Rite Aid Foundation Helps St. Peter's Hospital Bring Dental Care to Inner-City Children in Albany
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ALBANY NY, June 11, 2008 -- The Rite Aid Foundation is donating $5,000 to St. Peter's Hospital and its Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, a traveling dental clinic that provides dental care to students at five public schools in Albany.

"This generous donation from the Rite Aid Foundation will help the St. Peter's Hospital Ronald McDonald Care Mobile provide invaluable preventative and restorative dental service to hundreds of children in the Albany school system," said Peter Semenza, executive director of the St. Peter's Hospital Foundation.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is staffed by four dental professionals from St. Peter's Hospital Dental Services. Donated by Ronald McDonald House Charities in the fall of 2006, the half-million-dollar clinic has been caring for students at North Albany Academy, Philip J. Schuyler Achievement Academy, Giffen Memorial School, Sheridan Preparatory Academy and Thomas S. O'Brien Academy of Science & Technology.

In addition to the dental services, the St. Peter's program also teaches children about brushing and overall oral hygiene. It also provides sports mouth guards; nutritional counseling and demonstrations on proper dental care through videos, interactive games, and reading materials.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region, Inc. (RMHC) promotes the health, development and well-being of children and their families. RMHC accomplished this through the Ronald McDonald House, a home away from home for families of seriously ill children, and by creating and supporting programs that directly improve the lives of children and their families.

The Rite Aid Foundation, founded in July 2001, is a not-for-profit foundation dedicated to helping people in the communities Rite Aid serves. Rite Aid Corporation is one of the nation's leading drugstore chains with approximately 5,100 stores in 31 states and the District of Columbia. Information about Rite Aid, including corporate background and press releases, is available through the company's website at http://www.riteaid.com.

Further information about the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile and St. Peter's Dental Health Care Services is available by calling 518-525-1757 and online at www.sphcs.org/dental.

Further information about the St. Peter's Foundation is available by calling 518-482-4433 or visiting online at www.sphcs.org/GivingtoStPeters.

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St. Peter's Health Care Services (SPHCS) of Albany, New York, was established by the Religious Sisters of Mercy in 1985 with components that date back to 1869. Led by St. Peter's Hospital, a 442-bed acute care facility, the SPHCS system also includes: St. Peter's Hospital Foundation; St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center (SPARC,) a 40-bed addiction services center; Our Lady of Mercy Life Center, a 160-bed residential care facility; St. Peter's Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, a 160-bed skilled nursing facility; Mercy Cares for Kids, a child day care center; The Community Hospice, serving patients in residential facilities, hospitals and at home in six counties; and St. Peter's Auxiliary, Inc.

With 4,500 employees throughout the system and a budget of nearly $450 million, St. Peter's Health Care Services is the region's fourth-largest employer. In recent years, the St. Peter's Hospital has earned several top national and state honors for its overall care, cardiovascular care, patient safety and nursing services.