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## **QUINCY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY DONATES \$25,000 TO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

Quincy, MA (July 14, 2011) – At its annual luncheon at the Neighborhood Club in Quincy, the Quincy Medical Center (QMC) Auxiliary presented a check for \$25,000 to the hospital to help put some finishing touches on its Emergency Department renovation, which is nearing completion.

John N. Kastanis, FACHE, QMC Interim CEO, thanked the auxiliaries for their time and work on behalf of Quincy Medical Center, acknowledging the importance of their involvement with the hospital as well as the significance of the gift. “I am so pleased that Quincy Medical Center has the support of such a dedicated group as the Auxiliary to help us in our fundraising efforts,” he said. “This gift will be used to help make the Emergency Department more patient friendly by providing televisions and furniture for the pediatric section and more functional by replacing the Ambulance entrance doors and furniture for staff work areas. On behalf our patients, their families and our entire staff, thank you very much for this most generous gesture.”

In addition to the donation to Quincy Medical Center, the Auxiliary also presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Michael Menconi of Hingham, MA. Menconi, a graduate of Boston College High School, volunteered more than 100 hours during two summers at QMC. He will attend Fordham University in September as a pre-med major with a minor in psychology.

Before concluding the meeting, the Auxiliary installed its officers for 2011-2012: Mary Sullivan, President, of Braintree; Genevieve White, First Vice President, of Quincy; Jennie Pentz, Second Vice President, of Quincy; Joyce Burrell, Recording Secretary, of Quincy; Yolanda Romanelli, Treasurer, of Quincy; and Directors Lorraine Edwards, of Pembroke; Arlene Cassidy, of Quincy; and Angela Nota, of Rockland.

The QMC Auxiliary is a group of men and women who raise money for the hospital through a variety of fundraising events and ventures. Many of the Auxiliary members also volunteer at the hospital. Since its inception in 1953, the group has raised well over \$1 million to support the medical center. **For more information about becoming a member of the QMC Auxiliary, call 617-376-5368.**

*Quincy Medical Center is a 196-bed acute care community-teaching hospital, providing the highest quality, most personalized and comprehensive medical and surgical services to patients throughout the South Shore. A private, nonprofit hospital, QMC has played a vital role in the community since 1890, serving the needs of its diverse patient population without exception. Quincy Medical Center is uniquely positioned for the health care system of the future, as it is a high value provider with outcomes at or better than most national quality benchmarks and it delivers this care in a cost efficient manner as one of the lowest cost providers in the region. QMC has a clinical affiliation with Tufts Medical Center.*

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