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## **Officials to Sign Beam, Hoist Evergreen as Steel Structure is Completed at Soin Medical Center**

**BEAVERCREEK** – Centuries ago, Scandanavian builders began placing tree branches atop completed structures as a symbol of lasting construction and good luck. The tradition continues today, with the hoisting of an evergreen to mark the completion of a building’s structural steel.

After 15 months of construction, they are ready to rivet the final beam in place and hoist the evergreen at the Indu and Raj Soin Medical Center in Beavercreek. A **“Topping Out” Ceremony** will take place at **3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1**, on the grounds at **3535 Pentagon Blvd.** near the Fairfield Commons Mall.

Indu and Raj Soin will attend along with Kettering Health Network CEO Frank Perez, COO Fred Manchur, Greene Memorial Hospital President Greg Henderson, and others. The Soin family and top KHN administrators will be the last people to sign the beam. Then it will be hoisted into place to complete the structure. It has been stationed at Greene Memorial Hospital for the past few days, allowing employees to sign it as a symbol of greater healthcare services to come for all of Greene County.

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The six-story, 278,000-square-foot hospital is on pace to open with 90 beds in the first quarter of 2012. Members of the media will have a chance to view and share new, detailed renderings of the building's interior and to talk about the building's progress with officials.

“We have finished the skeleton, and we will have most of the brick walls done in time to get interior work going this winter,” Henderson said. “The project is on budget and on time, and we will have exciting developments to share about the greater campus in the months to come.”

The \$135 million medical center will feature emergency care, general surgery, orthopedic care, cardiac care, a birthing center, critical care and medical imaging and diagnostic services. Groundbreaking took place in August of 2009, and the naming of the Indu and Raj Soin Medical Center was announced at a special ceremony last May. About 1,000 jobs will be housed on the Mills Morgan Medical Campus. Currently more than 250 workers are employed on the construction site.

Soin Medical Center will be the eighth hospital under the Kettering Health Network umbrella. KHN also includes Kettering and Grandview medical centers, Greene Memorial Hospital, Fort Hamilton Hospital, Sycamore and Southview medical centers and Kettering Behavioral Medicine Center.

Danis Building Construction Co. is in charge of the building project. HOK is the architect, and Jain Malkin, Inc. is the interior designer.

The hospital lobby will feature an expansive entrance and a two-story wall of water that leads down to a ground floor cafeteria. Patients and visitors will also enjoy a sculpture series called “The Creation Wall” which depicts the seven days of creation. The Creation Wall was incorporated into Kettering Medical Center's recent lobby renovation, and it will also be present in Grandview Medical Center's addition currently being built as well as other future construction within the faith-based Network.

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