



**FOR IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE**

Contact: Eileen Ryan-Maruke  
St. Ann's Community – Rochester  
1500 Portland Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14621  
(585) 697-6410

[eryan-maruke@stannscommunity.com](mailto:eryan-maruke@stannscommunity.com)

---

## **ST. ANN'S AWARDED HEAL NY GRANT**

---

**Irondequoit & Webster, NY, September 25, 2009:** The recent announcement that St. Ann's has been awarded a HEAL NY grant is outstanding news for both our community and seniors in the greater Rochester area, in terms of the services and care we offer local families. It will also bring significant economic development benefits to this region.

This \$17.5 million grant allows St. Ann's to move forward with its long-term vision of enhancing our St. Ann's and Cherry Ridge campuses, and expanding our full continuum of care we provide seniors. The grant money will address aging buildings and modernize our Irondequoit campus. When combined with an investment from St. Ann's, the grant will allow us to begin moving forward with plans and approvals for construction projects to create:

- A new state-of-the-art Transitional Care Center and expanded Palliative Care Center on the St. Ann's campus in Irondequoit, designed to meet the community need for more short-term rehabilitative stays and palliative care.

- A new skilled nursing and transitional care center on the Cherry Ridge campus in Webster to serve our Cherry Ridge residents and the surrounding area.

These projects are vital to the future of St. Ann's and Cherry Ridge, because they will create state-of-the-art environments for us to efficiently deliver quality, personalized care to today's seniors. These individuals are entering skilled nursing much later in life than those in previous generations, and therefore require more complex care. It will also provide our current residents with a choice of new residences, as well as access to a more specialized continuum of care.

“Receiving this award is a culmination of over two years of intensive planning as we respond to future needs of seniors in our community,” said Elizabeth Mullin-DiProsa, President & CEO, St. Ann's Community. “We are honored and grateful for the confidence of Governor Patterson, along with our local delegation, in making this possible.”

The first step in the process is for us to meet with residents, family members, staff members and others closely associated with our Irondequoit and Webster campuses to share our strategic long-term plans for St. Ann's and Cherry Ridge. We will be announcing more details once we have had a chance to discuss our vision with everyone on our campuses.

St. Ann's Community, one of Rochester's largest private employers, provides a varied range of services and care levels designed to meet the individual needs of older adults. St. Ann's includes: two licensed and certified skilled nursing facilities, medical and social adult day programs, independent retirement housing, a transitional care program, assisted living and specialized dementia care, hospice care, a geriatric outpatient primary care practice located on two campuses in the Greater Rochester area, plus part ownership in Traditions in Caring, a licensed Home Care agency. For more information about St. Ann's Community please call 585-697-6000 or visit [www.stannscommunity.com](http://www.stannscommunity.com).