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**SAUNDERS FOUNDATION MAKES \$1 MILLION DONATION**

**TO UR MEDICINE | NOYES HEALTH**

***Gift Will Support Expansion and Renovation of Noyes' Radiology Department in Dansville***

***Department will be Named E. Michael Saunders Imaging Services***

(Dansville, N.Y. September 29, 2018) Plans are drawn and construction begins soon on what will become the new E. Michael Saunders Medical Imaging Services department at Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville.

The Saunders Foundation is making a \$1 million gift to UR Medicine | Noyes Health to support the project, and to honor the memory of E. Michael Saunders, the son of Phil and Carole Saunders. Noyes President and CEO Amy Pollard announced the gift at the "Noyes Takes Flight!" fundraising event at the Dansville airport this evening.

The new department, to be known as E. Michael Saunders Imaging Services, will feature the addition of a PET/CT scanner, giving patients of the Ann and Carl Myers Cancer Center at Noyes and other hospital departments the option of getting the diagnostic imaging they need in Dansville rather than traveling to Rochester or farther. The expanded space will also include a new interventional radiology (IR) suite, and offer complete care for port and catheter insertion, biopsies, maintenance of dialysis fistulas and other invasive procedures.

"Our family is excited to be doing this for the community, and it's a fitting tribute to our beloved Michael," says Patricia Saunders Redding, "This project will raise the level of care given locally to all Noyes patients in Dansville and beyond, and support the goal of elevating UR Medicine | Noyes Health as a hub hospital in the region."

"We are so grateful to Phil, Carole, their family and the Saunders Foundation for their generosity and continued support for Noyes," says Amy Pollard, UR Medicine | Noyes Health President and CEO. "The E. Michael Saunders Imaging Services department goes a long way in meeting our overall goal of providing the health care our patients need as close as possible to where they and their caregivers live and work."

To make way for the equipment and additional exam and treatment rooms, Noyes Physical and Sports Therapy will move into newly created space in the Brae Burn building, directly behind the hospital on Red Jacket Street in Dansville. The new space will feature a street-front entrance and parking, allowing for more convenient access for clients, especially those with mobility challenges, and have a less clinical feel than the previous hospital space.

The construction of the expanded imaging department and new, updated equipment, along with the build out of the new physical therapy space, will cost approximately \$4 million.

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**\*\*INTERVIEWS FACILITATED BY REQUEST.**

**\*\*VIDEO OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY EVENING.**

**\*\*STILL PHOTOS DISTRIBUTED ON SUNDAY BY NOON.**

Please call or text Mary Sue Dehn at (914)886-2880 with requests or questions.

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