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### UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS

**NEWARK, NJ** – The Foundation for University Hospital today welcomed two new members to its Board of Trustees, as the Foundation prepares to expand its scope and fundraising efforts. Increasing the Board to seven Trustees, these new members are **Shané Harris**, Head of Social Responsibility and Partnerships, Prudential Financial and President of The Prudential Foundation; and **Marjorie Perry**, President and CEO of MZM Construction & Management Company, Inc.

“We are delighted to welcome such accomplished individuals to our Board,” said Foundation **Board Chair Michael Curi, MD, MBA**, who also serves as University Hospital’s Director of Vascular & Endovascular Surgery and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School’s Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery. “The wealth of experience and community engagement they bring will help carry us to a new level in fundraising success.”

“The recruitment of these highly esteemed members of the Newark business community to our Foundation’s Board is another indicator of the hospital’s potential for progress,” said **Shereef Elnahal, MD, MBA, President and CEO of University Hospital**. “Our Strategic Plan and new vision statement call for partnering with our communities to improve health for generations to come. The addition of these new Trustees to our Foundation will go far in helping us realize that vision.”

Curi and Elnahal thanked the new trustees for their willingness to serve on the Foundation’s board, and for their continued commitment to the Newark community.

**Shané Harris** leads Prudential’s Social Responsibility and Partnerships and is President of The Prudential Foundation. Her responsibilities include overseeing Prudential’s philanthropic strategy, disaster response, managing the Foundation’s relationships with nonprofits, and assisting with the



distribution of more than \$35 million in grants and charitable contributions annually. Additionally, she manages Prudential's skills-based volunteering and multicultural partnership programs, and also works to improve access to education, training, and jobs for young people aged 15 to 29 worldwide.

**Marjorie Perry** left a career in education to pursue a dream of becoming a self-made entrepreneur. She and two partners founded MZM Construction & Management, which has sustained a multi-million-dollar bottom line over the last 28 years. She now serves as sole principal of the company.

In addition to Curi, the existing Trustees include:

- Cecilia I. Lassiter, Esq., Member of the Firm, at Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
- Calvin R. Ledford, Jr., President and Director of Corporate Social Responsibility, PSEG Foundation
- Jim Leonard, Senior Vice President, Government Relations at Harris Blitzer Sports & Entertainment (New Jersey Devils and Prudential Center)
- Joseph L. Muscarelle, Chairman of Jos. L. Muscarelle, Inc., one of New Jersey's largest regional owner/operators of commercial real estate

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### **About The Foundation for University Hospital**

The Foundation for University Hospital raises funds to advance University Hospital's mission of improving healthcare, education, and wellness in greater Newark. Contributions to The Foundation for University Hospital sustain and enhance the critical clinical and community outreach programs of University Hospital. For more information about how you can contribute and make a difference, please contact the Foundation office at (973) 972-1873.

### **About University Hospital**

University Hospital is part of one of the nation's leading academic medical centers and is the Level 1 Trauma Center for Northern New Jersey. Located at University Heights in Newark, University Hospital is a principal teaching hospital of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and a regional resource for advanced services across many medical specialties. For more information about University Hospital, please visit [www.uhnj.org](http://www.uhnj.org).