

## Different Audiences, Different Needs: Conversation About Successful Opening Communications

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Elmhurst Memorial Hospital

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## Background

- Elmhurst MemorialHospital founded in1926
- Original building was85 years old
- Developed a 259-bed replacement hospital three miles south of the original campus
- Groundbreaking May of 2008
- -Opening June of 2011



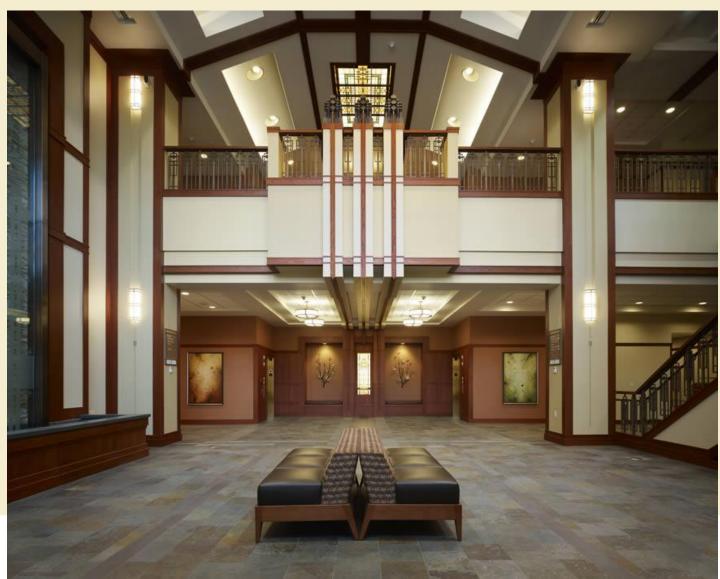


- -50 acre campus
- -866,000 square feet
- Patient-centered/Planetreehospital
  - Natural color palette
  - Focus on wayfinding
  - All private suites
  - Open visiting
  - Family spaces/lounges
  - "Building in a garden"
  - Retail services



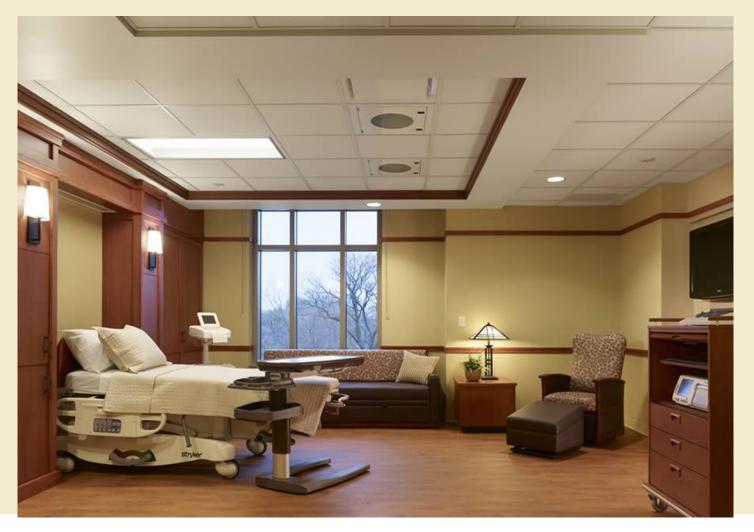




















### Our Goals



- Build brand awareness for the new hospital
- Encourage ownership and pride in the new hospital among key constituencies
  - Community
  - Staff
  - Medical Staff
  - Community leaders
- Educate the community about the differentiating features of the new hospital
- Assure that patients and families are well-informed of the move process
- Assure that internal audiences are well-informed regarding the move process



## **Grand Opening**



- Friday, June 3 Eucharistic Ministers Orientation Breakfast
- Saturday, June 11 Grand Opening Donors Toast, Ribbon-Cutting and Gala
- Tuesday, June 14 Neighbors Breakfast
- Tuesday, June 14 Guild/Volunteer Breakfast
- Tuesday, June 14 Construction Vendor Reception
- Wednesday, June 15 Retiree Dessert Reception
- Friday, June 17 Employee Picnic
- Sunday, June 19 Community Festival
- Wednesday, June 22 Office Managers Breakfast and Lunch





