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East Orange General Hospital Opens On-Site Thrift Shop To Better Serve Community Needs

EAST ORANGE, N.J., March 9, 2011 – East Orange General Hospital today opened an on-site Thrift Shop dedicated to better serving the social and every-day living needs of the community. Located off the main lobby at the hospital's 240 Central Ave. East Pavilion, the shop offers an accessible location for patients, their families and community members to purchase affordable, quality clothing and other merchandise.

Organized and managed by the hospital Auxiliary, the shop will be opened Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Donated items are either new or gently used and include such things as dresses, coats, sweaters, shoes, hats, books and jewelry.

“Some of our patients come into the hospital with many social needs that far exceed their medical needs,” said East Orange General Hospital's Board Chair Dr. Antoinette Ellis-Williams at a ribbon cutting ceremony launching the thrift shop. “It's through these clothing and other donations that patients and the community at large now can have access to every-day items that are very useful and affordable.”

Auxiliary President Joyce Harris said that the Thrift Shop was a “work in progress,” and welcomed other donations. “We're all about healing, not just within the four walls of the hospital, but throughout the entire community as well,” she said.

Proceeds raised from the sale of items would go directly back to the hospital to help subsidize the purchase of new equipment and services. In the past, the Auxiliary has contributed funds for the hospital's new Emergency Department, the purchase of medical equipment and provided scholarships to high school students interested in the sciences.

People interested in donating items to the Thrift Shop should contact Pretar Passe at 973-266-2983.

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About East Orange General Hospital

East Orange General Hospital is East Orange's largest private employer and Essex County's only independent, fully accredited, acute-care hospital. Serving the community for over a century, East Orange General Hospital recently expanded its services and is continually adding new equipment and programs to provide the highest level of quality and compassionate patient care. Specialty areas include: Same Day Surgery, Physical Rehabilitation Services, Behavioral Health, Family Health, Emergency Medicine, Outpatient Hemodialysis, Hyperbaric/Wound Management, Vascular and Medical/Surgical Services.

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