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DENNIS REILLY, PRESIDENT AND CEO
LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL
Friends,

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers has much to celebrate! After four years of planning and fundraising, two years of construction, and a three-day celebration by our staff, physicians, supporters, friends and community, the new West Pavilion patient tower is now continuing the fine tradition and ministry of healing and compassion. As you review this issue of Envision, I would like to share with you a few words offered by Sr. Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, Chairperson of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Board of Directors at our dedicatory Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, October 13, 2012.

“Good afternoon and welcome to our Mass of Thanksgiving for our new West Pavilion Patient Tower. It is with gratitude that we welcome our Bishop, Andrew Wypych to celebrate our liturgy, as well as those who concelebrate today.

“As I look out into the congregation, it is with joy that I see the familiar faces of those who have partnered with us, supported us and prayed for us throughout this journey. Today is yet another milestone in our journey of unconditional love—from the early days, when our pioneer Sisters came to Evergreen Park to answer a call and provide hope and healing to this community. The beautifully constructed West Pavilion Patient Tower is to us what our beloved seasoned tower standing behind it was to those who saw its birth: a symbol of hope and commitment to fulfill the original mission of Venerable Mary Potter to care for and pray for the sick, suffering and dying. And yet, we know that although buildings such as these become a part of us, even take on a life of their own, it is the people who have walked the halls, cared for the patients and attended to the loved ones that make up our ministry……

“For all that has been, thanks. For all that will be, yes.”

As Sister Kathleen so beautifully chronicled in her remarks, we continue on the journey begun by our forbearers, and look forward to a future of hope and promise for all who will be served by our ministry of Catholic healthcare on our revitalized campus.

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, The Campaign Leadership Committee and the Hospital Foundation, many wishes for a blessed holiday season to you and yours.

Dave Kavanaugh
Chairman, Foundation Board
Grand Opening Celebrations
Herald Completion of New Pavilion

On October 12-14, two years after construction began and 83 years after the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary first established a hospital to serve the southwest Chicago suburbs, Little Company of Mary Hospital celebrated the opening of the new West Pavilion Patient Tower.

The eight-story patient tower features patient-friendly private rooms and baths, state-of-the-art women’s healthcare at the Women’s Center for Life and Health and the brand new Family Birth Center. "The new West Pavilion will provide care for our patients with the most up-to-date technologies in an environment designed to promote healing," says Dennis Reilly, LCM president and CEO.

The hospital recognized the completion of the West Pavilion with a weekend-long Grand Opening celebration, welcoming members of the community, employees and Little Company of Mary Hospital supporters to tour the new facility and experience this bold step forward in the hospital’s history.

Many thanks to our supporters and donors to the LCMH Foundation; you are remembered daily in the prayers of our LCM Sisters for your unfailing generosity and support.

Holiday Blessings to all

Brian T. Lepeau, MD
Executive Director

The month of November is a time of year when the sacred and the secular combine to bring us together as family and as community to remember the past and embrace the future. We begin the month with All Saints Day honoring the communion of saints who bore testimony to their faith by their words and actions. On All Souls Day we remember our loved ones (our “family-saints”) who have gone before us to their eternal reward. We conclude the month by gathering with family and friends to give thanks for the blessings we have received over the past year. And for the communion that comprises the Greater Company of Mary faith at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, we have much for which to be thankful.

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Employee See Fruit of Their Labors
Little Company of Mary Hospital employees, who played an essential role in supporting Talents Vision: Innovation: The Campaign for Little Company of Mary Hospital, were invited to a special open house of the West Pavilion on the eve of Grand Opening. Since 2008, Employee Giving has raised more than $255,000.
Little Company in the Community

The West Pavilion is not the only new kid on the block. In August, Little Company of Mary celebrated the grand opening of its new Outpatient Care Center, located at 6700 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn. The 51,000 square-foot, freestanding facility includes the southwest area’s first nationally certified immediate care center, The Care Station West, along with physician offices, a complete laboratory, state-of-the-art diagnostic services, including MRI, X-ray, CT, digital mammography and ultrasound, plus 172 parking spaces for patients.