## **Major Milestones**

**July 2007** 

**July 2008** 

Sept. 2008

Oct. 2009

**June 2010** 

Jan 2011

Feb 2012

Feb 26, 2012

Feb 26, 2013

Plans announced

**CON** approved

**Groundbreaking Ceremony** 

**Topping Off** 

Flag Raising

**Launch Refreshed Logo** 

**Gala & Grand Opening Celebrations** 

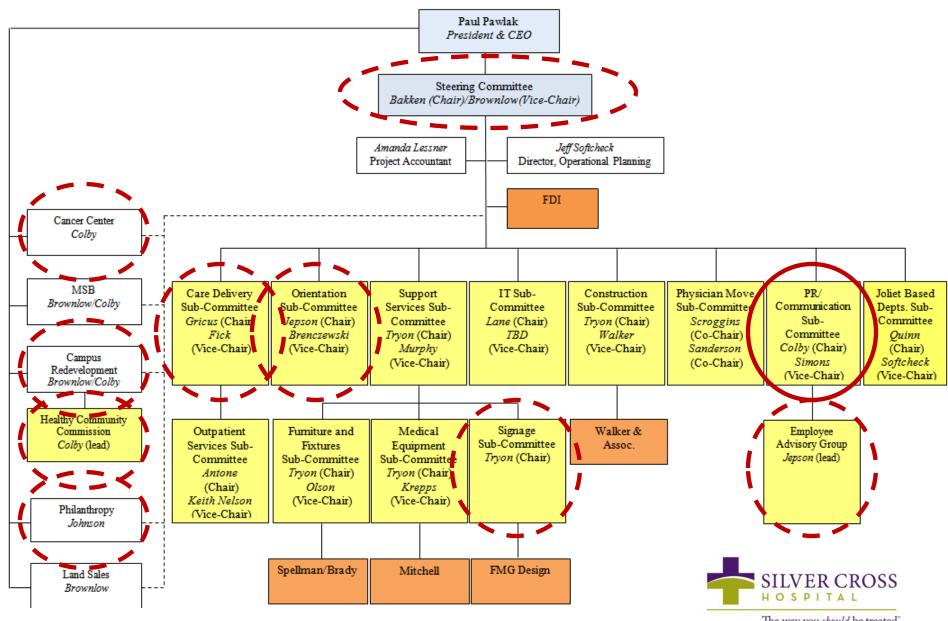
**Move Day** 

1-year anniversary

Silver Cross Groundbreaking Celebration SEPTEMBER 24, 2006



## **Project Structure**



NOW

We, the Silver Cross Family, are committed to our culture of excellence

**FUTURE** 

"Committed to Culture of Excellence"

- 6 behaviors
- **100 Top**

will deliver an unrivaled healthcare experience for our patients, their families and the community.

"Unrivaled Healthcare Experience" (bar raiser)

**Enhanced Model of** Care

**New Facility** 

#### $Past \longrightarrow Now$

 Some patientfamily centered care

#### $Now \longrightarrow Move$

- More patient-family centered care:
  - Include family in 6 behaviors, information & instructions
  - 24 hour visiting
- Care at bedside
- Mock Room
- · Uniforms?

#### **Post-Move**

- More patient-family centered care
  - More care at beside
- Linked to nurse call 24/7
- Acuity adaptable skills
- Integration of procedural services

**Benefits to Patients** 

#### **Pre-Move**

- Activation & Transition Plan (FDI)
- Mock rooms

#### **Post-Move**

- Natural light in room
- Acuity adaptable rooms
- Smaller units
- Private rooms
- Larger rooms
- Dedicated family space
- Personalization of room
  - controls, mementos
- · Procedural care unit

**Benefits to Patients** 

#### Messaging:

#### Nov 2010 - Jun 2011:

*Primary* – Enhanced model of care & facility support Why? Conceptual knowledge

Secondary - Facility pictures, floor plans, excitement

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#### June 2011 - Opening:

Primary – Facility & move (who, what, where, when?) Practical knowledge (dept. training, timeline, roles, responsibilities, facts, orientation to replacement hospital.)

