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## **QUINCY ROTARY AND SOUTH SHORE SAVINGS BANK DONATE VAN TO QUINCY MEDICAL CENTER**

Quincy, MA (June 10, 2011) – The Quincy Medical Center Partial Hospitalization program is a vital lifeline for vulnerable seniors who are experiencing common later life emotional and psychiatric issues. Through the program, patients receive intensive outpatient treatment to help them deal with these issues and return to a better quality of life. An essential element of the program is to ensure that patients participate in daily group sessions for a number of weeks, and providing transportation is a way for the hospital to ensure that patients arrive and return home again safely each day.

When John Boucher, President of South Shore Savings Bank, and Mary Beth Curran, President of the Quincy Rotary, heard that QMC was in need of a new van for the program, they sprang into action and donated funds to purchase one.

“We are very grateful to our friends at South Shore Savings Bank and the Quincy Rotary for their generosity and for their willingness to partner with us to provide an important service for this vulnerable population,” said Joanna Buczek, MD, QMC’s Chief of Psychiatry. “We see about 450 patients in the Partial Program each year, so this van will be well used and will give our patients peace of mind to know that it is here for them.”

*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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Photo Caption: The Quincy Medical Center Partial Hospitalization Program has a new van to transport patients to and from their appointments thanks to South Shore Savings Bank and the Quincy Rotary Club. Pictured from left to right are: John N. Kastanis, QMC Interim CEO, Susan O'Keefe, RN, Partial Hospitalization Program Coordinator, Joanna Buczek, MD, Chief of Psychiatry, John Spillane, President-elect, Quincy Rotary, Mary Beth Curran, President, Quincy Rotary, John Boucher, President & CEO, South Shore Savings Bank, Louise LaRaia, RN, Partial Hospitalization Program Coordinator, and Rich Barry, Barry & Associates and QMC Board Member.