

IMVH Breaks Ground on New Emergency Department

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital broke ground Tuesday on its new \$22.8 million emergency department to better meet the needs of residents across the community it serves.

The new 22,500 square-foot facility will be named the Veatch Family Emergency Department in recognition of lead donor and local entrepreneur Jeffrey Veatch.

The emergency department will boast 35 new all-private treatment rooms, new “fast-track” rooms to treat less serious injuries, improved ambulance access, new cardiac emergency rooms and a specialized pediatric treatment area among its many new amenities.

The new emergency department is tentatively slated to

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IMVH CEO Deborah Addo, center, and Jeff Veatch, fourth from left, and others participated in a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday.

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open in late 2016 or early 2017.

IMVH CEO Deborah Addo stated at groundbreaking ceremony with local civic and community leaders that “today marks another step forward in the transformation of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

“This is truly a major milestone in our hospital’s commitment to always providing safe, highly reliable, high-quality care and superior patient experience — every time, every touch,” Addo said.

Inova noted that the groundbreaking is the latest example of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital’s continuing growth and vitality, citing the opening last fall of the Mark and Brenda Moore Patient Tower, the opening to two new state-of-the-art operating suites, and the recently renovated main lobby area.

In June 2014, IMVH announced that long-time Mount Vernon resident Veatch was making a \$2 million philanthropic gift to the hospital for the new emergency department.

Veatch said at the time his reason for doing so was because he became concerned when he would hear his neighbors tell him that in case of an emergency they would bypass IMVH’s emergency department to take their children much further to Inova facilities in Alexandria or Fairfax.

Veatch who grew up in Wayneswood, said at the time of the announcement that he became concerned by what he was hearing from his fellow parents when they said they would avoid the IMVH emergency department when their kids needed emergency care for typical childhood injuries telling him they were not comfortable going there.

“It didn’t make sense,” he said.

To maximize the impact of his gift, Veatch structured his donation to match additional contributions from area residents up to \$2



IMVH CEO Deborah Addo said the ceremony marks another step forward in the transformation of the hospital.



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Mount Vernon businessman Jeff Veatch donated \$2 million towards construction of the new emergency department.

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Donations may be made by going to <https://foundation.inova.org/donate-now>.

IMVH was also recognized in July for superior clinical quality and high patient safety by U.S. News & World Report as the #6

“Top Hospital” across the metropolitan DC region, and in April, the Leapfrog Group, the nation’s leading patient safety advocacy group, awarded the hospital a “Grade A” rating for patient safety.

— Steve Hunt