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MARYLAND BUILDING OFFICALLY OPENS

PHASE ONE OF MISERICORDIA'S REDEVELOPMENT COMPLETE

\$43-million project includes Buhler Eye Care Centre, PRIME program and Ambulatory Diagnostic Centre

Construction is complete and the finishing touches are underway in the two-storey Maryland building at Misericordia Health Centre (MHC). The province invested \$38 million in MHC's phase one redevelopment, with an additional \$5 million raised by the Misericordia Health Centre Foundation.

For more than a century, Manitobans have turned to Misericordia Health Centre for high-quality health care," said Health Minister Sharon Blady. "As a government committed to good care for Manitoba families, our investment in the future of this facility builds on that history. It also ensures the centre will continue to provide much needed specialized care for Manitobans."

The new Maryland building programs are opening in stages. The provincial Buhler Eye Care Centre – including a new University of Manitoba Ophthalmology Residency program – is fully functional along with diagnostic imaging and a Diagnostic Services Manitoba's laboratory, conveniently adjacent to Urgent Care. PRIME, a health centre for seniors, is slated to open in spring 2015 with hiring currently underway.

"Misericordia Health Centre's vital role within the region and the province is expanding with this redevelopment project," said Arlene Wilgosh, president and chief executive officer, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. "The Buhler Eye Care Centre and PRIME programs are both designed with safety in mind, and with increased capacity we can continue to meet the growing health-care needs of our health region and province."

"The state-of-the-art Maryland building reflects the compassionate patient-centred care we provide," said Rosie Jacuzzi, MHC's president and chief executive officer. "It's bright, spacious and is already demonstrating improvements in patient flow and satisfaction."

“Misericordia’s phased redevelopment is designed with the future of care in mind. Our specialized programs reflect a move towards community-based health care, while taking into account our increasingly aging population.”

Phase two of MHC’s redevelopment includes the demolition of the 1906 Sherbrook building and the creation of a new building, providing the vital link between the Cornish and Wolseley buildings. The new Sherbrook building will include a 30-foot main entrance atrium with an open second floor level showcasing historical artifacts and a chapel.

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Misericordia is a leader in healthy aging through compassion, innovation and excellence, providing faith-based health care to Manitobans since 1898. MHC offers four programs not offered elsewhere in the province: Buhler Eye Care Centre, Provincial Health Contact Centre (including Health Links-Info Santé, the provincial 24-hour, seven-day-a-week telephone information service), Sleep Disorder Centre and Urgent Care. MHC also offers pediatric dental surgery, 140 interim care beds and Misericordia Place, a 100-bed personal care home.

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