

Murphy Announces Funds for Meriden's MidState Medical Center Emergency Department Expansion

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MERIDEN - Today, Congressman Chris Murphy (CT-5) came to Meriden's MidState Medical Center to announce a \$250,000 federal grant he secured for the hospital's Emergency Department Expansion and Building Project. MidState projects that by 2011, it will be attempting to serve more than double the number of patients it was originally built to accommodate in 1998. The expansion will provide much needed health services to Meriden, Cheshire, Southington and Wallingford residents. Since construction began in 2008, an average of 110 people have been working on the project each day.

"MidState's staff is doing a phenomenal job with space they are outgrowing by the day. Now, coupled with private and state dollars, this federal funding will help them get one step closer to opening a larger facility to serve the greater Meriden area," said Murphy.

The project will add approximately 100,000 new and 5,000 renovated square feet and include an expansion of the existing Emergency Department. The project will create 53 treatment spaces and 14 medical/surgical inpatient beds, as well as a fourth story of shelled space, which would allow for future expansion of either outpatient, medical office, or inpatient services, as well as an enhanced main entrance of the hospital and covered patient drop-off area.

"On behalf of the entire MidState community, we would like to thank Chris Murphy for his steadfast support of our hospital. This funding will ensure that the communities we serve have a modern, state-of-the-art facility with the capacity to meet the growing healthcare needs of our residents. We look forward to unveiling our new Emergency Department and inpatient pavilion next year," said Lucille Janatka, CEO, MidState Medical Center.

"In an era of turmoil and uncertainty in the healthcare industry, the significant expansion of our emergency department is another example of how the combined strength of MidState Medical Center and the Hartford Healthcare system is providing outstanding quality healthcare to our central Connecticut community," Larry McGoldrick, Chairman of the Board, MidState Medical Center

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