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### **St. Elizabeth, SUN Behavioral Health Breaking Ground in Erlanger**

**Erlanger, Ky.** – St. Elizabeth Healthcare and SUN (Solving Unmet Needs) will break ground on a new behavioral health hospital at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 19 at 820 Dolwick Drive in Erlanger, KY. Mental illness and substance abuse disorders continue to have adverse effects on our families, neighborhoods, communities and the broader society. St. Elizabeth and SUN Behavioral Health have partnered to provide solutions to two big community-wide problems: lack of inpatient behavioral health services, and chemical dependency resources for adolescents and adults. When completed, the 149,000 square-foot hospital will have 197 beds and approximately 400 employees (270 new jobs). The grand opening is scheduled for the second half of 2017.

- When:** Friday, February 19 at 2 p.m.
- Where:** 820 Dolwick Drive, Erlanger, KY (parking will be available at the site. However, wear appropriate attire.)
- Who's invited:** Public officials; business, health, school and community leaders; St. Elizabeth Healthcare staff and board members; and St. Elizabeth Physicians staff and board members.

**Photo/Interview Opportunities:**

- Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin
- Garren Colvin, President & CEO of St. Elizabeth Healthcare
- Steve Page, President & CEO of SUN Behavioral Health
- St. Elizabeth and community leaders breaking ground
- Guests participating

**St. Elizabeth Healthcare**

St. Elizabeth Healthcare operates six major facilities throughout Northern Kentucky and more than 115 primary care and specialty office locations in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. St. Elizabeth is sponsored by the Diocese of Covington and is a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. St. Elizabeth is a mission-based organization committed to improving the health of the communities it serves, providing more than \$112 million in uncompensated care and benefit to the community in 2014. For more information, visit [www.stelizabeth.com](http://www.stelizabeth.com).

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# SUN Behavioral Health

The new facility will enhance the environment of care for patients, providers and families. Specialized inpatient wings will group patients into personalized programs to provide for the unique requirements of patients according to their ages and behavioral health needs.

The new 197-bed, free-standing and comprehensive specialty hospital is designed to improve the behavioral health environment in the community by offering:

- Expanded, specialized medical staff.
- Psychiatrist led multi-disciplinary treatment teams.
- Comprehensive behavioral health services based on proven best practice models, with specialty program development to meet the unique needs of the community.
- 24/7 comprehensive assessment and admission department.
- Increased access and education for the community, with programs for all age groups.
- Collaboration across the healthcare system in each community to provide access to the very best care for our patients and their families.
- Serene and therapeutic environment designed specifically for patient population needs.
- A full array of services with tailored treatment options and comprehensive inpatient, partial hospital and intensive outpatient levels of care.
- An ideal environment for group therapies and individualized care, including mental health and substance abuse treatment programs.
- Approximately 400 total jobs of which approximately 270 are new jobs, that will generate additional payroll tax revenue for the region.