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**SPLASHES OF HOPE “SEASONS IN THE PARK” MURALS  
FUNDED BY THE HECKSCHER FOUNDATION**

(NEW YORK, NY) – This Spring, child friendly murals depicting whimsical seasonal scenes of a Central Park inhabited by animals were specially created and installed at the Pediatric Center by the non-profit organization Splashes of Hope. On May 9, 2007, supporters, families and friends of the Pediatric Center were invited to view this installation concurrent with the Annual Art Show of the resident children. The production and installation of the Splashes of Hope murals was made possible through the generosity of The Heckscher Foundation for Children.

In December 2006, a leadership grant of \$40,000 was awarded by The Heckscher Foundation for Children to Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center to launch the second phase of a major campaign to create a more child-friendly pediatric environment. As a part of this campaign artists from Splashes of Hope were recruited to transform the main corridor of the Pediatric Center through their artwork. Splashes of Hope is a non-profit organization of artists who hand-paint murals in healthcare facilities. Each mural is designed to stimulate the healing process through a soothing visual focus intended to create a more comforting atmosphere for residents, families and staff.

The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center is committed to *changing the lives of medically fragile children, one child at a time*. All programs are centered on resident children and their families, respecting individual cultural beliefs and practices. Each child admitted to the Center enters a “Neighborhood” where they receive team-based trans-disciplinary care, including medicine, nursing, social services, palliative care, mental health, rehabilitation, education, nutrition, child life/therapeutic activity, pastoral care and more.

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*Established in 1987 as an affiliate of the New York Foundling, the ESPC is now an independent nonprofit health facility licensed by the New York State Department of Health to provide care for children with severe disabilities and complex medical conditions.*