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## **St. Vincent's Capital Campaign Surpasses \$40 Million Striving for \$42 Million Goal**

**MARCH 4, 2009, BRIDGEPORT, CT**—St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation has surpassed the \$40 million mark in its effort to raise its newly defined goal of \$42 million for the hospital's Capital Campaign. The Campaign, officially launched in September of last year, supports the building of the Elizabeth M. Pfriem SWIM Center for Cancer Care, the Michael J. Daly Emergency Department, the renovation of major clinical areas on the main level of the hospital, and a new 630-car parking garage, which was completed in September 2008.

"We owe tremendous thanks to the Capital Campaign Steering Committee, our donors, boards, physicians and our staff who all have made significant commitments to the future of the Medical Center," said Ronald J. Bianchi, president of the Foundation and senior corporate vice president of the Medical Center. "Our expansion will offer our patients the opportunity to be treated in a state-of-the-art facility with the latest modalities and equipment, but still in that caring atmosphere our community has grown to trust."

The Campaign, led by the tremendous generosity of Southport resident, Elizabeth M. Pfriem, is also supported by Steering Committee Chairperson Chuck Mattes, of Redding, CT., CEO of Moffitt Street, LLC, and James Stapleton of Day Pitney, LLP, in New Haven "who have committed an endless amount of time and energy to ensuring the success of the Campaign," said Bianchi.

"Our goal—our promise to this community—was that no one would have to travel long distances to receive the highest quality, safest care available," said Susan L. Davis, RN, EdD, president/CEO, St. Vincent's Health Services. "By realizing this fund-raising goal, we are well on our way to completing a project, which will offer our patients, physicians and staff an environment of superior healing."

The \$40 million mark is supported by hundreds of donors, including more than 300 Medical Center employees who committed \$2.8 million to the Campaign. Significant donations came from Mitchells of Westport and will be recognized with the naming of the Cancer Center lobby—Mitchells Boulevard.

The first completed renovated area of the Medical Center supported by the Campaign is the Ambulatory Surgery Center, scheduled to open on March 24. Press are invited to the Open House of this new surgical area located on the main level of the Medical Center on Wednesday, March 18 at 6 p.m. The expanded emergency department is estimated for completion in December 2009, and the Cancer Center is scheduled to open in early 2010.

**St. Vincent's Medical Center** in Bridgeport, CT is a 473-bed community teaching and referral hospital with a Level II trauma center and a 76-bed inpatient psychiatric facility in Westport. St.

Vincent's provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services with regional centers of excellence in cardiology, surgery, cancer care, orthopedics, diagnostics, women's and family services, behavioral health, senior health and an array of specialized services.

St. Vincent's Medical Center is a subsidiary of St. Vincent's Health Services, which include St. Vincent's Behavioral Health Services, Westport Campus, St. Vincent's College, St. Vincent's Special Needs Services, St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation and St. Vincent's Immediate Health Care Centers. It is a member of Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic healthcare system. St. Vincent's is a teaching affiliate of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and of New York Medical College. The Medical Center is also sponsor of Swim Across the Sound, one of the nation's largest hospital-based cancer prevention and patient support programs. For referral to a St. Vincent's physician or about programs and services, call the toll-free Care Line at 1-877-255-SVHS (7847) or visit [www.stvincents.org](http://www.stvincents.org).

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