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**Autism Center at Hospital for Special Care Expanding with support from American Savings Foundation Grant**

**NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (January 17, 2018)** – The American Savings Foundation has awarded a grant of \$150,000 to support expansion of the [Autism Center](#) at [Hospital for Special Care](#) (HSC) to address a growing community need for services. The grant, which will support development of a partial hospitalization program and education and day center, comes as the center marks five years of service to children and youth diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. “The urgent need for additional resources to meet the unique needs of patients with autism spectrum disorders is front page news in Connecticut, and across the country,” said Lynn Ricci, president and CEO of HSC. “Our commitment to these patients and their families remains a top priority and we are extremely grateful to the American Savings Foundation for leading the way and helping us leverage the resources necessary to meet these needs.”

The Autism Center at HSC, the only patient-centered specialty practice for autism in the country, will develop a partial hospital program and build an education and day center, designed to complement current outpatient and inpatient services. “This new level of care will help reduce waiting lists for inpatient care by creating a resource for youth who need more intense services than are currently available at an outpatient level,” said Maria Falvo, President and CEO of American Savings Foundation. “HSC is a leader in this field, and we are pleased to support this critical service expansion.”

The Autism Center at HSC, which serves youth and families from across Connecticut, currently includes an eight-bed inpatient unit and an outpatient center providing nearly 6,000 visits annually.

**About Hospital for Special Care**

[Hospital for Special Care \(HSC\)](#) is the fourth largest, free-standing long-term acute care hospital in the U.S. and the only one in the nation serving adults and children. HSC is recognized for advanced care and rehabilitation in pulmonary care, acquired brain injury, medically-complex pediatrics, neuromuscular disorders including ALS research, spinal cord injury, comprehensive heart failure and comprehensive inpatient and outpatient treatment for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder.

The Autism Center at Hospital for Special Care (HSC) provides a variety of diagnostic, assessment, and therapy services for children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). The Center’s multidisciplinary approach includes psychology, developmental pediatrics, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, and child and Adolescent psychiatry.

Located in New Britain and Hartford, CT, HSC operates inpatient and outpatient facilities serving Southern New England and the Tri-State area on a not-for-profit basis. For the latest news and information, please visit [www.hfsc.org](http://www.hfsc.org) , and follow us on Twitter @HospSpecialCare.