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**PEDIATRIC CENTER LAUNCHES THE FIRST LONG-TERM CARE PROVIDER CORPORATE UNIVERSITY**

*Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center introduces professional corporate educational program*

(New York, NY) On Monday, December 15, 2008, the administration and leadership of the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center officially launches the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center University (ESPCU). This newly developed program will offer Pediatric Center employees a variety of courses focused on developing professional skills in the current healthcare industry corporate environment. This will be the first long-term care provider corporate university in the United States.

ESPCU offers valuable training and continuing education opportunities for the Pediatric Center's employees on relevant health-related topics ranging from management and customer service, to clinical education and training. It is offered fully on-line at [www.espcuniversity.org](http://www.espcuniversity.org) and is accessible to employees anywhere, anytime.

"Our new corporate university is a reflection of our commitment to our employees and continuous learning," says Patricia A. Tursi, CEO. "We are excited about the opportunities that this brings to our staff."

Many Pediatric Center staff have presented at conferences as leaders in their respective fields. "In a work environment where continuous quality improvement is a key focus, on-going education and dissemination of best practices is highly valued," adds Human Resources Director David G. Epstein. "Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center University is a manifestation of this commitment to self-improvement of the Center's employees."

Course offerings will provide valuable training and development opportunities for employees on-line and in-person. On-line courses will include topics ranging from management and customer service to clinical education and training. Employees will have flexible access to on-line courses from any location at any time.

Opportunities for continuing education conducted on-site with personal interaction include:

- Conferences & Seminars – facilitating employees to attend professional gatherings providing current practice models in music therapy, palliative care, nursing, pediatric medicine and more
- Lunch 'n Learn Series – lunch time lectures from experts in medicine, rehabilitation and nursing on a wide range of topics
- Clinical Education – from in-house training in IV therapy administration to CPR recertification, employees are provided with opportunities for clinical skills development

The mission of Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center University reflects the Center's core value of investing in human resources and recognizing employees as the most valuable asset. The Pediatric Center is committed to training and development of employees and is the first long-term care provider in the country to launch a corporate university. This educational initiative is a reflection of the Pediatric Center's commitment to its employees and to promoting a continuous learning environment.

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*The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and John A. Coleman School are committed to changing the lives of medically fragile children, one child at a time. All programs are centered on the children we serve and their families, respecting individual cultural beliefs and practices. Each child admitted to the Center enters a "Neighborhood" where they receive team-based trans-disciplinary care, including medicine, nursing, social services, palliative care, mental health, rehabilitation, education, nutrition, child life/therapeutic activity, pastoral care and more. To learn more please visit [www.setonpediatric.org](http://www.setonpediatric.org).*