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Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare New Integrated Campus Underway

Chicago, IL – April 8, 2009 - Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare's new Integrated Campus, which consists of an acute care hospital and two medical office buildings, is now under construction. The new hospital will be situated on a 50-acre campus and is based on the Planetree principles of patient care. The team of Kahn and Pratt Design Studio collaborated on this significant 866,000 SF project that will open in the Fall of 2011.

Pratt Design Studio is leading the design of the building's exterior and public spaces, including a Spiritual Space, Lobbies and a Cafeteria. Embracing the Planetree Philosophy, the public spaces have been designed to create a healing environment that will enhance the patient, visitor and staff experience. Nature inspired finishes allude to Prairie style architecture and provide a calm and inspiring environment.

A key feature of the building's exterior and interior design is the integration of a unique image based on the owner's Planetree philosophy. This unique image, incorporating the Sycamore leaf to represent the Planetree philosophy, is the inspiration for the creative design direction of the entire facility. Integrated in the pre-cast concrete details of the building enclosure and echoed in the stained and etched glass details of the public interiors, this unique image will provide a subtle yet constant reminder to patients, visitors and staff of Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare's commitment to their mission of patient focused care.

Pratt Design Studio is an award winning firm that only performs work within the healthcare market. Our team has completed more than \$700 million in healthcare projects since 1997. We specialize in Architecture and Interior Design for healthcare environments because we believe healthcare structures are of primary importance for our communities. Our passion is to design buildings that enhance care giving and provide support for the patients, healers and guests in a nurturing environment.

Our team is currently working on projects at Loyola University Health System, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, BJC HealthCare, and Gottlieb Memorial Hospital.

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