## **External Marketing Campaign**

#### 6 months Pre-Move

#### **Relocation Campaign**

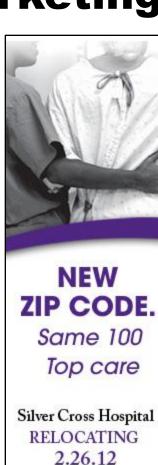
- Billboards
- Cable TV
- Direct mail
- Email
- Print Ads
- Online Display/Remarketing
- Mall Banner
- Metra Monthly Ticket Holder mailing
- Movie Theatre on-screen ad
- Radio
- Social Media

#### 1-2 months Pre-Move

## **Community Housewarming Celebration**

2-3 Weeks Pre-Move **ED Moving** 

<u>0-3 months post move</u> **Now Open** 







Same personal care

Silver Cross Hospital RELOCATING 2.26.12





### **Lessons Learned**

- Know who your Community Champions are
- Know your limits. Hire specialists to Help Special Event Planners, PR specialists, Media Buyers, Photographers
- Plan, Plan, Plan—then Punt!
- Talk with others who have gone through this
- Engage your Leadership Team as Tour Guides
- It's a marathon—not a sprint.
- Take time to Enjoy all your hard work!
- Submit for Pinnacle Awards!





Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers
West Pavilion, new Patient Tower

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## GRAND OPENING of the West Pavilion



Construction of the final connector between the West Pavilion and North

Pavilion and completion to the West Pavilion driveway and east courtyard

Phase 6:

- In December 2007, the Hospital Board approved the modernization of our entire campus, including the construction of a replacement patient tower and Women's Center
- LCMH received CON approval in April of 2009
- Groundbreaking for the West Pavilion held in September 2010
- Groundbreaking for the Outpatient Care Center held in September 2011
- Grand Opening of the Outpatient Care Center in August 2012
- Grand Opening of the West Pavilion in September 2012

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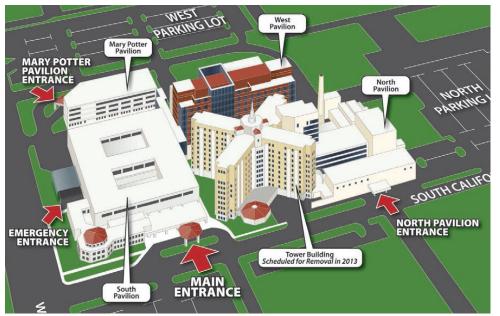
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# GRAND OPENING of the West Pavilion

- It became apparent that our efforts to provide a desired patient experience was hindered by our 80-year-old facility
- LCMH is known as the "baby hospital," but we offer much more than maternity services to our community. A new Women's Center provided the women in our community improved access to these services all under one roof



Challenges included:

- Being landlocked
- Historic/emotional ties
- Two construction projects at once



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## GRAND OPENING of the West Pavilion



A multitude of events occurred from August through October:

- Outpatient (OPCC) Grand Opening
- Physician / VIP Tours of the OPCC
- Education / Tours for Employees for both facilities
- West Pavilion (WP) Employee Grand Opening
- WP Ribbon-cutting, Blessing & Reception
- Neighbor Appreciation Breakfast
- Community Open House
- Patient Move Day



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# GRAND OPENING of the West Pavilion



On Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> we moved our patients to the West Pavilion.

- The move began at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 2:30 p.m. 77 patients transitioned safely into the new building.
- The Incident Command Center was staffed by various Directors and numerous volunteers participated in the move.
- Patient comments included "The environment is very conducive to healing." "It's like a hotel room."
- Worked with KSA on communications and received prominent coverage on every local network, various local print coverage as well as social media.



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