

Greater Southeast Community Hospital Announces Purchase of New Medical Equipment, Infrastructure Upgrades

Washington, D.C. (January 2, 2008) - Greater Southeast Community Hospital (GSCH) in Washington, D.C., has announced an initial round of capital investments as it embarks on an ambitious plan to reinvigorate the 17-acre, 8-story medical facility that serves Washington, D.C. The District of Columbia and Specialty Hospitals of America, LLC, (SHA) have joined in a public/private partnership to provide significant levels of funding for capital improvements at GSCH.

GSCH was acquired by Specialty Hospitals of America, LLC, (SHA) in November 2007; and a new management team, headed by CEO Gary Rowe, has been charged with the task of converting a hospital with a questionable reputation into a community healthcare leader.

In a recent action by the hospital's board of directors, GSCH management is authorized to make more than \$1.5 million in capital improvements effective immediately.

Upcoming projects that received the "green light" include new fetal monitoring systems to improve the ability to care for infants who are born at the hospital, ensuring that more newborns will be delivered close to home and family members at a local hospital instead of an across town facility.

In December, the hospital ordered and placed into service 20 patient ventilators. The hospital also conducted staff training programs resulting in improvements to patient care in the Emergency, Critical Care and Surgical departments. Also in December, Life Safety Code (fire and electrical) issues were addressed and corrective actions completed; substantial landscaping and grounds clean-up work was performed for an immediate improvement in hospital security and community aesthetics, and a contract was been awarded to improve exterior lighting in the parking areas with a completion date set for mid-January. In addition, the hospital has hired a new director of security who has restructured the department, added new security officers, installed new monitoring equipment, and implemented new security procedures in the Emergency Department.

“We have identified and brought to the board’s attention some of the most pressing needs for GSCH,” explains Rowe. “We are looking for long-term solutions and SHA is willing to invest in high quality medical equipment and construction. Many of the problems that we are solving are the result of years of under-capitalization at the hospital. There is a lot of work to do, and we are doing it right.”

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About Specialty Hospitals of America:

SHA which is headquartered in Portsmouth, N.H., acquired The Specialty Hospital of Washington-Capitol Hill (700 Constitution Avenue, NE) in November 2005 and The Specialty Hospital of Washington –Hadley (4601 M.L. King Avenue, SE) in November 2006. Collectively referred to as The Specialty Hospital of Washington, it is largest provider of long term critical care services in Washington, D.C., and each hospital location also houses a skilled nursing facility (SNF). Additional information is available at www.specialtyhospitalofwashington.com. On November 7, 2007, SHA acquired Greater Southeast Community Hospital in a transaction that included financial consideration from the city government in recognition of SHA’s commitment to achieve an aggressive series of operational mileposts.

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