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## **Hospital opens renovated patient rooms on 5<sup>th</sup> Floor at Chamber Ribbon Cutting**

*Belleville* – St. Elizabeth's Hospital held a special Ribbon Cutting and Blessing ceremony today to open the newly renovated and updated fifth floor Medical-Surgical unit.

St. Elizabeth's, and the Hospital Sisters Health System that we are a part of, have a strong commitment to providing quality and innovative health services to our patients. This project is testament to our patient focused care.

The new updated rooms allow for a private one-on-one healthcare experience for our patients. The design, though able to hold two patients, serves multiple purposes when used as a private room. A recent study in the Journal of the American Medical Association noted that single-patient rooms maximize "safety, dignity, privacy and patient-centered care." Studies have also shown that private rooms help patients avoid infections and decrease the length of stay.

Many special guests were on hand today including Mary Starmann-Harrison, President and CEO of HSHS, Dr. Frank Mikell, Chief Physician Executive, HSHS, Peter Mannix, Vice President, Strategy Development & Implementation, HSHS and Robert Vautrain, Vice President and Chief Quality Officer, HSHS. Others on hand included Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert, Belleville Chamber of Commerce members, Joyce Seacrese, whose donation to the

Friends of St. Elizabeth's purchased all of the artwork for the floor, and many staff and volunteers from the hospital. The blessing was performed by The Very Reverend John T. Myler, from the Belleville Diocese.

Features in the rooms include:

- The color scheme of taupe and pale blue, which was chosen to provide a calming environment for our patients. The full window-width updated blinds allow for privacy while allowing opaque light in.
- Headwalls in rooms have been replaced in a more contemporary wood color. All the ceiling tiles have been changed out and flat screen TVs were added.
- Each room has a patient communication board to keep patient and caregivers communicating constantly on care plans to best serve the needs of each patient.
- Patient IV cables will be connected to a direct system and linked to the Nurses Station. Should an IV pump begin to alarm for any reason, the nurse station will be alerted immediately to the specific room.
- Medical supply storage on the unit is setup in a pod system to ensure clinical staff has the supplies they need close by to allow them more time at the patient bedside.
- Furniture in each room includes a loveseat that folds out for visitor sleeping and a comfortable recliner for patients to sit in. The private rooms allow for more space for visiting family and friends of our patients, which has been shown also to help a patient heal faster because of the support given.

With this and other projects, St. Elizabeth's strives to provide region-leading, high value health care to those in our community. Renovation projects will continue on our 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors and ICU unit.

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