

PATERSON, NJ [July 23, 2013] - St. Joseph's Healthcare System is proud of its longstanding tradition of patient care service excellence and community advocacy. True to the organization's mission of caring, St. Joseph's Healthcare System is the anchor of an extensive urban development and beautification project that is transforming its environments for healing and positively impacting the surrounding community and its cityscape.

The New Jersey Business & Industry Association honored St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center with a 2013 New Good Neighbor Award which recognizes the best and most exciting commercial and industrial development projects in New Jersey based on economic benefit, job creation, architectural merit, and community involvement.

Facilities expansions and renovation projects – components of the largest master facilities investment plan in the history of St. Joseph's Healthcare System – are focused primarily at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, the hub of the Healthcare System. An academic tertiary care comprehensive medical center in South Paterson, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center includes state designated St. Joseph's Children's Hospital.

Old and underutilized buildings have been razed and replaced with award-winning architecturally significant structures equipped with sophisticated equipment for use by St. Joseph's highly skilled team of clinical experts.

The cornerstone and most extensive project of St. Joseph's master facilities investment plan is the 183,000 square foot state-of-the-art Critical Care Building opened in October 2011. The impressive structure features separate Pediatric, Adult, and Geriatric Emergency Departments with a total of 88 treatment areas; 12 systems-integrated operating theaters with pre-operative and post-operative areas; and 56 private rooms in specialized critical care units.

St. Joseph's high-tech rooftop helipad, fully accessible to even the largest medical and military-style helicopters, tops off the Critical Care Building, expanding expedited ambulance and mobile intensive services, orchestrated through St. Joseph's centralized 24/7 transfer center.

Additional new facilities on the St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center South Paterson campus include a pediatric and adult ambulatory care center, an outpatient rehabilitation center, an ambulatory radiology and laboratory entrance and reception area, a dedicated women's and children's services tower, a main lobby with dedicated waiting areas and high-tech conference center, as well as the ongoing modernization of all patient care areas. Convenient driveways, parking areas, and an adjacent multi-level parking garage enable easy access to St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center and St. Joseph's Children's Hospital services.

St. Joseph's extensive facilities projects have not only revitalized the Regional Medical Center's campus, they have spurred the actions of community-based investors who are developing medical offices, residential buildings, retail/restaurant space, and a hotel.

Since its founding in 1867 by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, St. Joseph's has continued to redefine the way responsive, compassionate, high quality care is delivered in the region. A recognized leader in the New York Metropolitan Area healthcare industry, St. Joseph's is the second largest provider of Charity Care in New Jersey, the second largest provider of Medicaid services in New Jersey, and the Passaic Region's urban safety net hospital.

St. Joseph's Healthcare System is proud to set new standards for leading edge healthcare services and community advocacy by providing powerful medicine, revolutionizing healthcare and revitalizing our community.