

# Press Release

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**THE LORETTO HOSPITAL FOUNDATION TO HOST  
ITS FIRST DAY OF DEDICATION CEREMONY**  
*Grand Opening of the Connie L. Lindsey Cancer Resource Center*

**CHICAGO, IL – October 12, 2012** – The Loretto Hospital Foundation (LHF) and its board of directors is hosting its very first Day of Dedication Ceremony, a special observance to celebrate the New Loretto’s most recent accomplishments, as well as to honor the hospital’s long-time financial supporters and recent corporate partners.

The Day of Dedication, which will be held on October 30, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at Loretto Hospital, will acknowledge one of Chicago’s most respected local leaders and humanitarians, Connie L. Lindsey. Lindsey is the executive vice president and head of corporate social responsibility at The Northern Trust Company, national board president of the Girls Scouts of the USA, and the foundation’s 2011 Spirit of Achievement Award recipient. In addition, Discover Financial Services and the Anixter Foundation will be featured at the event.

Anticipated to be an exceptional gathering full of Chicago’s most popular A-list personalities, including: ABC 7’s Cheryl Burton, NBC5’s Art Norman; State Representative Camille Y. Lilly (78<sup>th</sup>); Aldermen Deborah Graham (29<sup>th</sup>), Emma Mitts (37<sup>th</sup>) and Jason Irving (28<sup>th</sup>); Dr. Sandy Goldberg, founder of A Silver Foundation and a health reporter for NBC 5; and nationally-renown Attorney James D. Montgomery, of James D. Montgomery & Associates, Ltd., law firm. The event will offer community advocates and leaders the opportunity to witness first-hand Loretto Hospital’s commitment of providing better standards, better care and better outcomes to the Austin and surrounding communities. In addition, a special presentation by Chicago Artist Andre Guichard of Gallery Guichard will be rendered.

“This will be a very special day for the foundation, our board of directors and Loretto Hospital, because we will recognize an exceptional group of people who have been in the trenches with us supporting our efforts to bring quality health care to this community,” Jill Bush said, interim executive director of the LHF.

Since its inception in 2000, and the LHF has made substantive contributions to the hospital and the Austin and bordering communities. Over the years – with an accumulation of proceeds from various events, sponsorships and donations from partners like Lindsey, Discover and the Anixter, the foundation has supported the hospital by purchasing state-of-the-art equipment, funding much needed health screening programs, and by providing educational resources to help bridge the gap of inequities in health care.

The dedication ceremony will include: the grand opening of the Connie L. Lindsey Cancer Resource Center, a center fully equipped with videos, brochures, and other valuable information about various types of cancer, available treatment options, clinical trials and nutritional guidance; the official naming of the hospital's 6<sup>th</sup> floor auditorium in honor of Discover Financial Services for being a yearly sponsor of the hospital's annual Visit With Santa Christmas event and a Diamond Sponsor of the foundation's annual golf outing; and the donor wall dedication to Edward and Lester Anixter of the Anixter Foundation, for donating money to purchase library materials for the Connie L. Lindsey Cancer Resource Center in honor of Lou Silva, a family member who died of cancer, and for fully funding the hospital's donors wall.

“As a major financial arm for Loretto, our goal is to continue to build relationships with individuals and organizations that have a desire and the capability to help us raise enough money so that we can continue providing the kind of services this community needs and deserves,” Bush said.

To learn more about the Loretto Hospital Foundation and the 2012 Day of Dedication contact Jill Bush, interim executive director, at 773-854-4200.

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### **About the Loretto Hospital Foundation**

Formed in 2000, the Loretto Hospital Foundation (LHF) is a not-for-profit organization and is the primary fundraising entity for Loretto Hospital. The LHF's primary goal is to help promote Loretto's mission to provide quality patient centered care and promote wellness and education. Since its inception, the LHF has purchased clinical equipment, transportation vehicles, and has supported various health programs and screenings in the Austin Community. For more information, please visit [www.lorettohospitalfoundation.org](http://www.lorettohospitalfoundation.org)

### **About Loretto Hospital**

Loretto Hospital is a not-for-profit, community-based hospital located in Austin, the largest community in Chicago. Loretto is the only hospital in the Austin community and is the largest non-government employer in the Austin community. The hospital has more than 600 staff, comprising of 170 physicians and 300 nursing professionals. Although the largest percentage of the hospital's patients resides in Austin and Garfield Park, neighboring suburban communities also utilize Loretto as a healthcare resource. For more information, please visit [www.lorettohospital.org](http://www.lorettohospital.org)

