

**COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JOYCE D. AND ANDREW J. MANDELL
CENTER FOR COMPREHENSIVE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CARE AND NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH**



Congressman John Larson and City of Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin present thanks to the Mandell Family

(Hartford, CT – March 2018) – On Friday, February 23, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research celebrated its 10th anniversary with over 100 guests including patients, volunteers, Center colleagues, board members and community leaders. Dr. Robert Krug, president, Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, kicked-off the event with a welcome and a heartfelt thank you to the team who made the Center a reality. He added, “a patient once told me, ‘this looks like a place someone could go to get better’, and those words have become our mission statement.”

The Center was the vision of Joyce and Andy Mandell. Andy was diagnosed with MS many years ago and was frustrated with the lack of care, especially local, preventative care. Over breakfast in 2007, Joyce and Andy, Dr. Krug, Lisa Gerrol; Chapter President, National MS Society; Dr. Albert Lo, director, neuroscience research and Dr. Ed Johnson, retired president, Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Center, put the plans together for the Center. As many have said, the stars were aligned that day and with the generosity of the Mandell family, history was made.



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According to Dr. Peter B. Wade, Medical Director of Neurology, since its opening in 2008, the Center has cared for over 3,000 patients. He stated, "That means with 6,000 total MS patients in Connecticut, we are treating half of them." A true testament to the care being offered at this Center. A sentiment that was echoed by Joyce and Andy Mandell. They are sincerely thankful and touched by the efforts the whole team has made to treat not only Andy but the many affected by MS in the greater Hartford community. Their vision has become a reality and they look forward to opening the next Center at St. Mary's Hospital to help those patients in Waterbury.

The Hartford Center will soon install their 2nd Lokomat treadmill, unveil their newly expanded and renovated infusion suite and welcome Integrative Medicine as another comprehensive offering. In other highlights, US Representative John Larson presented the Mandell Family with a federal citation and City of Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin presented them with a city proclamation. The family and the Center were again honored with the *Partners in MS Care* award presented by Meredith Sheehan, Regional Representative, National MS Society. Matthew Farr, Manager, Mandell MS Center, bestowed the Center's service award to 10-year volunteer Maureen Jessen.



After the program, all guests were invited to tour the facility, enjoy refreshments and view patient artwork that was on display throughout the Center.



About Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital Hartford, Connecticut

Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, located on Blue Hills Ave., in Hartford, Conn., is accredited by the Joint Commission as an acute rehabilitation hospital and is the largest provider of acute rehabilitation services in the state. In 2015, MSRH became part of Trinity Health Of New England, an integrated health care delivery system that is a member of Trinity Health, Livonia, Michigan, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation serving communities in 22 states. MSRH offers rehabilitation for brain and spinal cord injury, amputees, stroke, nerve and joint injury, orthopedic injuries, multiple sclerosis, and the effects of major surgery. The Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research is located on the MSRH campus. At MSRH, a nationally recognized staff of rehabilitation specialists in physical and occupational therapy, physiatry, neurology, urology, neuropsychology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, and speech language pathology is equipped to provide integrated services needed to reach the best possible rehabilitative outcomes in one center of medical rehabilitation excellence.

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