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State Grant Helps Mount St. Mary's Hospital Expand Chemical Dependency Treatment Services

Mount St. Mary's Hospital has received a grant from the New York State Health Care Facility Transformation Program to support the expansion of its Clearview Treatment Services, a confidential, inpatient rehabilitation program dedicated to the holistic care of people whose lives have been affected by drugs and/or alcohol.

"Catholic Health and Mount St. Mary's are committed to providing holistic and compassionate care to members of our community who are struggling with drug and alcohol addiction," said Gary C. Tucker, President and CEO of Mount St. Mary's. "This funding from the State of New York will help us save lives and serve more patients who are in need of these vital services."

The \$825,200 Facility Transformation Grant will be used to expand Clearview's inpatient unit from 20 to 30 beds and provide additional services to treat opioid addiction and other chemical dependency issues in the community. Initial construction is underway, with the project expected to be completed later this summer.

In accepting the funds, the hospital thanked Governor Mario Cuomo, its representatives in the state legislature State Senator Rob Ortt and Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Office of Mental Health and the New York Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services.

"The number of individuals we've lost to opiate and heroin overdoses is staggering. There is clearly a need for more inpatient drug and alcohol treatment programs in our community," said State Senator Rob Ortt. "Mount St. Mary's has been in the forefront of combatting this epidemic for many years and I am pleased New York State was able to provide this funding to help the hospital treat more individuals and ultimately save lives."

In addition to the new patient rooms, the Clearview expansion project will feature upgrades to other areas of the hospital inpatient unit, including the dining room, lounge, gym and activity rooms, to create a more healing environment for patients and their families.

"Chemical dependency and its aftermath have touched the lives of all too many families in our community and we must continue to work together to find solutions to this growing crisis," said State Assemblymember Angelo J. Morinello. "Government, the community and health providers all have an important role to play."