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St. Joseph Campus Discharges 500th COVID Patient

Over the past five months, Catholic Health has marked many important milestones in our response to the COVID pandemic, from the development of the first COVID-19 Treatment Facility in New York State at St. Joseph Campus in Cheektowaga, to the opening of the region's first dedicated facility providing post-hospital care at the St. Joseph Post-Acute Center in Orchard Park, to being the first health system in Erie County to resume elective surgeries.

This week, we mark another important milestone – discharging the 500th patient from our COVID-19 Treatment Facility at St. Joseph Campus. Suzanne Anderson, from Sloan, was discharged after spending four days at the facility. She shared that she is looking forward to completing her recovery at home and getting back to work and school to finish her acute care nurse practitioner degree.

"When we started this journey in late February, we never could we have imagined how this virus would change the course of life as we know it," said Mark A. Sullivan, President & CEO of Catholic Health. "But today, thanks to our amazing healthcare heroes and our COVID continuum of care, we've been able to celebrate hundreds of stories of hope like Suzanne's."

All combined, more than 900 COVID patients have been discharged from Catholic Health's hospitals, Post-Acute Center, and Home Care Services, often to the cheers and tears of loved ones celebrating each patient's courage and resilience. "These are not only special moments for our patients and their families, they are a testament to the skill and dedication of our care teams throughout Catholic Health," Sullivan added. "I'd especially like to thank the dedicated and highly skilled doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists and support staff who cared for the majority of our COVID inpatients at St. Joseph Campus."

The COVID-19 Treatment Facility at St. Joseph Campus opened on March 26 as the region's only dedicated facility for the treatment of Coronavirus. It was followed three weeks later by the opening of the St. Joseph Post-Acute Center, creating a "COVID continuum of care," which concentrates the best experts in infectious disease, critical care and post-acute care, in specially designed and fully equipped facilities to provide the highest level of care to COVID patients from throughout Western New York.

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