



STURDY

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**STURDY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING HELD;
YEAR END RESULTS REPORTED AND
COMMUNITY LEADERS NAMED TO FOUNDATION**

ATTLEBORO, MA, January 8, 2008 – Sturdy Memorial Foundation, Inc., the non-profit parent organization of Sturdy Memorial Hospital, held its annual meeting last night at Highland Country Club in Attleboro. The agenda included the recognition of three Board members – Hugh Mason, former chairman of the Board who recently completed a five year term as President of Sturdy Memorial Foundation; Lisa Nelson, who served the Board for ten years, nine of them as Chair of the Building Committee; and Brian Kelly, MD, who most recently served as Immediate Past Past President of the Medical Staff. Two new Board members were elected – Sharon Jezard, MD, who practices in Plainville and is Immediate Past President of the Medical Staff and Catherine White, of Attleboro. Mary Ellen Fauth, of Foxboro, was elected as President of the Sturdy Memorial Foundation and as an Associate Member of the Board. In addition, five members of the community were elected to the Foundation.

Members and guests attending the meeting were told that the Hospital had maintained its positive financial status for the 22nd consecutive year. The Hospital's bottom line from current year operations was \$10,923,811. Operating expenses for the year totaled \$128 million, which included \$6.3 million in uncompensated care for services provided to those who could not or would not pay.

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In her annual report, Sturdy Memorial Hospital President and Chief Executive Officer Linda Shyavitz highlighted several of the Hospital's accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2007. Acquiring and maintaining state-of-the-art technologies that are clinically appropriate for a community hospital and which augment our health professionals' ability to provide high quality, safe care; new and ongoing initiatives to improve service and quality in meaningful ways; ongoing efforts to improve clinical efficiency and effectiveness; success in attracting new, dynamic physicians to an already outstanding medical staff; maintaining a strong and well trained nursing and technical staff, active participation in the implementation of Massachusetts health care reform, and extraordinary financial performance were detailed as some of the Hospital's successes. She also thanked the organization's many supporters and applauded those who helped make Fiscal Year 2007 a success.

2008 New Members of the Sturdy Memorial Foundation

Attiya Chaudrey – S. Attleboro

Kristine Copely – Mansfield

Donna Kimmel – Attleboro

Chris Luistro – N. Attleboro

Garrett Lynch – Plainville

Sturdy Memorial Hospital is an independent, full-service, non-profit, acute care community hospital, serving southeastern Massachusetts and nearby Rhode Island.

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