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**McLaren Northern Michigan
Groundbreaking of the New “Offield Family Pavilion” Hospital Wing**

McLaren Northern Michigan officially broke ground on its new 170,000 square foot wing on Wednesday, July 11.

The \$175 million expansion and renovation project will transform the care provided in northern Michigan by increasing patient comfort and privacy, improving wayfinding, enhancing physician and staff work flow, efficiency, and physical environment, and modernizing the facility to match its world-class care.

The new wing is named the “*Offield Family Pavilion*” after a lead donation for the “Building the Future of Health Care” project by Harbor Springs residents Jim and sujo Offield. The Offield family has a long legacy of support for the hospital dating back to its original founding.

“My grandfather was one of the Hospital’s original founders and my father sat on the Hospital board for years,” Offield said. “This hospital is important to me - my family has utilized its services at every stage in life and my own life was saved here last year. I could have chosen anywhere in the world and I chose to have my care here.

“We wanted to support this project for our community but our work is not done,” Offield continued. “It is up to all of us to ‘build the future of health care’ dollar by dollar and our job will not be done until we have raised the final dollar. I hope the community will join me in supporting this important project.”

What does the future of health care of McLaren Northern Michigan look like? The *Offield Family Pavilion* will have 92 new private rooms providing restful recovery in a peaceful and private environment giving patients the dignity, respect, and privacy they deserve. In addition, there will be new operating suites, new intensive care unit, and new cardiovascular unit making them larger and more suited for modern-day needs.

“This project is an investment in the facility for not only the current but future generations,” stated David Zechman, President and CEO of McLaren Northern Michigan. “Our vision for the future is a facility that is equal to our commitment to improving the quality of care northern Michigan expects and deserves.”

If you would like to learn more about the Building the Health Care of Future project or to participate in the capital campaign, please visit mclarennorthernbuilds.org or call (231) 487-3500.

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About McLaren Northern Michigan

McLaren Northern Michigan, a subsidiary of McLaren Health Care, is a 202-bed, regional referral center located in Petoskey, serving residents in 22 counties across northern lower Michigan and the eastern part of the Upper Peninsula. Over 230 physicians represent nearly all medical and surgical specialties, enabling full-service care with an emphasis on heart, cancer, orthopedics, and neurosciences services. For additional information, visit mclaren.org/northern.