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Votorantim Cimentos and St Marys Cement Executives Tour Charlevoix Hospital Improvements Following Generous Donation

CHARLEVOIX, MI – Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital recently welcomed top executives from Votorantim Cimentos and its St Marys Cement plant, thanking them for not only their generous financial gift, but their ongoing support of both the hospital and the community.

The executives were given a special tour of the hospital's newest operating room and expanded laboratory, part of the \$7 million project they helped to fund.

"The generous \$250,000 donation made by our neighbor, the Charlevoix St Marys Cement plant, was used to help finance our three-part expansion and renovation project begun in 2014 and recently completed," said Chelsea Platte, Executive Director of the hospital's Foundation. "We were overwhelmed by their generosity and are very grateful for their ongoing support of our hospital."

The expansion and renovation of neighboring Boyne Area Health Center and the addition of a new Chemotherapy-Infusion Center in the hospital's main campus were the first two parts of the capital campaign, followed by a targeted expansion and renovation of the hospital's surgical suite and laboratory. The hospital received approval from the State to add a third operating room, new pre- and post-operative rooms, and completely redesign the surgery and lab departments.

"Our hospital's rapid growth in outpatient surgeries together with an increasing number of independent surgeons seeking to operate here, gave rise to the need for expansion and increased capabilities," said Ms. Platte. "Without the support of the hospital's friends and neighbors such as Votorantim Cimentos and the St Marys Cement plant, this wonderful expansion would not have been possible."

The visiting executives were given a tour of the lab, new operating room and surgical suite and chemotherapy infusion center, seeing first-hand the results of their donation. Before leaving, they shared a celebratory toast with hospital staff members and physicians who expressed deep gratitude for the generous gift.

About Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital is a 25-bed, critical access hospital located in Charlevoix, Michigan. Part of the Munson Healthcare system, the hospital was established in 1919 and serves Charlevoix and northern Antrim County residents as well as thousands of vacationers each year. For more information, visit munsonhealthcare.org/charlevoixhospital.

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