



*A Member of
Catholic Health East,
Sponsored by the Sisters
of Mercy*

Contact: Kate Kreger
Director of Marketing & Communications
607-324-8233
kkreger@sjmh.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

St. James Mercy Hospital Granted \$76,300 to Improve Addiction and Dementia Services

Hornell, NY, November 13, 2012...St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) announced that it has received two grants totaling \$76,300 to refurbish patient and resident areas at the Mercycare campus, specifically for the MATCH program (Mercycare Addiction and Treatment Center of Hornell) and the dementia unit at McAuley Manor. The monies were awarded by Catholic Health East as part of its Heritage Grant program to support projects that improve the environment of care for vulnerable populations. SJMH is a member of Catholic Health East.

The monies will be used in 2013 to refurbish patient bedrooms and showers facilities at MATCH, and to renovate the nursing station and adjacent areas on the dementia unit to allow for a more home-like environment and wait staff-style dining for residents.

"MATCH ministers to some of the most challenged and vulnerable among community residents," said Patricia Uldrich, Chief Nursing Office. "Refurbishing the bedrooms is an essential part of respecting and preserving the dignity of patients who seek help for addiction, many of whom come from dire physical environments, where the small comforts of home are truly a luxury."

Similarly, the Alzheimer's unit at McAuley Manor is a vital mission service to the community. "Our dementia unit offers compassionate care at the end of life while simultaneously sustaining reverence for each person," said Patricia Dagon, Senior Vice President of Continuing Care. "Our goal is to create a physical environment that is more comfortable and home-like for our dementia residents."

The 20-bed MATCH program provides inpatient and outpatient services for individuals in a three-county area. McAuley Manor is a 120-bed long-term care facility, with 40 beds dedicated to residents living with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

"For both programs, transforming the physical environments of care will lead to better, more meaningful relationships between direct caregivers and patients and residents," said Sylvia Bryant, Vice President of Mission Integration and Community Outreach. "These grants will allow us to further empower these vulnerable populations to achieve optimal health and quality of life while in our care." For more information visit www.StJamesMercy.org.

###