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## **Ribbon Cut on New MRI Service at St. James Mercy Hospital**

**Hornell, NY** – St. James Mercy Hospital officially cut the ribbon on its new, upgraded Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) service today. Organization leaders presided over a ceremony that included remarks from President & CEO Jennifer Sullivan, as well as Dr. David Waldman, Chairman of Imaging at the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC). URMC provides imaging services at St. James Mercy Hospital.

The GE Signa HDxt 1.5T MRI machine is located in a mobile unit adjacent to the existing entrance to the Emergency Department at St. James Mercy Hospital. MRI machines use a powerful magnetic field, radio waves, and a computer to produce detailed pictures of the inside of the body. Those images are typically used to help diagnose or monitor treatment for a variety of conditions within the chest, abdomen, and pelvis.

St. James Mercy Hospital was founded in 1890 and now provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include orthopedics, general surgery, physical therapy, Express Care, mammography, digital imaging, a Coumadin clinic, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, and a personal emergency response system called MercyLine. The Hospital works on an ongoing basis to build collaborative relationships with a host of

regional partners, in order to ensure the continued continuity of critical health care services in the Hornell community.

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IMAGE CAPTION: (Left to right) Architect Kathleen Engstrom of Razak Associates, URMC Chairman of Imaging Dr. David Waldman, and St. James Mercy Hospital President & CEO Jennifer Sullivan cut the ribbon during an official opening ceremony at the Hospital's new, upgraded MRI service. Hospital staff and board of directors were also represented.

