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PARKER JEWISH INSTITUTE TO ESTABLISH NEW INDIAN CULTURAL UNIT

Indian Cultural Unit to Enhance Quality of Life for Indian Patients and Residents

New Hyde Park, New York, January 3, 2017 – Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation plans to establish an innovative *Indian Cultural Unit*, dedicated to celebrating India's cultural heritage, while delivering the excellent care Parker is known for in the community. The unit will enhance quality of life for Indian patients, residents and their families, so they feel completely at home during their stay at Parker for either Short Term Rehabilitation or Long Term Care.

Over 100 guests from the local Indian community attended the unit's inaugural ceremony on Monday, December 5, 2016. Welcoming remarks were given by Michael N. Rosenblut, Parker's President and CEO. "Parker plans to dedicate a unit to meet the needs of Queens and Nassau's growing Indian population," Rosenblut stated. "The unit will feature clinical and front line staff fluent in Indian languages, as well as Indian newspapers and movies, plus traditional Indian meals made fresh daily, prepared by our chefs. There will also be Indian recreation and cultural entertainment, and of course Indian-inspired décor and artwork," he added. The expected opening will be early in 2017.

Rosenblut commended Indravadan Shah, MD, a retired Surgeon, who gave a talk on how the idea for an *Indian Cultural Unit* was conceived. He also cited Saroj Shah, MD, retired OBGYN, who along with her husband Indravadan, led a committee of Indian doctors and professionals who invited their community to the event. "The outreach coordinated by this committee made our successful December 5th kick-off possible," Rosenblut said.

The program's highlight was guest speaker Uma Mysorekar, MD, a practicing OBGYN and strong supporter of Parker's *Indian Cultural Unit*. As president of the Hindu Temple Society of North America, she has received numerous awards for her contributions and community service.

The program closed with a "Vote of Thanks" by Ramsing Pardeshi, MD, a Geriatric Psychiatrist at Parker. For more information on Parker's *Indian Cultural Unit*, please call 1-877-727-5373.

Parker Jewish Institute, conveniently located at the Queens-Nassau County border in New Hyde Park, is a leading provider of Short Term Rehabilitation and Long Term Care. At the forefront of innovation in patient-centered health care and new technology, the Institute is also a leader in teaching and geriatric research. Parker features its own medical department, and is nationally renowned as a skilled nursing facility, as well as a provider of community-based health care, encompassing Social Adult Day Care, Home Health Care and a Hospice Program.

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Michael N. Rosenblut, Parker President and CEO, thanks coordinating committee of Indian physicians and professionals.



Uma Mysorekar, MD, was the chief guest speaker at the inaugural ceremony.



Saroj Sha, MD, who led coordinating committee, addresses the audience.