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ELLIOT HEALTH SYSTEM ANNOUNCES NEW HAMPSHIRE'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

MANCHESTER, NH – “There is no greater day at a hospital than one when a child’s life is saved,” explained Doug Dean, President & CEO. “We plan on having many of those days ahead and we are thrilled to announce that the highest quality pediatric care is available here at New Hampshire’s Hospital for Children.”

Comprehensive healthcare for the children of New Hampshire is now located in the heart of Manchester at New Hampshire’s Hospital for Children located at Elliot Hospital. “New Hampshire’s Hospital for Children has been established for the sole purpose of saving lives,” said Dean. “This year we expect to treat over 22,000 children in our emergency department and urgent care centers and each year we care for over 30,000 children in the primary care setting. Children often cannot wait to be transferred outside of the community for critical and specialized care. Yet, over 2,600 children were transferred out of state to Massachusetts for care last year,” Dean adds.

Elliot Health System has expanded the foundation of its pediatric services, brought in top quality specialists and is forever improving healthcare for children locally. Elliot has a strong history of caring for pediatric patients. The Newborn Intensive Care Unit staffed by board certified Neonatologists was established over 20 years ago. Elliot Hospital has the only pediatric/adolescent unit in the city of Manchester and has Pediatric Hospitalists caring for children at the bedside on a 24 hour basis. Elliot is also the site for Pediatric Surgery, Pediatric Emergency Medicine (the only dedicated Pediatric Emergency Department in southern New Hampshire) as well as Pediatric Critical Care.

The demand and volume for these services called for both expansion and addition of specialists such as Pediatric Gastroenterology, Neurology, Nephrology, Integrative Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Radiology, Anesthesiology and Critical Care.

“We have a very strong team of specialists who joined Elliot because they understand that their skill and expertise is needed tremendously in this part of the state,” said Dr. Kevin Petit, Executive Director of Pediatrics. “Everyone feels a real sense of pride in establishing New Hampshire’s Hospital for Children because it means caring for our patients at the time and place that allows for successful patient outcomes and care close to home,” added Petit.

“I see these kids who need us and the parents who will suffer being so far from home and their support network when their children are fighting for their lives. We need to take care of children where they live and that’s here in southern New Hampshire,” exclaimed Brian Gilchrist, MD, Chief Pediatric Surgery.

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