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EDWARD ST. JOHN DONATES \$1 MILLION TO NEW SHOCK TRAUMA CRITICAL CARE TOWER AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL CENTER

BALTIMORE, Oct. 3, 2013 – Business and community leader Edward St. John has pledged \$1 million to the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) in support of the new Shock Trauma Critical Care Tower, scheduled to open this Fall. St. John, founder and chairman of St. John Properties, serves on the Board of Visitors of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

The current Shock Trauma Center opened in 1989 with a capacity for serving 3,500 patients each year, but now serves more than 8,600 annually. The new facility will allow greater capacity for serving patients with complex injuries and illnesses who can benefit from new patient rooms and care units modeled after the proven concept of Shock Trauma’s time-tested blueprint. The new tower also houses new operating rooms, medical training facilities and family amenities. The capital campaign in support of the Tower is still seeking contributions as it moves towards completion in November.

“The leadership of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center has a clear vision and strategy to maintain the center’s position as a provider of world-class trauma and critical care,” stated St. John. “My core business values are aligned with those of the center. We share an ongoing commitment to elevate the level of services provided, as well as to establish education and community service as a priority. I’m proud to play a role in shaping the future direction of this valuable Baltimore institution, which serves a critical need in the Baltimore community and far beyond. I encourage other local and regional business and community leaders to support this unique, lifesaving institution.”

Edward St. John started St. John Properties in 1971. The commercial real estate firm now owns and manages over 17 million square feet of retail, research and development, office, and apartments in Maryland, Northern Virginia, Wisconsin, Colorado, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, and Nevada. It is valued at more than \$2 billion, and services over 1,700 tenants. St. John is active in a variety of community organizations, and serves on several boards in addition to Shock Trauma.

“We are eternally grateful to Ed for his generous financial support of the new Shock Trauma Critical Care Tower, and look forward to the leadership and passion that he will bring to the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Board of Visitors,” said Jeffrey A. Rivest, president and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical Center.

Thomas M. Scalea, M.D., FACS, Physician-in-Chief, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, and the Francis X. Kelly Professor of Trauma Surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, added: “The financial support of donors like Ed is essential to our mission to remain at the forefront of trauma and critical care medicine for decades to come. Ed’s partnership helps elevate the visibility of our work and mission to serve the people of Maryland.” Scalea is also chief for critical care services for the University of Maryland Medical System.

To learn how you can support Shock Trauma, visit: <http://umm.edu/programs/shock-trauma/about/ways-to-help>

About the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

The R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center was the first fully integrated trauma center in the world, and remains at the epicenter for trauma research, patient care, and teaching, both nationally and internationally today. Shock Trauma is where the “golden hour” concept of trauma was born and where many of the life-saving practices in modern trauma medicine were pioneered. Shock Trauma is also at the heart of Maryland’s unparalleled Emergency Medical Service System.

About the University of Maryland Medical Center

The University of Maryland Medical Center is an 800-bed teaching hospital in Baltimore and the flagship institution of the 12-hospital University of Maryland Medical System. As a national and regional referral center for trauma, cancer care, neurocare, cardiac care, women's and children's health and physical rehabilitation, UMMC treats patients who are referred nationally and regionally for expertise in time-sensitive critical care medicine. UMMC also has one of the largest solid organ transplant programs in the country, performing 443 abdominal and thoracic transplants in 2012. All physicians on staff at the Medical Center are faculty physicians of the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

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