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Holy Family Hospital Breaks Ground for New Emergency Center

\$21 million project among seven Caritas Christi initiatives totaling \$100 million that will bring state-of-the-art, high-quality services to eastern Massachusetts

Methuen, MA – May 7, 2010 - Today, Holy Family Hospital officials broke ground on a new Emergency Center that will accommodate patient demand and new technology. The new \$21 million project will almost double the hospital's capacity to care for emergency patients while providing patients and families from the Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire with access to advanced emergency medicine.

"This ceremony marks a significant milestone in Holy Family's 60-year commitment to caring for our community," said Lester P. Schindel, president of Holy Family Hospital. "With our Emergency Center serving more than 41,000 visits each year, this expansion will enhance our ability to care for patients and families in their time of need."

Holy Family's current Emergency Department (ED) was constructed in the 1970s to serve 25,000 visits annually. The oldest ED in the Merrimack Valley, it is also the very last "circular" building ever designed for medical care. With the new Emergency Center, Holy Family can serve up to 54,000 visits annually to better meet the needs of the communities it serves.

Holy Family's Emergency Center is scheduled for completion in mid-2011, and is among the first of seven Caritas Christi Health Care infrastructure improvement projects to break ground. The projects, spread among the six Caritas Christi hospitals, total more than 117,000 square feet and represent a capital investment of more than \$100 million. A significant capital commitment by Cerberus Capital Management enabled Caritas Christi to begin construction and provides the funding to complete the projects in a timely manner. The projects include three new emergency departments and two new surgical centers; and new technology and facilities, such as CT and other diagnostic imaging, endoscopy, cardiac catheterization, surgical robots, and cancer care.

Caritas Christi's infrastructure projects are creating new jobs in areas that have some of the highest unemployment in the Commonwealth. With hospitals in Methuen, Boston, Brockton, Dorchester, Norwood and Fall River, Caritas Christi's building projects are creating more than 4,300 potential new jobs, including 110 design, engineering and consulting jobs; 500 construction jobs; 500 new jobs from hospital projects; and more than 3,700 related stimulus jobs.

Construction Facts – Emergency Department

The new 21,000-square-foot Emergency Department reflects a 12,000 square foot expansion that will offer improved efficiency, comfort and privacy for patients and families by providing:

- 34 all private treatment bays,
- including 6 Fast Track and
- a double trauma room;
- state-of-the art CT Scanner on site

The project manager is R.F. Walsh Collaborative Partners, the architect is The S / L / A / M Collaborative, Inc. and the general contractor is Suffolk Construction.

View our Emergency Center video online at www.CaritasChristi.org/thrive.

What you should know during construction at Holy Family Hospital

During construction, Holy Family's Emergency Department will be fully operational. Emergency services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Increased security and directional signage are in place to assist emergency vehicles, patients and families during their visit.

About Holy Family Hospital

Holy Family Hospital is a 254-bed, not-for-profit Catholic hospital serving some 450,000 people in 20 communities throughout the Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire, including Methuen, Lawrence, Andover, North Andover, Haverhill and Salem, NH. Holy Family is fully accredited and has proudly received the Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission, the world leader in evaluating the quality and safety of patient care. For more information about the hospital's programs and services visit www.CaritasHolyFamily.org.

