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**Moline couple gifts \$1M to UnityPoint Health – Trinity Heart Center/ED expansion project**

UnityPoint Health – Trinity officials took a major step forward in their capital campaign for the new Heart Center/ED expansion at Trinity Rock Island with the announcement of a \$1 million gift from local Moline couple, Larry and Marilyn Matteson. With the pledge, Trinity has now raised over \$5 million toward its \$6 million goal for the community fundraising portion of the project.

Mr. Matteson founded L.W. Matteson Inc., a marine construction and dredging company based in Burlington, Iowa, in 1971. He later sold the business in 2010 and now does consulting work with his son at Matteson Marine in Burlington. Mrs. Matteson is a retiree of the former John Deere Insurance.

"We feel very blessed to be in a position where we are able to give back to our community," Mr. Matteson said. "And we are very happy to do it."

The couple has a history of philanthropy; in 2012 they made a \$10 million gift to fund a proton beam therapy program at Mayo Clinic. They also have set up an endowed scholarship fund in Southeast Iowa as well as contributed to the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend.

"A capital campaign can be a very stressful, long and involved process filled with ups and downs. Receiving a major gift like this from the Mattesons helps reinforce to everyone involved how important the work we're doing is for our community," said Trinity Health Foundation board president John Benoit.

Major work on the 90,000 square-foot, three-story expansion of its Heart Center and emergency department (ED) began in June 2013. Construction is expected to be complete by summer 2015.

Located at the front of the hospital, the \$61.3 million construction project is the largest in the facility's history. The expansion is designed to improve patient safety and privacy, better coordinate care, reduce operational costs and accommodate increased demand.

"We are so grateful to the Mattesons for their extremely generous gift," said UnityPoint Health – Trinity. "People recognize that this project is not just good for the hospital but good for the community in order to have access to facilities that support world-class emergency, behavioral health and heart care."

The rapidly increasing number of patients in the emergency department, cardiac treatment unit, and psychiatric crisis service areas has created what has been characterized by Trinity officials as a "critical need."

In 2011 Trinity diagnosed and cared for 35,676 patients in the Trinity Rock Island ED, a 7 percent increase over the previous year. Another 8 percent increase is projected by 2014. As volumes continue to grow space is at a premium, and workflow is a challenge. In addition about 10 percent of ED patients receive cardiac-related diagnoses, but space constraints prevent the unit from having testing and diagnostic equipment inside the department.

State behavioral health facility closures also add to the capacity issue. When former state hospital patients are sick, out of medication or simply lost and confused with no place to go, they often come to the ED. There are an increasing number of patients who are combative, disruptive or even suicidal upon arrival.

"I am very proud of the work we do in the emergency department. We have the best-trained staff. They are passionate about their work and love the challenge of comforting and healing patients who need emergency care," said Dr. Kevin Kurth, Trinity's Director of Emergency Medicine. "However, the lack of space and poor logistics in our

current emergency department do not support the high level of care we deliver. We all must work harder to compensate for this. With a new, expanded emergency department, we could do so much more.”

Plans also call for expanding the space and services offered at the Rock Island hospital to accommodate increased volumes and better coordinate heart care under one roof. In 2012 cardiologists and heart surgeons performed more than 5,000 procedures. Currently Trinity Rock Island’s three cardiac catheterization laboratories (cath labs) operate at 80-90 percent capacity on any given day, so there is little room in the schedule to accommodate emergency cases like heart attacks.

In addition, a patient may be diagnosed in the Trinity Moline emergency department, undergo surgery or a cath lab procedure at Trinity Rock Island and then receive ongoing testing and cardiac rehabilitation back in Moline. The new plans call for the full continuum of heart care to be coordinated under one roof. Not only will this make care more convenient for patients, it will also help physicians more easily collaborate.

Along with the capital campaign, the project is being funded through a combination of internal reserves and borrowing through Trinity’s parent company, UnityPoint Health.

Navigant Healthcare, one of the country’s top-ranked healthcare management consulting firms, has assisted Trinity in retaining the design services of Cannon Design, a nationally recognized healthcare design firm, who is working in partnership with Gere Dismer Architects of Rock Island and Paragon Commercial Interiors of Davenport. Additionally, the engineering for the project is being provided by Rock Island firms KJWW Engineering and Missman Engineering. Pepper Construction, a national builder, along with Russell Construction, a local Quad-Cities construction firm, have formed a joint venture and were chosen as the general contractor for constructing the expansion in partnership with local trade contractors.