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University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center Holds Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Hampson-Mole Breast Health Suite

New facility is the only one of its kind in Lorain County

ELYRIA, OH – Hospital leaders, staff and community members gathered yesterday afternoon, October 27, 2015, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Hampson-Mole Breast Health Suite. Fully funded by the Hampson Family Foundation and the Elyria Medical Center Foundation, the facility at UH Elyria Medical Center is the only one of its kind in Lorain County.

Located in the radiology corridor and convenient to the existing mammography suites, the new Hampson-Mole Breast Health Suite offers an area dedicated to breast health. Whether patients require a screening mammogram, a breast biopsy, ultrasound or a consult with surgeons or radiologists, this facility with spa-like features is where they will begin their visit. Patients will be assigned a "Breast Navigator" that will act as their liaison to the hospital and will assist them with any questions or concerns along the way.

Karen Mole, President of the Hampson Family Foundation, was on-site for the ceremony. "I was born in this hospital, so it means a lot to me." She continued, "I care deeply for the people of this community. For my trustees and me to be a part of the development of this breast health suite is very special."

"We are grateful for the support of both the Hampson Family Foundation and the Elyria Medical Center Foundation," said Charlotte Wray, President of UH Elyria Medical Center. "Their generous contributions made this facility possible and are enabling us to provide an important service to the members of our community."

At the event, Ms. Wray also announced that the Auxiliary of UH Elyria Medical Center had committed a financial gift to upgrade the mammography equipment at the hospital's Elyria and Avon campuses. The upgrade will enable patients to receive digital tomosynthesis mammograms, which provide three dimensional images of breast tissue, for even greater resolution. This technology is especially effective for women with dense breast tissue.

October is National Breast Health Awareness Month, and UH encourages all women aged 40 and over to "Woman Up" and get a mammogram. For an appointment at UH Elyria Medical Center or UH Avon Health Center, please call 440-329-7576.

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About University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center

Founded in 1908, University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center is a 387-licensed bed hospital with additional campuses in Amherst (UH Amherst Health Center), Avon (UH Avon Health Center) and Sheffield (UH Sheffield Health Center), along with medical offices in Grafton, North Ridgeville and Westlake. Part of the University Hospitals health system, UH Elyria Medical Center offers patients access to UH Case Medical Center, a nationally recognized academic medical center, as well as programs from internationally recognized centers of excellence such as UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and UH Seidman Cancer Center. UH Elyria Medical Center received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR ACTION Registry – GWTG Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2015; one of only 319 hospitals in the nation to receive this designation. For more information, visit www.uhelyria.org.

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