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MCH Building Update Newsletter for Employees

Dear Liz,

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Due to the current economic situation, we recently announced a \$1.5 million plan to recover current and anticipated shortfalls in revenue for the remainder of this fiscal year. As part of a three-step financial recovery plan, the expansion project will continue with modifications to the timing, design and plan of action.

The Expansion and the Economy

Continue Phase One, Then Pause

This project was designed to be completed in phases. This allows us to "pause" when needed in economic times like these. We will complete Phase One, which includes campus work in preparation for the Town Road, and the construction of a new generator building. We anticipate finishing this phase by the end of the year. At that time, the project will pause for about six to twelve months in order for the hospital to reassess our expansion design and financial stability before moving forward. We are pleased to report that expenses for this phase have been on budget.

We will take this time to evaluate and streamline processes in our departments. In addition, we will refine the design and sequence of expanding departments to be as effective in this new economy as possible.

A Project with Long-Term Benefits

The hospital is committed to this project for several reasons. Our research and experience indicate a clear need in our community for expanded services.

Your Free Lunch

Have you won your free lunch yet? If not, try parking in Lots E and O. You may win a free lunch for parking there and you can go home each day knowing that you've left the parking spots closer to the hospital buildings open for patients who need them.

Congratulations to January's Free Lunch Lot winners:

Kristie Dussault
Irene Gordon
Betsy Matthes
Bev Montgomery
Patti Potter
Brooke Robie
Doug Rowland
Donna Straitliff

Rumors

Have you been hearing any rumors about the expansion project? Do you have a question we haven't answered here yet? Let us know and we'll "give you the skinny" in this publication and on our Rumors page of the MCH web site.

Keeping you and the

Even during these tough economic times, the support from our community during the quiet phase of our fundraising campaign has been unprecedented. This further confirms for us that the services we provide are valued and needed by our community. We will continue our fundraising campaign, knowing that the expansion project will position MCH to meet our region's growing health care needs for years to come.

public informed about this project is very important to us, so we plan to continue publishing our monthly updates. If you have any suggestions for improving our communications, please let us know!

Frost Heaves

Our construction crew is working to fix the frost heaves that keep appearing at the street entrance. Because this portion of the road is temporary, there is only a partial base under this section. We had believed that that this base would keep frost heaves away, but Mother Nature had other plans for us. In the next couple of weeks, a full base will be added below this section of the road in order to eliminate the frost heaves. Until then, please continue to drive slowly and cautiously through this area. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you and appreciate your patience as we work through this issue.

Connector Road Construction to Start This Month

The Town of Peterborough has awarded the connector road construction project to Merrill Construction, Inc. of Pembroke, NH. Site work will begin within the next few weeks. At this time, the construction should not affect access to the hospital or traffic on our campus. We will keep you posted as this project progresses.

Generator Building and Helipad

Construction on the generator building continues and should be complete by the summer. We are currently installing power lines to the generator building in the area near and below the existing Helipad. All helicopter flights are temporarily using the former NEBS parking lot. We expect the power lines to be completed soon and helicopter flights restored to our landing pad at MCH this month. All affected personnel (clinical, ambulance services, Peterborough Fire Dept., etc) are prepared to handle incoming and outgoing helicopters.

If you or your patients have any questions, please contact Laura Gingras in the department of Community Relations at ext. 4666 or at laura.gingras@mchmail.org.

Sincerely,

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