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**STURDY RECEIVES DONATION FROM  
ERNEST H. AUGAT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION;  
NAMES PATIENT SERVICES BUILDING**

ATTLEBORO, MA, February 26, 2014 – The Sturdy Memorial Foundation has received a \$1 million dollar donation from the Ernest H. Augat Charitable Foundation in support of *Amazing Medicine, Surprisingly Close*. This gift makes the Ernest H. Augat Charitable Foundation the single largest donor to Sturdy.

In recognition of the \$1 million dollar gift, Sturdy has renamed a building constructed in 2005 **The Augat Foundation Patient Services Building**. The building, which Sturdy has simply referred to as the “new” building for the past nine years, is home to the 40 bed Montplaisir medical surgical unit; a pain clinic; a sleep laboratory; the Hospital’s respiratory therapy department; and the pharmacy. The Hospital’s human resources department and dietary services are also located in the building.

At the building dedication ceremony, Linda Shyavitz acknowledged the longstanding support of the Augat family and Augat Foundation to Sturdy and its communities, noting “they have always been about Surprisingly Close; living in the community and giving locally over and over and over again.”

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Gretchen Reilly, Augat's daughter and a trustee of the Augat Foundation, spoke about her father's commitment to Attleboro and its charitable organizations, and how proud she is of the wonderful legacy he has left. She noted his passion for making a difference and for being a true humanitarian. "Having the Augat name visibly prominent on the exterior of Sturdy Memorial Hospital serves as a constant reminder of how important it was to my father to support one's community and people."

Sturdy Memorial Hospital is a full-service, independent, financially stable, not-for-profit acute care community hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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