Beginning by April of 2010, Oakwood Heritage Hospital will launch the most significant renovation and expansion project since the hospital opened its doors in 1977. A project lasting three years in duration and totaling more than $31 million will create a specialized Institute for surgical patients, with a focus on Orthopaedic care. The massive project includes:

- Creation of a 12-bed private patient suite unit, specifically designed with orthopaedic patient needs in mind. The unit will be staffed by certified and specialty trained personnel who have expertise in caring for this specific cohort of patients. These 12 beds will increase the overall medical/surgical capacity to serve additional patients at Oakwood Heritage Hospital.

- Expansion of operating rooms, as well as pre-operative and post-operative services, to include 8 total operating rooms and 40 private pre/post op bays. The operating rooms will be approximately 700 square feet in dimension to fit state-of-the art technology, including computer navigation, needed for these advanced cases (standard ORs are typically 500 square feet or less).

- Addition of a new dedicated entrance for the Institute to include a new canopy, parking lot, common areas and registration suites to allow for VIP-like services and family amenities. This centralization of support services will ensure a private, dedicated space and unique atmosphere for all patients and guests. The new design will include a circular drive, valet services, and a concierge for everyone entering the Institute.

This substantial investment in the future of Oakwood Heritage Hospital to service the ever-increasing needs of our community will yield numerous benefits including:

- Through our partnership with Wayne State University School of Medicine, will become a national level teaching hospital developing future attending physicians who will have the opportunity to practice in our local community and across the nation.

- An outstanding environment for our team members – attending physicians, residents, nurses, support staff, and other clinicians – to practice their trade.

- The generation of international research projects and clinical trials to shape evidence based medicine and practices across the world.

- Partnership opportunities with industry to trial and develop new technologies for national distribution.

- Collaboration with other local healthcare systems, community agencies, insurance plans and employer groups to care for large populations of patients.

- The Institute will provide an unparalleled level of service and clinical expertise to our communities and the patients we serve.

- The ability to serve as a replicable program and benchmark model for other hospitals across the country.