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South Jersey Healthcare Unveils New SJH Frank and Edith Scarpa Regional Cancer Pavilion

Expansion brings more cancer services and patient comfort

VINELAND, NJ: South Jersey Healthcare proudly unveiled its latest contribution to area cancer care with the opening of its newly-expanded SJH Frank and Edith Scarpa Regional Cancer Pavilion at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 9, 2010.

New construction has nearly tripled the size of the SJH Frank and Edith Scarpa Cancer Center from 12,500 to 34,200 square feet. The expansion allows South Jersey Healthcare to provide complete patient-centered cancer care all in one location.

“We are excited to present this exceptional facility for cancer care to the greater southern New Jersey community,” said Wayne Schiffner, SJH executive vice president. “Our beautiful new facility allows us to take cancer care to an even higher level in our area.”

The new SJH Frank and Edith Scarpa Regional Cancer Pavilion provides expanded medical oncology services, medical oncology group practice office locations centralized on one campus, expanded “visiting” physician offices, a suite for surgical oncologists including a new GYN oncologist and breast surgeon, enhanced clinical research capability, new comfortable patient waiting areas and treatment suites, as well as the convenience of one location for all cancer services.

“Bringing together a full scope of cancer care resources is the focus of SJH’s multi-disciplinary approach,” continues Schiffner. “Having all patient cancer care services in one place allows the transfer of knowledge about new technologies and treatments for cancer. The new SJH Frank and Edith Scarpa Regional Cancer Pavilion provides the environment for continued success.”

Research is an area that will grow as a result of this expansion. For more than 14 years, South Jersey Healthcare has partnered with the Fox Chase Cancer Center, one of the nation’s premier cancer centers, providing leading-edge cancer care through clinical trials, which study new cancer treatments and diagnostic and prevention methods. SJH’s fully accredited cancer program blends technology, convenience and compassionate care, offering peace of mind through the cancer journey.

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As a result of the expansion, SJH welcomes Southern Oncology & Hematology Associates, PA, to its list of cancer care providers on site at the Frank and Edith Scarpa Regional Cancer Pavilion. Included are David H. Blom, DO; Shailja Roy, MD; Kush Sachdeva, MD; Rama R. Sudhindra, MD; and Benjamin P. Negin, MD (joining the practice this summer).

In addition, South Jersey Healthcare will introduce new breast surgeon Claudia Lago-Toro, MD, to the Regional Cancer Pavilion. Her medical suite will be located next to the SJH Breast Cancer Bridge Program navigator on the second floor.

Schiffner thanked all who donated to the expansion project, recognizing John Scarpa for his outstanding contributions.

“John Scarpa has made a huge impact on cancer care in our area and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his vision and support,” said Schiffner.

The SJH Frank and Edith Scarpa Regional Cancer Pavilion was named in honor of Scarpa’s parents for his 2004 pledge of \$2.5 million. An additional \$500,000 to support the expansion brings his total contribution to \$3 million. Schiffner also acknowledged the City of Vineland, for providing \$4 million of support from the Vineland/Millville Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ).

Costanza, Spector and Clauser Architects and Stanker and Galetto Builders were recognized for their thoughtful and innovative design and quality workmanship.

“We commend the outstanding work of our architect and builder,” noted Schiffner. “The effective and esthetic spaces of the new expansion, along with the incorporation of “green” building materials and concepts, make this a premier facility for cancer care.”

South Jersey Healthcare just received a second Outstanding Achievement Award from the American College of Surgeons’ Commission on Cancer (CoC). SJH was one of only 82 programs nationwide to receive the honor, which recognizes programs that strive for excellence in providing quality care to cancer patients.

SJH is a non-profit, integrated health care system, providing access to a continuum of health services. SJH provides hospital services, numerous community health clinics, home health services, and specialty services, which serve the medical and health care needs of Southern New Jersey residents. The health system also provides dialysis services at the SJH Bridgeton Health Center. Please visit www.SJHealthcare.net to learn more.

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Vineland, NJ: John Scarpa (center) cut the ribbon marking the official opening of the expanded South Jersey Healthcare Frank and Edith Scarpa Regional Cancer Pavilion on April 9, 2010, at SJH Regional Medical Center in Vineland, NJ. Scarpa's vision and support helped build the comprehensive cancer care center which offers complete medical oncology services to southern New Jersey. Pictured left to right: Maurice Sheetz, MD; Joseph W. Fanelle, MD; Glenda Smith, MD; Robert Frelick, MD, FACP; Betty Sheridan, RN, COO of SJH RMC; Commissioner Jim Quinn, former Mayor, City of Millville; Robert Romano, Mayor, City of Vineland; Rama Sudhindra, MD; Michael Rossi, SJH Board Chairman; John Scarpa; Congressman Frank LoBiondo; David Blom, MD, Medical Director, SJH Cancer Services; Benjamin P. Negin, MD; Kush Sachdeva, MD; Wayne Schiffner, SJH Executive Vice President; Shailja Roy, MD; Claudia Lago-Toro, MD; Mario Sergi, SJH Director of Radiation Oncology; and Melanie Pirollo, Director of SJH Cancer Services.



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