

## **St. Ann's Community to Build a New Transitional and Palliative Care Center in Irondequoit and a New Long Term Care and Transitional Care Center on its Cherry Ridge Campus in Webster**

**Irondequoit & Webster:** The initial site work has been completed, and construction is underway on St. Ann's Community's Irondequoit and Webster campuses. A new building on St. Ann's Irondequoit campus will house a transitional care center with 72 beds and a palliative care center with 10 beds. A new building on St. Ann's Cherry Ridge campus in Webster will house a long term care center with 60 beds and a transitional care center with 12 beds. The construction is expected to be completed and the buildings occupied by March 2012.

Betty Mullin-DiProsa, President and CEO of St. Ann's Community said, "Over the past several years the Board of Directors and Leadership of St. Ann's Community have come together to set a new direction. We launched 'Caring for the Most Important People on Earth,' a campaign focused on updating our Person-Centered model of care, while building new, state-of-art skilled nursing facilities both in Irondequoit and Webster. These skilled nursing centers will not only enable us to provide more comfortable and sophisticated care, but care where the patients and residents are served in an atmosphere which creates a sense of home. Country kitchens will be on each floor, as will hearths and large common areas. They will resemble homes that you or I live in."

Mullin-DiProsa went on to say, "We are expanding our Transitional Care Program to respond to the growing need for older adults seeking expert rehabilitation, medical and nursing services following hospitalization for surgery, stroke, neurological, cardiac and other medical disorders. The goal of Transitional Care is to return our patients home, to their own homes, and to help them become as independent as possible. Our Irondequoit campus will also see expansion of our Palliative Center for Caring, providing expert clinical service and support to patients and their families in their final days in a home-like atmosphere of dignity, sensitivity and comfort when it matters most. Over the next several years we will be making important improvements and renovations, providing unit-based kitchens and living rooms to St. Ann's Home as well. Our Webster campus, Cherry Ridge, will have a full continuum of care, from independent senior housing to skilled nursing and transitional care. Construction is in full swing, and with the help of our many supporters, we anticipate the buildings to be open and occupied in March 2012."

St. Ann's Community is one of Rochester's largest private employers with over 1,000 employees, and provides a varied range of services and care levels designed to meet the individual needs of older adults. St. Ann's, a non-profit that is *Caring for the Most Important People on Earth*, serves seniors with two licensed, accredited and certified skilled nursing facilities, medical and social adult day programs, independent retirement housing, a transitional care program, assisted living,

specialized dementia care, geriatric outpatient primary care practice, and Hospice care (in partnership with two local Hospice Agencies) located on two campuses in the Greater Rochester area.