



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sandra McGunigle
617-376-4020
smcgunig@quincymc.org

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP HOLDS DEDICATION CEREMONY AT QUINCY MEDICAL CENTER

Quincy, MA (June 7, 2011) – The Breast Cancer Support Group at Quincy Medical Center remembered those who have lost their lives to breast cancer and celebrated those who are living with the disease during a recent rededication ceremony of the hospital's Breast Cancer Memorial Tree.

More than 40 breast cancer survivors, family members and loved ones gathered for the ceremony, which included greetings from Karen Conley, Senior Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer, and support group facilitator Martie Carney, as well as music, prayers and statements from survivors and loved ones. The group then tied pink ribbons on the Breast Cancer Memorial Tree located near the front entrance to the hospital.

The group first dedicated the lovely pink-blossomed weeping cherry tree in 1994 with the placement of 47 memorial bricks engraved with the names of loved ones who have been touched by breast cancer at the base of the tree. The tree was recently moved from its original location in the courtyard to a more prominent position adjacent to the front entrance. For the rededication, 17 new bricks were placed around the tree.

If you would like to purchase an engraved brick in the name of someone who has been touched by breast cancer to be placed beneath the tree, please call Linda McCulley in the QMC Development Office at 617-376-5495 (lmcculley@quincymc.org).

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.

###

Photo Captions on following page

Arlene Cassidy places a ribbon on the QMC Breast Cancer Memorial Tree.



Members of the Quincy Medical Center Breast Cancer Support Group pose together at the dedication ceremony. The group is one of the longest running breast cancer support groups in the area.



Support group member Erlinda McGuinty talks with group facilitator Martie Carnie and QMC Chief Nursing Officer/SVP of Patient Care Services Karen Conley.



Breast cancer survivors, families and friends place pink ribbons on the QMC Breast Cancer Memorial Tree.

