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**KEITH SAFIAN CELEBRATES 25<sup>TH</sup> YEAR AS PRESIDENT AND CEO  
OF PHELPS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

**SLEEPY HOLLOW, New York** – Phelps Memorial Hospital Center marks a significant milestone this month, when Keith Safian celebrates his 25<sup>th</sup> year as President and CEO. Under Safian’s leadership, the 238-bed full-service community hospital has grown to become a leading healthcare provider and major economic force in Westchester County.

Phelps is one of very few profitable hospitals in New York State, operating in the black in all but one of the last 25 years. Since 1989, when Safian was hired, the operating budget has increased from \$40 million to \$245 million in 2014.

Over the same time period, the hospital staff has grown from 800 employees to 1,700, making Phelps the 7<sup>th</sup> largest employer in Westchester County, up from 50<sup>th</sup>. Since 1989, the number of physicians on staff at the hospital has grown from 189 to 450.

The campus facilities have doubled in size, with the addition of two medical services buildings, a parking garage, and a new emergency department. The emergency department, which integrated the latest technology with a design that enhances patient comfort and privacy, has served as a model for emergency department improvements at other community hospitals in Westchester and beyond.

Currently, a new surgical operating suite called the SurgiCenter is under construction. Occupying an entire floor of the newer medical services building and connected to the main hospital by an enclosed bridge, it is the first operating suite in a medical office building in New York State that can be used for both inpatients and outpatients. It is expected to open in the fall. Construction on a new MRI suite and new main lobby will begin shortly and is expected to be completed early next year. Plans are under way for a future patient tower that will feature private patient rooms that can be adapted to the severity of a patient’s illness.