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Community pride prompts area physician to match new donations to Heart Center/ED

UnityPoint Health – Trinity set to open facility in six months

With just six months to go before the new Trinity Rock Island Heart Center/Emergency Department begins taking patients in April 2015, UnityPoint Health – Trinity officials have announced a challenge by its Chief Medical Officer that will match all new 2014 donations to the construction project by Dec. 31, 2014, up to \$25,000 total.

Dr. Paul McLoone – himself a practicing physician in the Quad-Cities since 1996 – and his wife Susan made the donation to the project because they love the community and firmly believe a strong community needs a first-class hospital.

“As a doctor who has sent countless patients to the hospital over the years, I have experienced firsthand the importance of quality healthcare being available to our community members in their time of crisis,” Dr. McLoone said. “We don’t just see this donation as an investment in a building; we see it as an investment in those good, honorable, caring people who call the Quad-Cities home.”

Dr. McLoone is a family medicine physician with UnityPoint Clinic Family Medicine – Moline. He became Trinity’s Chief Medical Officer in 2009.

“We don’t live in a fancy house; we don’t drive fancy cars. As a result that allows us to be fortunate enough to give back to a community that has so much to love – which has been home for so many years – in this way,” Susan added.

UnityPoint Health – Trinity officials formally broke ground on the 90,000 square-foot, three-story expansion of its Heart Center and emergency department (ED) at Trinity Rock Island on June 5, 2013. Located at the front of the hospital the \$61.3 million construction expansion is the largest in the facility’s history. It is expected to open in mid-April 2015.

When finished, the space will include an all-new state-of-the-art emergency department (ED), a comprehensive Heart Center adjacent to the ED that will provide all cardiac services on one campus (cath lab, surgery, cardiac rehab and education), and a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) with six psych patient safe rooms, interview rooms, and a “living room” area that would provide a higher quality of care to behavioral health patients while assisting in the staff’s ability to quickly consult and treat a diverse set of patients entering the ED.

The project is being funded through a combination of internal reserves and borrowing through Trinity’s parent company, UnityPoint Health. The Trinity Health Foundation also is conducting a \$6 million capital campaign to support the expansion as well.

To participate in the McLoone Community Challenge, visit www.unitypoint.org/quadcities/donate-online.aspx. Use Trinity Health Foundation – Quad Cities as the designation and McLoone Match Challenge for ED & Heart Center as the sub-designation. For more information call Trinity Health Foundation at (309) 764-7610.