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**ST. BERNARD'S SHAWL MINISTRY DONATES HANDCRAFTED GOODS TO
ELMHURST HOSPITAL CENTER PATIENTS**

Shawl Ministry donates caps, lap blankets and shawls to EHC patients

St. Bernard's Shawl Ministry of Levittown, New York which contributes regularly to Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC), has donated over 300 handcrafted items to the patients of the hospital. 191 caps have been made for patients of the hospital's NICU, 92 blankets and shawls have been gifted for patients in the Emergency Department, Psych Department, Blood Donor Room, Radiation Oncology Patients and on Medical Surgical Floors. Additionally 45 cancer caps have been made for patients currently undergoing treatment.

The members of St. Bernard's Shawl Ministry knit or crochet afghans, lapghans, baby blankets, shawls and other handmade items. They take time to pray, sharing their faith and personal intentions as well as prayers for the recipients of their handiwork. Their handmade items are given to family, friends, colleagues and others in the parish and beyond. In the last several years, they have also been involved in making scarves, which are distributed to veterans and service men and women. They also give to We Care for children with cancer and make "preemie" caps for babies in hospitals.

About Elmhurst Hospital Center

Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC), part of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), is the major tertiary care provider in the borough of Queens. The hospital is comprised of

545 beds and is a Level 1 Trauma Center, an Emergency Heart Care Station and a 911-Receiving Hospital. It is a premiere health care organization for key areas such as Surgery, Cardiology, Women's Health, Pediatrics, Rehabilitation Medicine, and Renal and Mental Health Services.

Elmhurst Hospital Center serves an area of approximately one million people in a community recognized as the most ethnically diverse in the world. Last year, EHC received close to 700,000 ambulatory care visits as well as receiving over 130,000 Emergency Room visits, making it one of the busiest hospitals in New York City. Over 4,000 babies were delivered at Elmhurst last year alone- the most in this region. Ensuring accessible health care is our priority.