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## PHOTO/FEATURE OPPORTUNITY

**EVENT:** St. Vincent's Emergency Department To Be Named In Honor of Michael J. Daly in Unveiling Ceremony

**DATE:** Thursday, Dec. 10

**TIME:** Program Begins at 6:45pm. (Reception begins at 6pm). Program includes presentation of colors by Fairfield United Veterans and signage unveiling ceremony.

**WHERE:** St. Vincent's Medical Center new North Building: Ground floor (to the left of current Emergency Department entrance)

## BACKGROUND:

St. Vincent's Medical Center will name its new Emergency Department the "**Michael J. Daly Center for Emergency and Trauma Care**" at an unveiling ceremony, which will highlight a private, by invitation-only reception for Daly family members and friends, major donors to the Emergency Department and board members beginning at 6pm in the new facility. His widow Margaret and his children are expected to be among the 150 guests.

Signage in the new area will be unveiled, honoring the great friend and benefactor of St. Vincent's, who died more than one year ago. Daly was among the first community or lay board members at St. Vincent's, serving for more than 30 years and becoming the longest serving member of the board of directors in the 106-year history of St. Vincent's.

Daly's daughter, Deirdre Daly of Fairfield, and close friend Jonathan Dawson will join both St. Vincent's President/CEO Susan L. Davis, RN, EdD and Foundation President Ronald J. Bianchi, also a close friend of Daly's, in delivering remarks. Following a blessing by the Reverend Samuel Scott, another good friend of Daly's and the rector of the John Fisher Seminary in Stamford, the presentation of colors by Fairfield United Veterans and the unveiling of signage will occur.

The renaming is taking place as the first section of the expanded and refurbished emergency department is about to open. The new section is located on the first level of the new North building, currently under construction. The completely renovated emergency department, which will triple in space, is scheduled to open in fall 2010, after renovations are complete in the existing section.

## Michael J. Daly

The late Michael J. Daly of Fairfield was a nationally recognized World War II medal of honor recipient for his legendary wartime valor.

Raised on a farm in Southport, Daly joined the US Army as a private in 1943, taking part in the D-Day invasion, and later the battle of Nuremberg, where he ordered his men to take cover, and then singlehandedly destroyed three machine-gun emplacements, saving the lives of many of his men. He later became a businessman and became known for his volunteer work on behalf of St. Vincent's.

He was among the first lay board members at St. Vincent's.

## New Emergency Department

When completed in the fall 2010, the Michael J. Daly Center for Trauma & Emergency Care will provide:

- 60 beds, an increase of 32 over the current number
- Footprint that will triple to 40,000 square feet—a full acre of space
- Specialized trauma and critical care suites
- "Fast Track" area for minor case needs
- Dedicated OB/GYN rooms
- Pediatric area
- Expanded behavioral health and psychiatric area with focus on privacy and safety
- Major improvements in diagnostic technology including dedicated CT scanner, ultrasound, x-ray equipment to expedite diagnosis and treatment of patients
- Permanent decontamination facility for hazardous spills

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