

Mercy sponsors free depression awareness luncheon at First Ladies' Library

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In honor of Rosalynn Carter Mental Health Awareness Day, Mercy Medical Center is sponsoring a free depression awareness luncheon on Tues., May 5, at 11:30 a.m. at the National First Ladies' Library Education and Research Center, located at 205 S. Market Ave. in Canton.

Suresh A. Patel, M.D., medical director of Mercy Psychiatry, will be the featured speaker. The program includes a complimentary box lunch.

The local NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) chapter and Crisis Intervention Center of Stark County will be on hand with information from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The crisis center will also display its Suicide Survivors Quilt.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling Mercy Healthcare Connection at 330-489-1333 or 1-800-223-8662.

For 80 years Mercy has been a behavioral health leader, opening the first psychiatric unit in the state of Ohio and the second in the nation in 1929. The hospital's behavioral health professionals – including board-certified psychiatrists and psychologists, registered nurses, occupational and recreational therapists, social workers and pastoral care staff members – provide a full range of individualized psychiatric services in a relaxing, healing environment.

Mercy Behavioral Health services for adults include:

Psychiatric assessment and testing.

Emergency psychiatric evaluations.

Inpatient psychiatric treatment.

Occupational and recreational therapy.

Social services.

Community connections.

Specialized behavioral programs, including mental health homecare, Mercy IMPACT chemical dependency program and Mercy CONCERN, an employee assistance program.

For more information about Mercy Behavioral Health, call the Mercy Healthcare Connection at 330-489-1333 or 1-800-223-8662.