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THE ELLIOT AT RIVER'S EDGE OFFICIALLY OPENS

MANCHESTER, NH: A crowd of over 1,300 people gathered at The Elliot at River's Edge to celebrate the Grand Opening of this 236,000 square foot healthcare facility. Doug Dean, President & CEO, led the festivities and told his physicians and staff, "The future of The Elliot at River's Edge is now in your capable hands." He praised their skill and expertise as healthcare providers and remarked on his confidence relating to the patients and the experience they will now have in the new state-of-the-art facility.

"I keep telling everyone that The Elliot at River's Edge is a movement. It is a movement because this is the most pivotal moment the State of New Hampshire will see in healthcare for years to come. This outpatient care facility is the best model for providing preventative and proactive healthcare for the community. Services will be accessed easily, and we will reduce the number of people who need overnight care in a hospital," explained Dean.

As of Monday, April 18th, the entire facility, including Urgent Care, for non-life threatening accidents, illnesses, and injuries is open to the public. "No longer do people need to use an emergency department to see a doctor. All of those physical illnesses and accidents creating some injury that you know needs treatment, can be taken care of by the same board certified ER doctors more efficiently, effectively, and for less in Urgent Care," explained Dean.

Outside the front doors, Dick Anagnost, developer, unveiled a monument in the shape of the State of New Hampshire. On it reads: "Built *for* New Hampshire *by* New Hampshire." Anagnost remarked about the jobs created from the construction of River's Edge and the positive economic impact being experienced in Manchester from the site.

The Elliot at River's Edge includes Urgent Care, Elliot 1-Day Surgery Center, Diagnostic Imaging, Pulmonary Medicine and Pulmonary Rehab, Physical Rehab, Endoscopy, Gastroenterology, Rehabilitation Services, Occupational Medicine, the Elliot Breast Health Center, Outpatient Cardiac Care, Pain Management, Laboratory services, Orthopedic Surgical Specialists, General Surgical Specialists, The Wound Center & Hyperbaric Medicine, Coumadin Clinic, and support services.

Valet parking, parking garage, greeters, gift shop, ATM, reflection areas, Café and Internet Café all round out this patient friendly facility.

The Grand Opening celebration was attended by state and local dignitaries, major donors to The Elliot, community and business leaders, construction teams, as well as Elliot physicians and staff.

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, and Elliot 1-Day Surgery Center. For more information on any of Elliot's services, call Elliot On-Call at 663-4567 or visit www.elliotohospital.org.

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