MEDIA ADVISORY – Thursday, Dec. 8, 11 am

LIJ Medical Center to Open $300M, 10-Story Inpatient Tower with 148 Single-Bed Rooms

The largest expansion project in North Shore-LIJ’s Health System’s history, the 300,000-square-foot glass building to house Katz Women’s Hospital and Zuckerberg Pavilion

WHAT:
Join us at the opening of the largest expansion project in the history of the North Shore-LIJ Health System, a 10-story glass tower in front of Long Island Jewish (LIJ) Medical Center that single-handedly transforms the 1950s’ appearance of the 57-year-old hospital. This $300 million project -- featuring the Zuckerberg Pavilion and Katz Women’s Hospital – is scheduled to open to the public in January after more than three years of construction. It includes 148 single-bed rooms with hotel-like accommodations and amenities to makes patients’ stays as comfortable as possible. Focused on patient- and family-centered care, the many new enhancements within the 300,000-square-foot building include a meditation center, women’s garden, reflecting pool, wellness boutique, and patient and family resource center.

The new pavilion features two entrances. The 57,000-square-foot Zuckeberg Pavilion, named in honor of long-time trustee and former chairman Roy Zuckerberg, will serve as the new entrance for all LIJ services. It includes a two-story lobby and 60 new single-bed surgical rooms on the eighth and ninth floors for orthopedic, urological and cardiovascular patients.

With its own separate entrance, the Katz Women’s Hospital -- named in honor of another long-time trustee and former chairman, Saul Katz, and associate trustee Iris Katz -- features a range of maternity and gynecology services on four floors, including 88 private patient rooms. Housing one of the busiest maternity programs in NYS with more than 5,000 babies delivered annually, it includes 60 private postpartum rooms, newborn nursery suites, labor and delivery units, a maternal/fetal health unit and more.

Also on hand will be Cheryl Lampasona, 30, of Mineola, who has been a long-time patient of LIJ. She was diagnosed 10 years ago with a rare Wolffian Tumor near her ovaries (one of only 12 such reported cases worldwide). A plan of care needed to be created for Ms. Lampasona to help fulfill her desire to have children. Following the plan of her gynecologist, (to undergo laparoscopic surgery every six months for three years to evaluate the level of disease), she became pregnant in 2005 and now has two healthy boys, Michael and Ryan (both delivered at LIJ), who will join their mother.

WHO:
* Cheryl Lampasona, 30, Mineola, LIJ patient who survived rare tumor;
* Former North Shore-LIJ Chairman Saul Katz and his wife Iris Katz;
* Former North Shore-LIJ Chairman Roy Zuckerberg;
* Jennifer Mieres, MD, SVP, Office of Community and Public Health;
* Michael Dowling, President & CEO, North Shore-LIJ Health System;
* Richard Goldstein, Chairman, North Shore-LIJ Board of Trustees;

WHEN: 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011

WHERE: LIJ Medical Center Inpatient Pavilion, 270-05 76th Ave., New Hyde Park, NY