

# "Our Community, Our Hospital"

## *A Message to the Hornell Community from the St. James Mercy Hospital Board of Directors*

Change of any kind is always challenging and often unsettling. St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) has seen much change in the past months, from the rapid demands of healthcare reform to the recent transition in leadership. Change is also an opportunity for growth and renewal, and it is in this spirit that the SJMH Board of Directors writes this message to the Hornell community.

First and foremost, we want to emphasize that despite the many rumors in the community, SJMH is open for business and intends to continue providing the same quality, accessible healthcare we have for over 120 years. There is no plan to close the Hospital. The board, together with CHE (Catholic Health East) Trinity Health, is actively seeking opportunities for growth and partnership. We are fiercely committed to building good relationships with our employees and healthcare providers, community residents, and community leaders. We share a common purpose of preserving and providing quality, accessible healthcare in Hornell, which is essential to a growing economy and thriving community. We look forward to working with interim President & CEO Jennifer Sullivan to achieve those goals.

We also want to express our sincere gratitude to the Medical Staff, employees, volunteers, and leadership team at SJMH for their dedicated, focused leadership of the Hospital during this time of transition. Already, we are seeing a renewed hope and engagement as the new leadership team shares and implements a new vision and direction for SJMH.

Your support for SJMH right now is especially critical. In a variety of ways—from utilizing services, to referring patients and clients, to serving as a volunteer, to contributing to the annual campaign—your support will make a critical difference to the life and vitality of the Hospital, now and into the future.

On behalf of the SJMH Board of Directors, thank you for your support of the Hospital and for all you do for St. James Mercy. Together, we can and will keep our Hospital strong in our community.



Sincerely,

*Mary Fran Wegman, RSM*

Sister Mary Fran Wegman, Chair  
St. James Mercy Hospital Board of Directors

*The simplest and most practical lesson I know...is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow. Let us take one day only in hands, at a time, merely making a resolve for tomorrow, thus we may hope to get on taking short, careful steps, not great strides.*

Sr. Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy  
February 28, 1841

***The right care...right here.***

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