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FOUNTAIN WEIGHING 12,000 LBS HOISTED ON ROOFTOP OF ST. JOHN'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

SPRINGFIELD, IL – A fountain weighing 12,000 lbs was hoisted today by crane onto the rooftop of St. John's Children's Hospital. The fountain is part of the rooftop garden renovation project for the hospital, which is the first of its kind in the city of Springfield. Planting of the garden is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of November 24th.

Green View Companies, an expert in plants and landscaping, has developed a landscape design that will create a unique, natural and interactive setting for the children patients at the hospital. The fountain is an essential and special piece of the design. The goal is to create a space alive with color, sound and texture, which will provide an area for patients, parents and caregivers to relax and help relieve stress. It will be a tranquil place with year around interest.

"The fountain is a granite ring that 'floats' on a thin film of water in a curved granite basin. As a key focal point of our design, the fountain will serve as a motivator to help caregivers get children outside where they will be able to interact with it and the other garden elements. Children will be able to touch it and control the motion of the ring which will give them a sense of control & empowerment. Children who are unable to go outdoors will also be able to enjoy the fountain, the gardens, other sculptures, plants and even remote control boats, all from the large windows in the hall and playroom," said David Pence, Landscape Design-Build Manager for Green View.

Established in 1955, Green View Companies is a multi-faceted firm throughout the state of Illinois with award-winning landscape design-build, installation, maintenance, production facilities and five retail centers. Locations include Dunlap-Peoria, Bloomington-Normal, Springfield, Champaign-Urbana and Oswego-Naperville. To find out more about Green View, visit www.greenview.com.

St. John's Children's Hospital combines the faculty resources of SIU School of Medicine with the pediatric facilities and services of St. John's Hospital. It houses the Birth Center, Pediatric Inpatient Unit with a Pediatric ICU, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Rehabilitation services. It was recognized for membership in October 2005 by the National Association for Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI). The Children's Hospital Web site is www.sjchildrens.org.

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