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St. James Mercy Hospital Commemorates Health Care Auxilian Day

May 2, 2018...Hornell, NY - Governor Andrew Cuomo has proclaimed May 2, 2018 as “Health Care Auxilian Day” in New York State. St. James Mercy Hospital is joining hospitals across the state in recognizing the dedicated auxilian volunteers who annually donate countless hours of service to their health care facilities and communities.

Founded in 1904, St. James Mercy’s Auxiliary volunteers thousands of hours each year toward fundraising and community service projects. Through their past fundraising efforts, Auxiliary members have purchased much-needed equipment for the Hospital’s physical therapy and emergency departments, supported renovations the Hospital Lobby and the former McAuley Manor nursing home. Nursing scholarships were also made available through the support of these dedicated Auxilians. The Auxiliary manages the gift shop at the Hospital, as well as coordinates events to benefit the hospital including book fairs, Trees of Life program, uniform sales, food festivals and holiday bazaars. To date, the Auxiliary has contributed approximately \$750,000 to support St. James Mercy Hospital.

According to Leo Brideau, Interim President and CEO of St. James Mercy Hospital, “The Auxiliary makes it possible for us to fulfill our mission – to provide a full range of services that support healthy communities, including quality medical care and holistic approaches to healing body, spirit and mind. These volunteers often work behind the scenes to provide comfort and support to patients, families and staff. We are so fortunate to have this dedicated and talented group, committed to serving the many needs of people who come to us for care.”

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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 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.