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WOMEN & CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF BUFFALO PAYS TRIBUTE TO STAFF, PATIENTS; ANNOUNCES CHILDREN’S CLASS OF 2017

Longtime nurse of 41 years, Gail Szucs, named January’s honoree

BUFFALO, NY – Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo announced today the launch of Children’s Class of 2017 – an initiative created to celebrate former and current patients and staff who’ve helped shape the hospital’s 125-year history.

An honoree will be announced each month leading up to the hospital’s move to the John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in November 2017. Each recipient’s story, along with a short video, will be featured on www.ChildrensIsMoving.com.

“With so much excitement ahead in the coming year, we don’t want to lose sight of the people who’ve made the Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo so special,” said Hospital President, Allegra Jaros. “These honorees are a representation of the many staff members who have committed their lives to offering innovative and compassionate care and the thousands of patients whose joy and hope radiate through the hallways every day.”

Kicking off the Children’s Class of 2017 is longtime Women & Children’s Hospital Buffalo nurse Gail Szucs. Gail’s 41-years of nursing experience spanning nearly every unit of the hospital as the one-time Manager of Maternity Services and current Manager of Rehabilitation Services appropriately earned her the title of “Most Likely to Have the Answer.”

“For over four decades Gail has poured her heart into the women and children of Western New York,” said Allegra Jaros, President of the Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo. “She leads her team with care and compassion – always ensuring the wellbeing of her patients and their families remain at the center of care.”

The historic $270 million Oishei Children’s Hospital will be an integral part of the medical campus, linking with Buffalo General, the Gates Vascular Institute, Roswell Park

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Cancer Institute, the new University at Buffalo Medical School and more. With 12 floors and 185 beds, the modern facility will allow the hospital to maintain its status as one of only 43 free-standing children’s hospitals in the nation – and the only one of its kind in New York State.

To learn more about the Children’s Class of 2017 and the Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo’s move to the John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital, visit ChildrensIsMoving.com and follow @WCHOBisMoving on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

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About the John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital
The Oishei Children’s Hospital will replace the current Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, which is located on Bryant Street. The historic project will right-size and consolidate services in a 12-floor, 183-bed, free-standing, modern facility on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. It will be an integral part of the campus, linking with Buffalo General Medical Center, the Gates Vascular Institute, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, the new University at Buffalo Medical School and more. Not only will the Oishei Children’s Hospital be the link for the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, but the hospital today – and in the future – will be the only link for comprehensive pediatric health care for Western New York. The Oishei Children’s Hospital ensures pediatric and maternal services remain available for patients in the Western New York region. The vision for the new hospital is to be recognized as the innovator, the highest quality, highest value provider and partner, and the regional referral center for women and children’s health care for Kaleida Health, Western New York and beyond. It is the only access point for pediatric critical care, Level III neonatal intensive care, and Level I Pediatric Trauma Centers in and for Western New York. The sickest babies and children come to the hospital for care, either directly or through transfers from other hospitals. Without the resources available at Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, these young patients would have to travel out of area for care.