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\$10 MILLION GRANT FOR MAJOR UPGRADES TO MONROE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

MCH Awarded \$10.175 Million to Enhance Pediatric and Ventilator Care

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced that Monroe Community Hospital (MCH) will receive \$10.175 million to expand and upgrade its pediatric and ventilator units, strengthening specialized care for some of the region's most vulnerable patients.

The funding, awarded through Gov. Kathy Hochul's Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program, is part of \$300 million in new state support for 50 health care projects. The program aims to expand access to inpatient, primary, behavioral health, and long-term care services.

"This significant investment in Monroe Community Hospital reflects our ongoing commitment to providing the highest quality care for our residents," **said Monroe County Executive Adam Bello**. "Expanding and modernizing our pediatric and ventilator units ensure that our residents receive the specialized services they need. We're proud to support MCH as it continues its nearly 200-year legacy of compassionate, cuttingedge healthcare in our community."

"This grant is an extraordinary boost for MCH and the community we serve," **said Alyssa Tallo, Executive Health Director of MCH**. "It will help us expand and improve care in our pediatric and ventilator units, ensuring these vital services continue to meet the highest standards for years to come. I'm deeply grateful to our team for the dedication that makes progress like this possible, and to the State of New York for investing in our mission."

Along with increasing pediatric bed capacity and enhancing care in the ventilator unit, the grant will fund renovations to an adjacent outdoor playground.

The project complements ongoing renovations of MCH's Friendship Building scheduled for completion in the summer of 2026. Friendship Place, supported by a grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, will provide a safe, supportive home for individuals with dementia and wandering-like behaviors.

MCH is a fully certified, county-owned residential health care facility that has served the Rochester area for nearly 200 years. It is recognized by its peers for providing innovative, state-of-the-art long-term care for individuals with complex health conditions requiring higher levels of care.

The Friendship Building, along with the entire MCH campus, opened at its current location on East Henrietta Road in 1933.

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