



Good Samaritan Medical Center

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Good Samaritan Medical Center breaks ground for new Emergency Department

Good Samaritan's \$30 million project is among seven Caritas Christi initiatives totaling \$100 million that will bring state-of-the-art, high-quality services to eastern Massachusetts

BROCKTON, MA – Today, Good Samaritan Medical Center officials broke ground on an all-new Emergency Department that will accommodate patient demand and new technology. The new \$30 million project will triple the hospital's capacity to care for emergency patients and will have the technology to treat everything from routine to trauma cases with the utmost in privacy, comfort and quality.

"These projects are the realization of a vision and a true demonstration of Good Samaritan Medical Center's commitment to our community," said Steven R. Gordon, president, Good Samaritan Medical Center. "This state-of-the-art ED represents a significant boost to the Brockton community and will serve as the cornerstone of future expansions as we continue to grow to meet the needs our patients with the highest quality, care and compassion."

Good Samaritan's Emergency Department project, scheduled for completion in mid-2011, is among seven Caritas Christi 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 Brockton, Fall River, Dorchester, Norwood, Boston, and Methuen, 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.

The current ED opened in 1968 to serve 25,000 visits annually. Good Samaritan's annual emergency visits have averaged more than 54,000 in recent years and with new construction will serve about 60,000 when completed in 2011. To help meet this need, the all-new 32,000-square-foot Emergency Department will include 42 private rooms, 9 ambulance bays, a CT suite and 2 X-ray rooms. Other highlights include a centrally located nurses' station that provides continuous visibility of patients. In total, the new ED will be more spacious, provide greater capacity, and enhance patient privacy.

Owner's project manager for the projects is RFWalsh Collaborative Partners. The architect is The S / L / A / M Collaborative, Inc., and the general contractor is Suffolk Construction.

What you should know during construction at Good Samaritan Medical Center

- During construction, Good Samaritan's Emergency Department will be fully operational. Emergency services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- A temporary entrance to the existing Emergency Department has been established for pick up and drop off only of patients. Access for emergency (911) ambulances, remains the same.
- Patients and visitors are strongly encouraged to use free valet parking. This service is available Monday-Friday at the following entrances:
 - Main entrance, 235 North Pearl Street
 - Emergency Department Entrance
 - Medical Office Building, 830 Pearl Street

Captions:

Good Sam Speakers: The groundbreaking ceremony included speeches on the impact of a new Emergency Department for the medical center and the Brockton region, including from, left to right: Front Row: U.S. Rep. Stephen F. Lynch, D-Mass; Good Samaritan Board of Trustees Chairman Arthur Wyman, of Bridgewater; Good Samaritan Medical Center President Steven R. Gordon, Brockton Mayor Linda Balzotti; and Dr. Richard Herman, of Easton, chief of Emergency Medicine at Good Samaritan. Back row: Laura Raymond, patient care director, Good Samaritan ED; Mark Rich, Chief Financial Officer, Caritas

Christi, and Dr. David Mudd, of Easton, president of the Good Samaritan Medical Staff.

Good Sam ED 1: Officials broke ground on the new Emergency Department at Good Samaritan, including, from left: Dr. David Mudd, president of the medical staff at Good Samaritan; U.S. Rep. Stephen F. Lynch, D-Mass; Brockton Mayor Linda Balzotti; Mark Rich, CFO, Caritas Christi; Good Samaritan Medical Center President Steven R. Gordon; Good Samaritan Board of Trustees Chairman Arthur Wyman; State Senator Thomas P. Kennedy, D-Brockton; State Rep. Michael Brady, D-Brockton; Dr. Richard Herman, chief of Emergency Medicine at Good Samaritan; Laura Raymond, patient care director, Good Samaritan ED; and Robert Gustafson, member of the Caritas Christi Board of Governors and former chairman of the Good Samaritan Board of Trustees.

Good Samaritan Medical Center is a 231-bed, acute-care hospital providing comprehensive inpatient, outpatient and emergency services to Brockton and 22 neighboring communities. The hospital offers Centers of Excellence care in oncology and cardiology, specialized care in surgery, family-centered obstetrics with level-two nursery, occupational health, pain management, substance abuse and diabetes and advanced diagnostic imaging. The medical center is a member of Caritas Christi Health Care, the second largest health system in New England. More information is available at www.CaritasGoodSam.org.