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FOUNDATION FOR UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES \$2.25+ MILLION DONATION TO SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE

Newark, NJ – Today, the Foundation for University Hospital announced that an anonymous corporate donor has given \$2,271,295 to support University Hospital’s COVID-19 response efforts. The anonymous donor worked with the Foundation as of earlier this week, and asked for a list of priorities to best help the hospital prepare for a potential growing surge of COVID-19 patients. Within hours of receiving that list, the funds were being wired to the Foundation.

Importantly, the funds will support additional resources in the University Hospital Emergency Department and Intensive Care Units. For months, the Hospital has been taking steps to prioritize existing resources, and engaging in contingency planning to accommodate potential COVID-19 surge scenarios. This donation will expand those capabilities further by providing additional resources, including ventilators, hospital beds, EMS equipment, pulse oximeters, telehealth capabilities, and sanitization resources.

“We are incredibly grateful for this benefactor’s willingness to step up during this critical time. I won’t mince words: this donation of critical resources will save lives,” said **Shereef Elnahal, President and CEO of University Hospital**. “I am so proud of the work our team is doing at University Hospital. We are preparing for a large surge of COVID-19 patients, and every extra resource will help us continue to protect lives.”

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About The Foundation for University Hospital

The Foundation for University Hospital raises funds to advance University Hospital's mission of improving healthcare, education, and wellness in greater Newark. Contributions to The Foundation for University Hospital sustain and enhance the critical clinical and community outreach programs of University Hospital. For more information about how you can contribute and make a difference, please contact the Foundation office at (973) 972-1873.

About University Hospital

University Hospital is part of one of the nation's leading academic medical centers and is the Level 1 Trauma Center for Northern New Jersey. Located at University Heights in Newark, University Hospital is a principal teaching hospital of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and a regional resource for advanced services across many medical specialties. For more information about University Hospital, please visit www.uhnj.org.