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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF MICHIGAN BREAKS GROUND ON SPECIALTY CENTER IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Southfield, Michigan – The Detroit Medical Center's Children's Hospital of Michigan recently broke ground on a new specialty center in Oakland County. Located at Franklin Road and Northwestern Highway, the facility will serve as the hospital's new Southfield site, expanding and replacing its current specialty center on Lahser Road.

Upon completion, the 10,000 square foot facility will house a range of outpatient pediatric specialties, including adolescent medicine, ear, nose and throat care, otolaryngology, neurology and neurosurgery.

The center is made possible in part through a significant gift from Toby Etkin and Douglas & Judith Etkin. Douglas Etkin is a long-standing member of the Hospital's Board of Trustees, and the center will be formally named the Children's Hospital of Michigan Alex J. Etkin Specialty Center, in memory of his father, Alex Etkin.

"We believe that every family should have convenient access to first-class pediatric specialty care and are appreciative of the Etkins' support for this project," says President Herman B. Gray, M.D. This new facility will also provide a greater convenience for specialists to provide care to patients in Southfield and the surrounding cities in Oakland County. Children's Hospital of Michigan treats more than 189,000 outpatients a year.

"My mother, Judy, and I are very pleased to help Children's continue its excellence, especially in Southfield, where my father was so active," says Doug Etkin of his family's generous contribution.

The grand opening of the new Children's Hospital of Michigan Alex J. Etkin Specialty Center is anticipated for Winter 2009.

Founded more than 120 years ago, the Children's Hospital of Michigan is the first and only hospital in the state dedicated exclusively to the treatment of children. A leader internationally in neurology and neurosurgery, cardiology, oncology and diagnostic services, it is ranked one of America's best hospitals for children. More Michigan pediatricians are trained at the Children's Hospital of Michigan than in any other facility. Children's Hospital of Michigan is one of nine hospitals operated by the Detroit Medical Center (DMC). The DMC is proud to be the Official Healthcare Services Provider of the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock.