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### *8<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Medical Office building with “green” design opens on Mercy campus*

**Grand opening & ribbon cutting scheduled for August 12**

**CEDAR RAPIDS** – Mercy Medical Center, 701 10<sup>th</sup> St. SE, is announcing the newest addition to its campus – a medical office building adjacent to the hospital at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 8<sup>th</sup> St. SE. The site of the former MercyCare Main family practice, the new building is now open and accepting new tenants. **A grand opening celebration is planned for Wed., Aug. 12.** (Details below)

Known as the 8<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Medical Office, the four-story, 72,000-square-foot facility includes medical office space for physicians, offices and conference space for Mercy, and flexible space to accommodate other medical uses. Two tenants currently operate in the building: Cedar Rapids OB Gyn Specialists, P.C., which includes the practices of Paul Pickering, MD, Jason Rexroth, MD and Shevonda Sherrow, MD; and Innovative Aesthetics.

“This new facility represents another investment in the community’s medical district and will allow for greater patient access to medical services,” says Karl Keeler, Executive Vice President & Chief Operations Officer at Mercy. “We recognize that there is an ongoing demand for medical office space and we are pleased to be able to meet that need in this area.”

The new \$12M medical office building meets sustainability, or “green,” building requirements. It is the first medical building in Cedar Rapids built with LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) principles, with the intention of becoming LEED certified. Builders used energy efficient materials where possible and followed environmental principles for efficiency in the construction process. Those initiatives are aimed at water and energy conservation and preserving indoor environmental air quality.

### **Event Details**

**What:** Grand opening for Mercy’s 8<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Medical Office building

**When:** Wed., Aug. 12, 4:30-6p.m., Ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** The corner of 8<sup>th</sup> St. and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids  
**Who:** The public is invited to attend.