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GROUNDBREAKING PLANNED FOR EXCELA SQUARE AT LATROBE

LATROBE, PA, May 17, 2016 … Excela Health will break ground on its newest patient-centered medical home, Excela Square at Latrobe, May 17. The $40 million 115,000-square-foot complex just off Route 30 in Unity Township will be a three-story state-of-the-art ambulatory care center. Modeled after the highly successful Excela Square at Norwin, the facility will offer patients access to primary and specialty care, diagnostic testing and rehabilitation services, among others, all under one roof. The facility also will house Excela Health Latrobe Hospital’s nationally recognized Family Medicine Residency Program. Construction is scheduled for completion in the Fall of 2017.

“The new facility is a culmination of a comprehensive strategic plan completed by Excela Health which examined our hospitals, patient procedures and outcomes, and trends in health care to determine current and future needs,” said Robert Rogalski, Excela Health’s Chief Executive Officer.

Over the last several years, there has been a growing movement within the health care industry to cluster essential services within outpatient settings to better integrate patient needs, prevent avoidable outcomes, and thereby manage service costs more effectively. The patient-centered medical home is a recognized and recommended national model of primary care that improves care and the patient experience while reducing costs. “We’re creating a high-quality care delivery model that works now and in the future,” said Rogalski.

Beyond Excela Health’s capital investment in the project, the Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation (LAHCF) has pledged more than $10 million in support
of the expansion of the Family Medicine Residency Program. To date, nearly $9 million has been secured through the foundation's fund-raising appeal.

Over the past 40 years, the residency has been instrumental in building a network of board-certified Family Medicine practitioners for our region. This new facility will further recruitment and retention efforts as the demand for primary care providers increases locally and nationwide, and equip the residency to maintain certification as a patient-centered medical home, the model of care recommended by the American Academy of Family Physicians for residency training.

“We have been very fortunate to have received several leadership gifts toward this project,” said Dr. Thomas Gessner, LAHCF president. “The first is a $3 million gift through the Wyckoff Family Medicine Education Fund. The second is a $5 million grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation. We also have received very generous grants from the Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation and Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society.”

The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled to begin at 3:00 pm, with leadership from Excela Health, Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation, and the Family Medicine Residency program, public officials, and other invited guests. A reception at the site will follow.