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Bethesda Foundation Funds Operating Room Equipment Purchase

HORNELL, N.Y. – St. James Mercy Foundation has received a grant in the amount of \$21,000 from the Bethesda Foundation to purchase a Medivator Automatic Endoscope Reprocessor. The equipment has been installed and is in use now in the Hospital's surgical suite. It allows for high-efficiency reprocessing/cleaning of endoscope devices, maximizing patient safety and strengthening infection control efforts at the Hospital.

"St. James Mercy Hospital is extremely grateful to the Bethesda Foundation for its continued support over the years," said Jennifer Sullivan, SJMH President & CEO. "Its generosity enables us to provide the very best in quality care to our patients. Because of this grant, and others that have aided the purchase of needed equipment across service lines, the residents of our community can be confident that they're receiving excellent care at St. James Mercy Hospital."



PHOTO (left to right): Bethesda Foundation Board Member Joseph Latham, Bethesda Foundation Board Member Bill Mombert, SJMH Executive Director of Perioperative Services Deborah Spratt, SJMH President & CEO Jennifer Sullivan, Bethesda Foundation Board Member Dr. Spencer Annabel, Bethesda Foundation Board President Philip Loree, Bethesda Foundation Executive Director Janice Spence.

Created in 1986, the Bethesda Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization devoted to the funding and support of health-related projects and scholarships in the Hornell area. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling more than \$2.3 million in furtherance of its mission to support community health needs.

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 (including mammography, digital imaging, Dexa scanning), and laboratory. Specialty services include orthopedics, general surgery, physical therapy, Express Care, 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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