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ELLIOT DEDICATION FOR FIRST IN THE STATE – ANGEL OF HOPE



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MANCHESTER, NH -- On Saturday, October 15th an Angel of Hope statue dedication was held at the Elliot Hospital Memory Garden. The Angel of Hope statue, made famous by the Richard Paul Evans book, *The Christmas Box*, was created in response to bereaved parents seeking a place to grieve, remember and heal after a loss of a child. Up until now, New Hampshire had been one of the only states in the nation that did not have an Angel of Hope statue. The Angel of Hope at the Elliot was the 101st Angel to be dedicated since 1994. The dedication was attended by dozens of families who have experienced a loss as well as hospital staff.

Lisa Johnson, *The Christmas Box* Angel representative from Salt Lake City, Utah, spoke at the dedication and stated, “The location in your memory garden is perfect and having the Angel here speaks volumes about the concern your hospital has for the emotional well-being of its patients and families.”

As is the tradition in places where the Angel of Hope exists, a candlelight memorial service will be led by SHARE of Southern NH on Dec 6th at 7pm at the Elliot Hospital in the Conference Center. The public is invited to participate in this memorial service.

Elliot Health System is a non-profit organization serving your healthcare needs since 1890. The largest provider of comprehensive healthcare services in Southern New Hampshire, Elliot Hospital, a 296-bed acute care facility and the first community hospital in the state serves as the cornerstone of the health system. Elliot is home to Manchester’s designated Regional Trauma Center, Elliot Breast Health Center, Elliot Urgent Care, a Level 3 Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Elliot Physician Network, Elliot Regional Cancer Center, the Elliot Senior Health Center, Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire, Elliot 1-Day Surgery Center and New Hampshire’s Hospital for Children. For more information on any of Elliot’s services, call Elliot Direct at 663-1111 or visit www.elliotohospital.org or www.NHhospitalforchildren.org.

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