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SUSTAINABLE RENOVATION PROJECT AT NORWEGIAN AMERICAN HOSPITAL

NAH invests over \$5 million in the health of the community through the construction of a first-floor renovation

CHICAGO, IL January 16, 2017– As part of its iconic campaign for improvement for both the building and their health services, Norwegian American Hospital (NAH) takes a step forward this 2017 led by its visionary President and CEO José R. Sánchez. This sustainable renovation project will commence with a groundbreaking ceremony of the first-floor on January 27, 2017 with the presence of distinguished guests, elected officials and the multi-prized and renowned architect Juan Gabriel Moreno of JGMA will oversee this project executed by Skendor Construction.

Norwegian Hospital American Hospital, which has served the community of Humboldt Park for over 200 years, will host a ceremony for the commencement of the renovation Friday, January 27 at 10:00 A.M. The event will be held on the first floor of the hospital located at 1044 N. Francisco Avenue in Chicago. Several local elected officials will be present at the event supporting the improvement project such as State Representative Cynthia Soto, State Senator Omar Aquino, State Comptroller Susana Mendoza, Congressman Danny Davis, and Councilman Roberto Maldonado, among other important officials.

NAH is investing more than \$5 million dollars in the health of the community through the construction of a new modernized emergency department with a 'Fast Track' program' to

treat an additional 5,000 patients a year. There will be an extended residency clinic for the new Family Medicine Program which will begin in July to meet the needs of a growing community and to ensure higher levels of patient care and service. In addition, the renovations will allow Corporate Health to expand and meet the high demands of businesses within the community. This project is scheduled to be completed in 2018.

“This investment is well needed and proves Norwegian American Hospital’s commitment to improve the overall health care for our patients,” says President and CEO Jose R. Sanchez. “The renovation will give us the opportunity to meet the needs of today as well as those of tomorrow. We are very grateful for the work and collaboration of Billy Ocasio, Board of Trustees Chairman, the Norwegian American Hospital Board of Trustees, Alderman Roberto Maldonado and our local elected officials to bring this project to reality. This is an exciting achievement for all of us,” Sanchez emphasized, who is currently the first Latino President of a hospital in Chicago and in the State of Illinois.

“We want everyone who enters the first floor of the hospital to feel a sense of hope, dignity, and a more comforting future,” said architect Juan Gabriel Moreno. “All of this will be accomplished by using color, light and 100% recyclable materials, all in efforts to transform the experience patients have within the building,” claimed Moreno, who oversees the renovation.

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From its start in 1894, Norwegian American Hospital has been deeply committed to serving the Humboldt Park community. Norwegian American Hospital is a 200-bed, acute care facility. We provide healthcare treatment that’s patient-centered and focused on quality of care, ranging from everyday care to treatment for your most critical needs.

The hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission and has achieved Primary Stroke Certification from the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP). Our Hospital professionals pride themselves on providing excellent medical care while striving to care for our patients, their families and friends with thoughtfulness and respect. Visit www.nahospital.org for more information.

More on JGMA

JGMA founded by Colombian architect, Juan Gabriel Moreno, received the “Excellence in Community Design” from Richard H. Driehaus Foundation thanks to his work “The Center” for Northeastern Illinois

University (NEIU). JGMA was also included in the “Top 50” design firms in the country by Architect Magazine and is also considered one the best architecture company by Modern Interiors in 2015. In parallel, it was recognized with three AIA Chicago Design Awards in that same year. Without a doubt, his architectural works are already part of the city’s history. Visit www.jgma.com for more information.