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Grants Provided in Support of Muhlenberg's ICU Renovation

Plainfield, NJ – Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center is focusing on a renovation project for the Critical Care Department, further enhancing the state-of-the-art capabilities within the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Local foundations provided grants, totaling \$36,624 to help support the project.

Muhlenberg's Critical Care Department assumes the paramount responsibility of treating patients with complex and life-threatening illnesses. The ICU serves as the core of the department, admitting over 500 people annually, most of whom are elderly and recuperating from major surgery and/or suffering from such conditions as respiratory distress, renal failure, stroke and severe infections.

"Our patients require the highest level of specialized, around-the-clock care and sophisticated medical intervention, such as mechanical ventilation, blood transfusion or hemodialysis," says Kathy Borenstein, RN, MSN, CCRN, Nurse Manager. "Therefore, our medical team's expertise must be coupled with state-of-the-art equipment and surroundings that offer the best chance for healing and recovery."

The ICU renovation project will incorporate several progressive technologies, including a PRISMA machine allowing dialysis for patients unable to withstand conventional therapy, on-site laboratory equipment and computerized "smart beds" that promote patient safety and comfort. The initiative will also provide a training lab for ongoing staff education.

"Families come to us with a high degree of anxiety, apprehension and fear," states Borenstein. "Our goal is to create a more welcoming, soothing environment that caters to the needs of patients and their loved ones... a place where we can reduce stress and provide compassionate, family-centered, quality care."

Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center is a 396-bed, university-affiliated, teaching medical center that provides quality health services to Union, Somerset and Middlesex Affiliates of SOLARIS Health System

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counties. As a member of the Solaris Health System, the medical center offers specialty care that includes an adult care program, an anorectal physiology lab, a regional dialysis unit, a home care and hospice program, a cardiac care unit, an osteoporosis center, a steps recovery center and a subacute care unit. Comprehensive emergency services are provided around the clock.

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