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St. James Mercy Foundation Welcomes Two New Board Members

June 18, 2012...Hornell, NY...Two local community leaders have joined the board of directors of St. James Mercy Foundation. Theresa (Terry) Pullman and Kathy Dessena were elected to the board effective April 2012, and will serve a term of four years.

Terry Pullman, Arkport, New York, is a Tax Associate with H&R Block in Hornell, and previously worked as Library Media Specialist at Arkport Central School and Children's Librarian at Hornell Public Library. Ms. Pullman has served on the boards at Hornell School Employees Federal Credit Union and Hornell Country Club, and volunteered for Arkport Girls Softball and Planned Parenthood of the Southern Tier. She has a BA in English and a Masters in Library Science from SUNY Geneseo.

Kathy Dessena, Hornell, New York, is an Insurance Agent at State Farm Insurance in Hornell, where she was worked for over twenty years. Her volunteer experience includes serving as president and board member of Hornell Area Humane Society, and she currently is on board for the Hornell Area Babe Ruth. Ms. Dessena has a Bachelor's degree from Fredonia State University.

"We are very pleased to welcome Terry and Kathy to the Foundation board," said Sylvia Bryant, Executive Director. "Both bring important leadership experience and connections that will support our fundraising mission in support of St. James Mercy Hospital and its mission of providing quality, accessible healthcare right here in our community."

St. James Mercy Foundation also elected the following officers in April to serve a one-year term: Beverly Gilbert, Chair; Steve Peck, Vice Chair; and Peter Wall, Secretary/Treasurer.

For more information about St. James Mercy Foundation and other volunteer opportunities visit www.stjamesmercy.org or call 607-324-8240.

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