

South Pointe continues to thrive



Cleveland Clinic's regional hospitals have a long history of providing excellent service to the communities we serve. I have the privilege of leading two of these hospitals, South Pointe Hospital in Warrensville Heights and Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights.

This year, South Pointe is celebrating its 50th year of serving the communities southeast of Cleveland. It was back in 1957 when two groups of physicians, allopathic physicians (you know them as M.D.s) and osteopathic physicians (you know them as D.O.s) decided to build hospitals in Warrensville Heights. Back then, these two groups of physicians did not traditionally work together, and so two hospitals were opened right next door to each

other: Suburban Hospital and Brentwood Hospital.

Fast-forward to 1994, when the training and camaraderie of these two groups of physicians were the same, and the climate in healthcare made it necessary for the two hospitals to merge and become South Pointe Hospital. This merger benefited the community by eliminating duplicate services and allowing more capital investments to improve the hospital.

Since then, more than \$60 million has been invested in South Pointe, including a new West Wing, which opened in late 2003, featuring a state-of-the-art surgery center, endoscopy center, private 25-bed intensive care unit and high-tech education center for osteopathic medical education.

Easy access to services has been our focus in the last five years, resulting in a convenient entrance off of Harvard Road just minutes from the I-271 Harvard exit. Upon entering our beautiful two-story lobby, patients and visitors are greeted with a healing environment, including a baby grand piano and marble waterfall. A few steps from the entrance, we conveniently placed patient registration and outpatient testing for patients to have quick access to the healthcare services they need.

I invite you to visit South Pointe Hospital as we celebrate 50 years of serving our community. We look forward to the next 50 years of caring and community outreach as we strive to be the best place to receive care, the best place to practice medicine and the best place to work.

Sincerely,

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