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**Quincy Medical Center and Caryn's Corner Partner
In New Gift Shop at Quincy Medical Center**

Quincy, MA, December 1, 2006 -- Quincy Medical Center has partnered with Caryn Smith, owner of the Caryn's Corner boutique, 695 Adams Street in Quincy, to manage a reenergized Gift Shop at Quincy Medical Center.

In addition to the standard hospital gift shop fare of stuffed animals, greeting cards and magazines, the shop offers artisan jewelry, fashionable accessories and unique floral arrangements designed by local vendor – European Floral Design. The shop also is finalizing plans to become an agent of the Massachusetts State Lottery, selling lottery and “scratch to win” tickets. “New merchandise is arriving every day, and we continue to explore new product lines and plan special events such as trunk shows that would be of interest to our customers,” added Smith.

A percentage of the shop's sales will be donated to the Quincy Medical Center Auxiliary, a volunteer fundraising committee that has raised more than \$1 million in support of Quincy Medical Center's advanced, high quality clinical programs and services.

“As a longtime Quincy resident, I understand Quincy Medical Center's critical importance in this community,” said Smith, owner and operator of Caryn's Corner and the new Quincy Medical Center Gift Shop. “Partnering with the QMC Auxiliary in this new gift shop is my personal effort to support the future success of the hospital.”

The shop, located within the medical center's first floor, A-Wing lobby, adjacent to Dunkin Donuts, is open from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, on Saturdays.

Quincy Medical Center (www.quincymc.org) is a 232-bed acute care community-teaching hospital providing South Shore residents with comprehensive medical and surgical services. The medical center's Alliance for Quality with Boston Medical Center (BMC), formed in 1999, brings academic medicine to the community. At Quincy Medical Center, physicians from Boston Medical Center direct the departments of medicine, surgery, anesthesia, emergency medicine, and psychiatry. Additionally, physicians from BMC who are board-certified in a range of medical and surgical specialties work with community physicians to ensure the continuity of patient care.

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