Nationally accredited by the Urgent Care Association of America, The Care Station West provides patients with walk-in, extended-hour medical attention from licensed providers. No appointments are required to see a physician, or make an appointment with the lab, X-ray and EKG services. However, family medicine visits are by appointment. The facility also offers occupational medicine services.

“The West Pavilion and Outpatient Care Center West represent Little Company of Mary Hospital’s deep commitment to the community,” says Kevin Rehder, vice president of Clinical Services. “From high-quality preventive care and walk-in urgent care right in the community, to sophisticated inpatient care and women’s health services, Little Company of Mary Hospital is advancing patient-first care for southwest Chicagoland,” Rehder says.

On October 13, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and prayer service, Little Company of Mary Hospital officially opened its new West Pavilion. The West Pavilion project marks a cornerstone in the hospital’s Campus Transformation Project, a long-term endeavor that builds on the hospitals 85-year legacy of providing high-quality health care by expanding facilities and improving technology to deliver the most advanced medical services for the community.

Blessing Marks New Era

A. Dennis Reilly, President & CEO, Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers (LCMH); Dr. Kevin Skomurski, Chairperson of LCMH Foundation Board of Directors; Sr. Carol Pacini, LCM, the Congregational Leader of the Worldwide Congregation of the Little Company of Mary Sisters; Bishop Andrew Wypych; Dr. Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, Hospital Board Chair; Dr. Michael Thomas, president of LCMH’s Medical Staff; Kevin Rehder, Vice President of Clinical Services and Facilities Management as well as Project Manager for the Outpatient Care Center, Reverend William Corcoran, Jr., Parish Minister; Sr. Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, Chairperson of the Board of Directors for LCMH and Health Care Centers; Dr. Michael T. Docherty, Sr. superintendent of LCMH; Sr. Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, Co-Chair of the Board of Directors for LCMH and Health Care Centers; Jane Quinlan, Village Clerk for Oak Lawn; Dr. James Skomurski, Medical Director for LCMH’s Outpatient Care Centers, Dr. Irving Fuld, Medical Director for Diagnostic Imaging at LCMH, Tom Fahey, LCMH Hospital Trustee and Chairperson of the Board of Directors for LCMH Affiliated Services.

B. Tom Owens, Bob and Kathy Sheehy, James Durkin

C. Bishop Andrew Wypych

D. Bob and Nancy Barrett, Dr. Michael Thomas, Dr. Michael Skomurski, Dr. John Heslin, Mary Freyer and Dr. Michael Skomurski.

From left: Dennis Reilly, president and CEO, LCMH and Health Care Centers, Kevin Rehder, vice president of Clinical Services and Facilities Management as well as project manager for the Outpatient Care Center, Reverend William Corcoran, Jr., parish minister, Sr. Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, the Congregational Leader of the Worldwide Congregation of the Little Company of Mary Sisters, Bishop Andrew Wypych, Sr. Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, chairperson of the Board of Directors for LCMH and Health Care Centers, Jane Quinlan, village clerk for Oak Lawn, Dr. James Skomurski, medical director for LCMH’s Outpatient Care Centers, Dr. Irving Fuld, medical director for Diagnostic Imaging at LCMH, Tom Fahey, LCMH hospital trustee and chairperson of the Board of Directors for LCMH affiliated services.
Community Gets ‘Sneak Peak’

On October 14, Evergreen Park and surrounding community members got a sneak peek of the West Pavilion before patients moved in. Together, hospital administrators, clinicians, volunteers and members of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary welcomed the community to the new facility, which features state-of-the-art technology, a progressive design and a number of healing features, including a rooftop garden, healing art work and a welcoming water wall to promote peace of mind.

With more than 200,000 babies delivered—more than all other hospitals in the southwest Chicago area—Little Company of Mary Hospital has certainly earned its nickname ‘the baby hospital.’ Now, with the completion of the West Pavilion and the all-new Family Birth Center, the hospital is able to provide the same highly personal care in a state-of-the-art setting.

More family time

In the new Family Birth Center, families will enjoy more privacy and more bonding. All rooms in the Pavilion are private with private bath. The spacious rooms in the new Family Birth Center feature queen-size beds and a daybed for visiting family members.

