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Pembroke Hospital Gives Back to the Community

Hospital donates playground equipment to local park

[December 28, 2006] Pembroke, MA: Pembroke Hospital has donated all of its Landscape Structures, Inc. (LSI) playground equipment to Birch Street Park. The park equipment was formally part of Pembroke Hospital's pediatric program. Hospital leadership felt that the equipment would better serve the community if it were relocated to a public neighborhood park.

"Pembroke Hospital has been an active part of this community for twenty years," says Pembroke Hospital CEO, Paul Zani. "I hope this donation to the Birch Street Park will benefit our neighbors and the children of Pembroke. I know it will be a welcomed addition to this public space. There is a strong need for businesses to give back to the community they serve. Birch Street Park in particular relies heavily on these local donations."

Pembroke Hospital recently closed its pediatric unit, which had used the playground located on the hospital property. The gift of the high-end LSI equipment to Birch Street Park came after a thorough evaluation of the donation by the park's advisory committee. Following the approval of the donation, the Pembroke Park Committee removed the LSI playground materials from the hospital property on December 19, 2006.

The Pembroke Park Committee, a charitable non-profit organization, manages the Birch Street Park, which will be Pembroke's first community playground. The committee formed to address the lack of public parks in the community. The Pembroke Park Committee has a goal of creating park space within the town of Pembroke where local families and visitors can enjoy a common, public space. The Birch Street Park will open in May 2007 and will be located off Rte. 53 in Pembroke, MA.

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Pembroke Hospital is a psychiatric facility located at 199 Oak Street, Pembroke, MA. The facility offers: 24-Hour Evaluations, Inpatient Treatment for Adolescents, Adults, and Older Adults, Partial Hospitalization for Adolescents and Adults, and Dual Diagnosis Services.

Pembroke Hospital is a division of Arbour Health System, the leading private behavioral health system in Massachusetts. Other divisions of Arbour Health system include Arbour Hospital in Boston, Arbour-Fuller Hospital in South Attleboro, Arbour-HRI Hospital in Brookline, Westwood Lodge, Lowell Treatment Center, The Boston Center, Arbour SeniorCare, and outpatient Arbour Counseling Services centers.