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**HSHS ST. ELIZABETH'S COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL MOVE FROM
BELLEVILLE TO O'FALLON**
All 56 patients moved safely to new facility by 9:15 am

(O'FALLON, IL) – HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital has now opened the doors of the new hospital and health center in O'Fallon, IL. In a well-coordinated move involving several area EMS agencies and the assistance of Scott Air Force Base personnel, all 56 patients of St. Elizabeth's were successfully transferred by ambulance, from St. Elizabeth's current facility in the 200 block of South Third Street in Belleville, to the new hospital, located along Interstate 64 and North Green Mount Road in O'Fallon.

At 4:00 a.m., the large Emergency lighted sign was turned off at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville and turned on at St. Elizabeth's in O'Fallon. The hospital had EMS and ambulances available in Belleville for anyone who arrived in Belleville for emergency care after this time to transport them.

The hospital began moving patients on Saturday, November 4 around 5:00 a.m. with the assistance of 23 ambulance rigs. St. Elizabeth's partnered with several local ambulance agencies from across their service area for the move. A nurse accompanied each patient in an ambulance on the trip from Belleville to O'Fallon to ensure safe, quality patient care. Scott Air Force Base also served as a valuable partner in this move, with their personnel assisting in communication with inpatients and their families prior to the move as well as helping with logistics during the move.

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All patients were safely settled in their rooms by 9:15 a.m. and each received a rose and a commemorative rose pin for their patience and understanding during the move. Family members were escorted by St. Elizabeth's Hospital and HSHS Southern Illinois Division colleagues and leaders to each patient's room.

Hospital Administration and colleagues have been making preparations for over a year to ensure the utmost safety, efficiency and open communication for their patients and their family members. Coordination of the move was conducted through the activation of two Incident Command Centers at 2:00 a.m. on November 4, one set up in Belleville and one in O'Fallon. St. Elizabeth's continuously trains staff under the Hospital Incident Command System, which is an incident management system that hospitals use to manage emergencies or large-scale, planned events.

After all patients were transferred to the new facility in O'Fallon, St. Elizabeth's Hospital colleagues that were assisting with the move from Belleville gathered in a meeting room at the Belleville campus for a brief prayer led by President and CEO Peg Sebastian. Following a careful sweep of the Belleville hospital location, the building was secured.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon offers 144 private patient rooms, an emergency department, state-of-the-art operating rooms, an advanced intensive care unit and inpatient rehabilitation. Additional inpatient and outpatient services at the new facility include cancer care, modern birthing suites, telehealth consultations featuring accredited stroke care, award-winning heart care, and much more.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital is now the health and wellness destination for the entire southwestern Illinois region. To learn more about the new facility, visit steliz.org. HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital is part of the Southern Illinois Division of Hospital Sisters Health System, which also includes HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham, HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese, HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville, and HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland.

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Photos attached:

Photo Caption #1: Area ambulance agencies assisted HSHS St. Elizabeth's in transporting patients from their Belleville hospital to the new O'Fallon location.

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Photo Caption #2: HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon turned on their lights and opened their Emergency Department at 4:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4.

Photo Caption #3: Peg Sebastian, HSHS St. Elizabeth Hospital President and CEO, greets the first patient, Daniel Thelen of Belleville, at St. Elizabeth's new O'Fallon campus.

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