

# reflecting on 2007 at south pointe

plus: celebrating 50 years of quality



Dear Neighbors:

As the new year begins, I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on the past year. 2007 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of South Pointe Hospital. In 1957, both Suburban Hospital and Brentwood Hospital opened their doors for patient care. Brentwood specialized in osteopathic medicine, while Suburban offered more traditional, or allopathic, treatment methodologies. South Pointe, formed when the two hospitals merged in 1994, has secured its reputation as a provider of excellent-quality patient care.

Today, South Pointe is a 275-bed, acute-care teaching hospital and one of the largest osteopathic teaching hospitals in the state.

A few highlights from the past year:

- Our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala also served as a benefit, raising more than \$70,000 for the branch campus of the Huron School of Nursing, which opened at South Pointe last August. The medical staff contributed \$50,000 for scholarships to enable people in our community to enter the nursing program. The 34 students enrolled in the program are working diligently to become nurses so they can serve our community. The school plans to double admissions to 68 per year by 2009.
- Hospice of the Cleveland Clinic opened its first East-side inpatient facility at South Pointe last year. The 18-bed unit provides a serene and comfortable environment, with an emphasis on comfort and symptom management when curative measures are no longer beneficial.
- Physicians and employees celebrated throughout the year with various social events. In October, the community celebrated our anniversary at a free jazz concert at the hospital. As always, our community outreach efforts included free health screenings, health talks and blood drives for the communities we serve.
- Our physicians, nurses and employees had a great year to reflect on our heritage and come together as a team, continuing to provide excellent care for our patients.

As we look back on 2007, our joyful experiences pulled us together to help make South Pointe Hospital one of the best places to receive care in our community.

Sincerely,

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