Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center Unveils $3 Million Oncology Pavilion Renovations

$5 Million Gift Announced

(HARTFORD, Conn. – July 5, 2017) A ribbon cutting ceremony at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center to reveal the result of a $3 million, six-month transformation of its 20-room oncology pavilion also had a surprise announcement – the bequest of an anonymous $5 million gift to the hospital’s Hope & Healing Campaign.

“This gift will have a long lasting impact on the services and programs that we can provide for our cancer patients,” said Saint Francis President John F. Rodis, M.D., MB.A. “We are deeply grateful to this donor for her generosity which embodies our Mission to serve together as a compassionate and transforming healing presence.”

The Hope & Healing campaign has now raised more than $16 million through donations from generous supporters and the hospital’s annual MIRACLES gala.
“By making access to modern facilities, state-of-the-art technology and compassionate care as easy as possible for our patients and their families we hope their journey to wellness will be less burdened,” said Karl J. Krapek, Sr., honorary chair, Hope & Healing Campaign. “We will continue to build on our success by raising additional funds for other vital oncology projects.”

The Hope & Healing Campaign project also calls for enhancement of the hospital’s cancer services program, including expanding the 45,000-square foot Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis.

Through the Hope & Healing Campaign, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center will also expand its cancer diagnosis and treatment center in Glastonbury, providing easy and convenient access to patients who live east of the Connecticut River. The expansion will support chemotherapy treatments for more than 3,000 patients annually.

Upgrades will also be made to the pharmacy at the Karen Davis Krzynowek Infusion Center in Enfield.

“The renovation of the oncology unit serves as the cornerstone of the Hope & Healing campaign and our inspiration,” said campaign Chair P. Anthony Giorgio, Ph.D., board chairman, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. “A lot happens on this floor and now our patients and those treating them will have all the tools necessary to battle their diagnosis.”

The state-of-the-art space takes into account patients’ needs as well as those of their families and loved ones. Each private room is designed to feel like home and provide accommodation for
visitors. The area was redesigned to create comfortable bedroom suites for families and loved ones to stay on site.

The unit also includes a Comfort and Healing Lounge to provide a healing sanctuary for programs like art and music therapy, mediation, yoga practice and a quiet visiting area or private place for a meal. An adjacent Integrative Medicine Suite will offer therapeutic massage, acupuncture, and mind/body therapies to offer relief and comfort for patients and their families and loved ones.

In addition to renovation of patient rooms, the nursing station areas, conference room and a staff respite suite have been refurbished to better accommodate the myriad functions of the staff.

“This first phase will have a profound effect on our patients, their families and our entire community,” said Lynn B. Rossini, vice president and chief development officer, Saint Francis Foundation. “We are so very thankful to our many dedicated supporters who have ensured the success of the Hope & Healing campaign.”

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