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Bethesda Foundation Grant Awarded to St. James Mercy Hospital

April 20, 2016...Hornell, NY – St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) has received a grant in the amount of \$130,000 from the Bethesda Foundation to purchase a cardiac ultrasound machine and a specialized treadmill which will aid in the early diagnosis of cardiac disease.

"This grant is by far the largest ever made by the Bethesda Foundation in the almost thirty years of its existence," said Foundation Board President Phil Loree. "It is a reflection of the confidence and commitment our board has in St. James Mercy Hospital and its critical role in providing health care services to residents of Hornell and surrounding communities."

Created in 1986, the Bethesda Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization devoted to the funding and support of health-related projects and scholarships in the Hornell area. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling more than two million dollars in furtherance of its mission to support community health needs.

"St. James Mercy Hospital is extremely grateful to the Bethesda Foundation for its continuing support over the years," said Jennifer Sullivan, SJMH President & CEO. "The \$130,000 grant allows us to procure new, state-of-the-art equipment which enables us to improve clinical quality as well as the patient experience. It also allows us to expand echocardiology and cardiac rehabilitation services at St. James Mercy Hospital. The equipment will be integrated into our new hospital, once construction is complete.



Caption: Jennifer Sullivan, SJMH President & CEO accepts check from Phil Loree, Bethesda Foundation Board President as other Foundation and Hospital officials look on.

Front: Jennifer Sullivan and Phil Loree

Back L-R: Bethesda Foundation members Mary Huntington, Debbie Sullivan, Bill Mombert, Alice Allen, Duane Heineman, Al Monaghan, Joe Latham, Pat Strobel, SJMH Board Chair John Weyand, Foundation members Lynn Blades, Jim Varner, SJMH CFO Stan Konopko and Amanda Kula, SJMH Outpatient Services Manager.

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About St. James Mercy Hospital - Founded in 1890, St. James Mercy Hospital provides compassionate, quality care for the residents of Hornell, NY and the surrounding communities. The hospital offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, express care, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include orthopedics, dialysis, cardiac rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation, physical therapy, and a personal emergency response system (MercyLine). For more information, visit www.stjamesmercy.org.