



## Albany Medical Center Foundation

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January 30, 2013

The Kiwanis Council of the Capital Region  
Mr. Rick Sturm  
64 Chatsworth Way  
Clifton Park, NY 12065-7238

Dear Rick,

On behalf of the tiny patients cared for in Albany Med's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) by director Michael Horgan, MD and his expert staff, I am excited to share some wonderful news with you.

You may recall that in the spring of 2012, the Charles R. Wood Foundation made a \$250,000 commitment to Albany Medical Center to support our new NICU, part of the new Patient Pavilion currently under construction. The C.R. Wood Foundation challenged us to raise an additional \$250,000 from other donors before the end of 2012, and if successful, they agreed to provide us with an additional \$250,000.

**Our friends at the Kiwanis organization, you and many other deeply committed Albany Med donors answered this challenge, resulting in a \$750,000 total gift to our NICU expansion project. Thank you! We could not have done it without you.**

The new NICU will provide the space and resources these babies and their families need. All rooms will be single occupancy, providing privacy for families and offering superior control of factors critical to the development of premature infants including heat, light, sounds, and infection. With new *Giraffe* beds, Dr. Horgan and his staff will be able to provide safe havens for our tiniest and most vulnerable patients, allowing the babies to heal, grow, and go home sooner. Additionally, the new NICU will have a dedicated family suite with a kitchen, lounge, laundry facilities, and three family transition rooms for overnight stays, bringing the comforts of home to the parents and siblings of babies being cared for in the NICU.

I hope that you will enjoy reading the enclosed copy of the January edition of *Albany Med Today*, which features two articles about our NICU. In it you will learn about baby J.P., one of our recent NICU "graduates." Please know that your support of the new NICU will make a tremendous impact on the lives of people like J.P. and his family.

We look forward to sharing the new NICU with you when it opens later this year!

Sincerely,

Terri A. Cerveny  
Senior Vice President for Development

*Thank you so  
much for supporting  
this special  
initiative!*