology, ultrasound, CT, and MRI
- Infusion Services
- Cafeteria and Dining Room
- Gift and Coffee Shop
- Meeting Rooms

The new Medical Office Building will include:

- Primary Care Offices (pediatrics, family medicine, dental)
- Specialty Outpatient Clinics (i.e. General Surgery, Orthopedics)
- Express Care
- Physical Therapy
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Administration

The Medical Office Building is expected to open in 2018. The new Hospital will open in 2019.

St. James Mercy Hospital was founded in 1890 and now provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include orthopedics, general surgery, physical therapy, Express Care, mammography, digital imaging, a Coumadin clinic, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, and a personal emergency response system called MercyLine. The Hospital works on an ongoing basis to build collaborative relationships with a host of regional partners, in order to ensure the continued continuity of critical health care services in the Hornell community.

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