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Kenmore Mercy Hospital Celebrates Upgraded Medical Rehabilitation Unit with Dedication and Blessing Ceremony

Patients recovering in Kenmore Mercy Hospital's Medical Rehabilitation Unit are now healing in a more advanced environment, thanks to a transformative renovation. The upgrades, which were made possible by a generous gift from Scott and Kathy Bieler of the Scott Bieler Family Foundation, were celebrated during a dedication and blessing ceremony.

A Medical Rehabilitation Unit, or MRU, provides a more intensive level of care than short-term rehabilitation facilities, catering to patients recovering from specific conditions such as stroke, hip or multiple fractures, or complications arising from neurological disorders like Parkinson's disease or Multiple Sclerosis.

The enhancements include renovations to the MRU's gym and Kitchen Simulation Room, the creation of an Independent Living Area, and the addition of several new pieces of equipment, all designed to improve patient outcomes and support a smoother transition back to independent living. The Staff Break Room is also receiving upgrades.

"These upgrades allow our care team to provide even higher quality care for our patients, helping them regain strength, confidence and independence in a space that supports their healing journey," said Joyce Markiewicz, President & CEO of Catholic Health. "Kenmore Mercy's MRU upgrades will have a lasting impact on the lives of our patients and the dedicated staff who care for them."

"Supporting projects like this in our community has always been a priority for our foundation," said Scott Bieler, President & CEO of West Herr Automotive Group. "We are proud to help create a space where patients can heal and dedicated professionals – nurses, therapists and support staff – can have the tools and environment they need to deliver the best possible care."

To learn more about Kenmore Mercy Hospital's MRU and other rehabilitation programs at Catholic Health, visit <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/services/medical-rehabilitation-unit/>.

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About Kenmore Mercy Hospital: Founded in 1951 by the Sisters of Mercy, and now part of Catholic Health, Kenmore Mercy Hospital has been serving the healthcare needs of Buffalo's northern suburbs for more than 70 years. Specializing in Orthopedic and Spine Services, the hospital campus features a dedicated Knee & Hip Center, nationally recognized Medical Rehabilitation Unit, and comprehensive array of subacute and outpatient rehabilitation services. Kenmore Mercy is also a New York State Designated Stroke Center and one of only two hospitals in WNY to receive Magnet Designation, the highest distinction for excellence and innovation in professional nursing. A national quality and patient safety leader, Kenmore Mercy is the only hospital in New York State to have earned 23 consecutive biannual "A" Hospital Safety Grades from The Leapfrog Group, demonstrating a commitment to keep patients safe from medication errors, injuries, infections, and other preventable harm.

Scott Bieler Family Foundation

About the Scott Bieler Family Foundation: The foundation is committed to enriching lives through compassion, focusing on the well-being of the community. We support impactful programs in education, health, and community services, all with the goal of creating a lasting positive change in our region.

About the West Herr Automotive Group: West Herr was founded in 1950 and since then has sold over 1,400,000 vehicles with 40 dealerships in Erie, Niagara, Monroe, Ontario, and Onondaga counties, representing 27 franchises and 3,000 employees. West Herr has received Business First of Buffalo's "Best Places to Work in WNY" for the last 21 years, Rochester Democrat & Chronicle "Top Workplaces" for 3 consecutive years, received the Better Business Bureau Award for Business Ethics 8 times, and received the lifetime achievement award for Ethics through the Buffalo Niagara Business Ethics Association, and was recently named the second in "Best Reputation" of all privately held dealer groups in the country by Automotive News. The West Herr Automotive Group is dedicated to absolute excellence in customer service provided by honest, responsible, and respectful people. West Herr supports individual pride, company spirit, and community involvement.