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Elmhurst Hospital Center Cuts Ribbon for New “Walkway of Honor” Memorial Path

Hospital administrators, elected officials and community leaders gather to kick-off fund-raising campaign for EHC Auxiliary

(Elmhurst, NY, May, 16, 2011)—On May 13th, Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC) held a ribbon-cutting for its new "Walkway of Honor" memorial path. The walkway contains memorial bricks with personalized inscriptions that have been purchased by individuals and local businesses in support of the non-profit Elmhurst Hospital Center Auxiliary. The Auxiliary's mission is to raise money for the soon-to-be constructed Women's Health Pavilion and other community health initiatives at EHC.

The ceremony was attended by hospital administrators and employees as well as local elected officials, including Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, NYC Councilmembers Danny Dromm and Elizabeth Crowley, and NYS Assemblymembers Michael DenDekker and Francisco Moya.

“As a community hospital for over fifty years, we have long provided outstanding medical care to the women of Queens,” said Elmhurst Hospital Center Executive Director Chris Constantino. “The building of the new Pavilion will allow us to expand the scope of our services for women, and we want to ask the public to support this initiative by adopting bricks on our new Walkway of Honor.”

“You can purchase a brick for either \$150 or \$500,” said Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, who added that she planned to purchase a brick herself. “The money will go to support the fine work the doctors, nurses, and entire staff do here at Elmhurst Hospital Center.”

Assemblyman Michael DenDekker spoke in deeply personal terms about his support of the hospital's “Adopt-a-Brick” campaign. “My family purchased a brick recently in memory of my brother Joey, who was hospitalized here at Elmhurst. Throughout his illness, the staff here was wonderful, and we thought purchasing a brick was a great way to remember him.”

The EHC Walkway of Honor is adjacent to the north side of the hospital facing Broadway and 78th Street and is traversed by nurses, doctors, and other hospital staff every day in the course of providing quality patient care. A 6x9-inch brick with a two line inscription can be purchased for \$150. You can

also purchase 12x12 bricks with 4 line inscriptions for \$500.

For additional information on how to support the EHC Auxiliary and its Adopt-a-Brick campaign, please call 718.334.5175 or visit nyc.gov/elmhursthospital/give.

About Elmhurst Hospital

Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC) is the major tertiary care provider in the borough of Queens. The hospital is comprised of 545 beds and is a Level I Trauma Center, an Emergency Heart Care Station and a 911 Receiving Hospital. It is the 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. This community is 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 ERs in New York City. Ensuring accessible health care is our priority.

About EHC Auxiliary

The Elmhurst Hospital Center Auxiliary is a group of dedicated people whose mission is to provide for those patient amenities that would otherwise not be available through the normal hospital operating budget. The Auxiliary is comprised of concerned members of the community who, in addition to donating their time to the Auxiliary, are volunteers placed in various assignments throughout the hospital. They are among the hospital's most valued contributors.

The auxiliary supports a wide variety of initiatives enhancing patient care, including our Child Life, Senior Care and Breast Cancer Awareness programs. For more information on the Auxiliary or to make a donation, please call (718) 334-5175.