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ELIZABETH SETON PEDIATRIC CENTER BREAKS GROUND ON $24 MILLION VENT-BED EXPANSION

YONKERS, NY (November 2015)—On Wednesday, November 11, 2015, over 100 people joined us for the groundbreaking of the 32-bed ventilator expansion at the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center in Yonkers, N.Y., which is a long-term care facility for New York State’s most medically complex children.

Residents of the Pediatric Center, their families, staff and our friends and supporters in the community came out to celebrate this momentous event. Howard Zucker, M.D., J.D., the Commissioner of Health for New York State, was our keynote speaker and our guest speakers included New York Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Senator George Latimer, Deputy Mayor for the Mayor of the City of Yonkers Susan Gerry, New York State Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer, Yonkers Councilman John Larkin and Yonkers Councilman Michael Sabatino.

Mr. Edwin Rodriguez and Ms. Katrice McDonald, parents of a prospective resident, shared with attendees what this $24 million project is going to mean for their family. Currently, Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. McDonald, who are residents of New York, have a ventilator-dependent child who resides at a facility in New Jersey and they cannot wait to be reunited with their son. “It’s been a long time and I was happy to get this phone call to say he’s going to be transferred here,” McDonald said. “It was the happiest day to get that phone call.”

This expansion will make the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center the largest provider of pediatric ventilator care in New York; we will be able to care for a total of 50 ventilator-dependent children, which will bring the total number of children served by the Pediatric Center to 169. We expect to be move-in ready by the first quarter of 2017.

For more information on the $6 million philanthropic effort by the St. Elizabeth Seton Children’s Foundation to fund this expansion, called the Hummingbird Campaign, please visit: setonpediatric.org/news-events/the-hummingbird-campaign.

About the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center

The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center is a not-for-profit, pediatric specialty nursing facility, serving the most medically complex children in New York State. The Pediatric Center, which is a 137-bed and 165,000-square-foot complex located in Yonkers, is in its 27th year of service. We are rated as a five-star facility in the “Best Nursing Homes” category of U.S. News & World Report. Our state-of-the-art, child-centered building is the only LEED Gold certified “green” pediatric facility in the country. Children come to us with serious medical and neurological challenges. We provide comprehensive health care, rehabilitation and special education services to all our residents. Our services include, but are not limited to: medical care, nursing, respiratory therapy, palliative care, pastoral care, social work services, physical, occupational, speech and feeding therapies, music therapy, art therapy, aquatic therapy and Child Life. The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of New York and is part of a Continuum of Care known as the St. Elizabeth Seton Children’s Foundation, which also includes the John A. Coleman School and the Children’s Rehabilitation Center. Learn more about the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center at www.setonpediatric.org and find us on Facebook at facebook.com/setonpediatric.
From left to right: Pediatric Center Board Member Dennis Kenny, Esq., Yonkers Councilman John Larkin, Deputy Mayor for the Mayor of the City of Yonkers Susan Gerry, New York State Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer, John A. Coleman School Trustee Brian Keating, Pediatric Center Chairperson Peter McKeever, Commissioner of Health for New York State Dr. Howard Zucker, Stephanie, a resident of the Pediatric Center, Capital Campaign Chairperson William Harrington, Esq., Pediatric Center CEO Pat Tursi, Pediatric Center Board Member Frank Oswald, Esq., New York Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, John A. Coleman School Trustee Vito Verni, New York State Senator George Latimer, John A. Coleman School Trustee Thomas Devine, Yonkers Councilman Michael Sabatino and Pediatric Center Vice Chairperson Sr. Carol Barnes, S.C.

Our Continuum of Care provides specialized medical, educational and therapeutic services to over 5,000 medically complex children each year where and when they need them the most.