

Hospital tower expansion enhances environment and privacy for patients

You might call it South Macomb Hospital, St. John Macomb, or by its new name — Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital. But whatever you call it, the community hospital at Twelve Mile and Hoover roads in Warren is the only hospital serving southern Macomb County and the only one in Warren, the state's third largest city.

As a result, Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital can be very busy. To continue providing you with excellent medical care and a more comfortable, private environment, the hospital's East Tower is undergoing an expansion from four to seven floors.

This \$48 million endeavor is the largest building project in the hospitals' history. It is expected to be completed in the spring of 2019. Construction began in November 2017. Progress is going well:

- Steel work and exterior wall sheathing is complete.
- Exterior metal wall panel and window installation began.
- Interior work — including plumbing, electrical, mechanical, drywall, paint and more — is also underway on floors 4, 5, 6 and 7.
- Work is ongoing on the penthouse in preparation for the new air handling unit for the newly expanded floors.

The completed project will bring:

- 75 new spacious, private rooms — nearly tripling the number of private rooms to 220
- Shorter wait times in the Emergency Center
- Greater privacy and comfort for patients and their families
- A larger, more efficient Rehabilitation Unit
- Upgraded furnishings

Hard hat tours of the expanded area will begin in early 2019. A grand opening celebration will be held upon completion of the project.

A \$2 million fundraising campaign, "Caring to New Heights," is in progress to assist with the \$46 million capital investment by Ascension. So far, \$1.1 million has been raised from the hospital's medical staff, Volunteer Auxiliary and community as well as proceeds from the hospital's annual golf outing and Taste Fest.

To learn more about the expansion project and how you can help support this effort, please contact Sherry Augustine at 313-343-7481.



An exterior view of the tower under construction



An interior view of construction in progress