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The Ambassador Pediatrics Unveils New Building

Omaha, NE – The Ambassador Pediatrics program will be moving into a new building at 8:00 am on June 18, 2010. The three-story addition, currently located to the west of The Ambassador Omaha’s skilled nursing facility, includes 48 private patient rooms, enhanced therapy rooms, play rooms, and family rooms. Upon its opening, current pediatric patients will be transitioned to the new building to experience its modern medical technology and unique home-like, family centered environment.

“The staff and pediatric residents are very excited about the new building where we will continue to meet the individual medical, rehabilitation, and psycho-social needs of each patient,” stated Polly Stern, Pediatric Unit Manager.

For the family of Tracy and Joyce Mann of Omaha, the new addition will provide a more intimate, private area for their daughter to receive specialized care.

In February 2007, Grace Mann suffered a traumatic brain injury while vacationing with her family in Florida. Grace spent the next two months in the Miami Children’s Hospital and then transferred to Children’s Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha. While at Children’s Hospital & Medical Center, the Mann family learned about The Ambassador Omaha’s pediatric specialty unit.

“I had no idea that a facility like The Ambassador existed,” explained Joyce Mann. “After touring, I felt confident that the staff would care for Grace as if she was their own

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child. The staff's experience, tenure, and personal dedication to their patients were the main reasons we chose The Ambassador.”

“I feel like the staff at The Ambassador is our extended family,” shared Mann. “I have a comfort level with the staff that they truly care for Grace and her complex medical needs.”

As a pioneer in post-acute pediatric care, The Ambassador Omaha established the region's first pediatric pulmonary special care unit in 1996. Outside of the acute, hospital setting, The Ambassador Pediatrics is an ideal environment for children with extended health care needs. Caring for children from birth to age 21, the special care unit offers customized programs including: ventilator management, extensive pulmonary rehabilitation, extended health care needs, and the management of complex medical diagnoses. Whether the goal for the child is long-term care or a transition from the hospital to home, The Ambassador Pediatrics provides the next step with quality nursing and rehabilitation services. Today, The Ambassador Pediatrics is one of a select few in the nation, as well as the only one of its kind, in the state of Nebraska.

***The Ambassador Omaha** is dedicated to the healing and wellness of individuals requiring short-term rehabilitation, and is proud to offer an inpatient rehabilitation program that offers unparalleled physical, occupational, and speech therapy to individuals who are experiencing cardiovascular, neurological, or orthopedic disorders.*

Along with pediatric pulmonary care, The Ambassador Omaha offers adult pulmonary special care. Under the leadership of the pulmonologists of Midwest Pulmonary Group, a team of dedicated staff, including respiratory therapists, provides 24-hour care to meet the highly individualized needs of the residents. Following a carefully developed plan of care, the pulmonary staff helps to ensure the pulmonary residents reach their highest individual potential.

***The Ambassador Health System** is comprised of four skilled nursing facilities located in Omaha, Lincoln, Nebraska City, and Sidney, Iowa. The Ambassador Health System offers assisted and independent living, long-term skilled nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, and adult pulmonary care. As an innovative leader in health care, The Ambassador Health System is proud to offer the only pediatric pulmonary unit in the state of Nebraska. By focusing on “The Art of Caring,” The Ambassador is able to provide quality, individualized care for its patients, in an environment that fosters independence, choice, and dignity. The Ambassador Health System is located at 1240 North 19th Street in Nebraska City, Nebraska, 68410. For more information, visit www.ambhealthsys.com or call (402) 873-7791.*

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