Babies born ill or prematurely will be cared for in a new state-of-the-art special care nursery. Unlike some neonatal intensive care units, which house babies together in an open ward, the special care unit provides each baby a private room with space for parents to stay the night.

BabyTALK

The Family Birth Center will also support babies’ developmental growth through its BabyTALK program. Little Company of Mary is one of only a few hospitals in the Chicago area to offer the innovative program. “We’re very family-centered and very family-oriented,” says Carol Martinez, volunteer resources manager. “This is another way to help new parents develop their relationship with their baby.”

As part of BabyTALK, a certified volunteer visits each newborn family. The volunteer talks to the parents about newborn development and demonstrates different ways that even the youngest babies are able to interact. The volunteer also lets parents choose a complimentary children’s book.

“I tell them, ‘your baby is so little, but they know so much now. They’re observing their world around them, and you can add to the wonder of it by reading and taking that little quiet time to spend with them,’” says volunteer Michele Rainey. “It’s so important, and I love that we’re helping families get started out on the right foot.”

BabyTALK volunteer Michele Rainey talks to new parents Mike and Denise Remegi about the importance of interacting with their baby.
Golf Outing Breaks Record

The annual Little Company of Mary Hospital Golf Classic has become a treasured fall tradition, and this year’s event did not disappoint. The 13th Annual Golf Classic was held on September 10 at Beverly Country Club. Nearly 200 golfers—the largest turnout yet—gathered on a sunny, mild day to tackle the legendary course and support Little Company of Mary. By the end of the day, nearly $120,000 was raised for Little Company of Mary Hospital history begins. To ensure the legacy of the hospital’s rich past is not lost, steps are being taken to memorialize significant moments and incorporate important artifacts into the new Pavilion. Currently, an Arts and Heritage Preservation Committee made up of hospital employees is identifying important religious statues, works of art and historical artifacts to relocate into a Heritage Corridor in the new Pavilion. In addition, the porte cochère, to be inscribed with the names of Little Company of Mary Sisters who founded the hospital in 1930, is currently scheduled to be incorporated into the final landscape design in 2014. The Preservation Committee is dedicated to safeguarding the hospital’s Catholic identity and its significant impact on the surrounding community. The Heritage Corridor will include historical memories of the Little Company of Mary Sisters’ leadership; memorabilia from the nursing school; and milestones medical moments, including Little Company’s place in medical history as the first hospital in the world to perform a human organ transplant.

Carrying the Past Forward

The winning foursome was a team representing Block Electric. Little Company of Mary Hospital was well represented among the teams, and Sister Margaret G. Hoban, L.C.M., vice president of Community Services, led a foursome made up of hospital administrators. After golf, participants enjoyed lunch, and an evening cocktail hour and dinner. The winner of the Raffle Grand Prize, a 42” LG flat-screen TV, was Carole Standring. Guests snapped up coveted items in the silent auction, including tickets to the Chicago Bears and Chicago White Sox and a pair of sneakers autographed by White Sox standout Adam Dunn.

Ways to Give

There are many different ways to contribute to Talus. Vision. Innovation: The Campaign for Little Company of Mary Hospital. Please contact the Foundation at (708) 229-5044 or campaign@lcmh.org for assistance.

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Make a Lasting Impact With a Bequest to Little Company of Mary Hospital

Bequests are a simple way for people at any income level to make a meaningful gift with long-lasting impact. A bequest to Little Company of Mary Hospital is typically a provision in your will or trust that directs a specific asset such as cash or property, a specific percentage, or the remainder of an estate to the hospital.

A bequest is not payable until death, so your assets remain in your control during your lifetime. Also, you can amend the provision in your will or trust at any time if your circumstances change.

For more information, contact LCMH Foundation at ahartnett@lcmh.org or (708) 229-5044.
CRYSTAL HEART BALL
Saturday, February 2, 2013
The Field Museum
Chairs: Dr. Irving and Shirley Fuld
Co-chairs: Matthew and Mary Ellen Filosa

IN GOOD COMPANY
Thursday, April 11, 2013
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Sunday, Mother’s Day, May 12, 2013
Ridge Park