



## **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Celebrates Opening of Wartburg Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinic**

*Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinic debuts during Wartburg's 150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary*

**MOUNT VERNON, NY (February 8, 2016)** — Wartburg recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of its new Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinic. The new clinic is located in the Rehabilitation and Adult Day Services Center of Excellence on Wartburg's 34-acre campus.

The ceremony marked the organization's continued expansion and focus on providing for and improving the quality of life of seniors in this community.

The clinic was made possible by a grant from the Wartburg Foundation and is located within Wartburg's \$31 million, 75,000 square foot center of excellence, which is the first health care facility in the City of Mount Vernon to be LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certified by the U.S. Green Building Council. Attaining LEED certification signifies that a building is exemplary in conserving energy, lowering operating costs and being healthy for occupants.

The general contractor of the project was Lecesse Construction and Andron Construction is responsible for the 8,000 square foot renovations. Perkins Eastman was the architect.

Mike Holden, member of Wartburg Board of Directors, said, "Outpatient rehabilitation services will allow patients to remain engaged and involved in their community while convalescing in the comfort of their home. The clinic also reaches a new population of people in the community and beyond who aren't familiar with Wartburg to inform them of the extensive onsite rehabilitation services that are available.

David Gentner, Wartburg President and CEO, said, "This space now helps fill the gap in the continuum – for patients to come back after they are discharged, see the same staff, in the same environment – and I look forward to seeing this program grow."

Outpatient rehabilitation at Wartburg offers a full range of occupational and physical therapy in addition to specialized speech, language and pathology services. Since opening on 12/1/2015, 27 outpatients have been served. At full occupancy the clinic will employ eight Rehab Clinicians and treat more than 80 patients per month.

"What's unique about Wartburg is the fact that it has really looked at the entire continuum of care for seniors, from independent living to a skilled nursing facility to now opening an outpatient rehab clinic. Wartburg provides all the services necessary to serve seniors," said Holden. "Wartburg has re-invented itself many times over the past 150 years, which speaks volumes of its ability to stay relevant and committed to their mission."

Wartburg offers a comprehensive spectrum of senior care that adapts to an individual's changing needs. Other programs including Adult Day Services, Licensed, Certified Home Care, the award-winning, internationally recognized Creative Aging & Lifelong Learning initiative, Inpatient Rehabilitation Services, Independent and Assisted Living, Nursing Home Care, Specialized Alzheimer's/Dementia Care, and Caregiver Support are a critical part of the extensive options that are offered at Wartburg's 34-acre campus.

"Healthcare, cost control and affordability is everyone's issue, not just senior service providers," said Mr. Gentner. "This clinic promotes independence and prevents early institutionalization, which certainly fits under the umbrella of affordable healthcare. It's part of healthcare reform within this region and part of healthcare reform within Wartburg's vision."

This year marks Wartburg's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and honors their historical commitment to community care. Started as an orphanage in 1866 to provide a safe haven for children orphaned by the Civil War, the campus has evolved and continues to expand their mission of improving the quality of life for those in need.

### **About Wartburg**

Wartburg, located in Westchester County, NY, offers integrated, comprehensive senior care services for your changing life. Unlike conventional retirement communities, we provide a wide range of services to both residents living on campus and people in their own homes. From independent, assisted living and award-winning nursing home care to inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation, home care and adult day care services, our continuing care approach means you can trust us to be here for your family – how, when and where you need us to be. We also provide caregiver support every step of the way, so you can navigate your options and find the level of care that's right for your whole family.

Most recently, Wartburg received the Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award from the American College of Health Care Administrators, which will be presented this upcoming March, in addition to being named one of the "Best Nursing Homes in New York State", by *U.S. News & World Report* for the fifth consecutive year.

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