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## **Regional Hospice and Home Care of Western Connecticut sign lease at Matrix Corp. Center**

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According to Regional Hospice and Home Care of Western Connecticut, their organization will take up temporary residence at the Matrix Corporate Center, at 39 Ridgebury Rd.

The organization will be occupying approximately 10,000 s/f at Matrix for a term of 18 months while its new headquarters is being constructed on Milestone Rd., less than a mile from the Matrix.

Their new building will be a 35,000 s/f hospice inpatient facility and is slated for opening in fall of 2014, including a 12-suite in-patient unit with a commercial kitchen, spa, bereavement center, chapel, conference rooms, living rooms, dining room and kitchen for patients' families. Administrative offices will occupy the second floor.

"We are literally bursting at the seams and didn't want to move twice," said Cynthia Roy-Squitieri, president and CEO. "Staff members are sharing desks, phone privacy is difficult, and there is no room in our current location to accommodate the growth we are experiencing. We just can't wait until our new building is up."

"In this challenging real estate environment, we are pleased to have Regional Hospice call us home," said Glen Nelson, president of Matrix Corporate Center. "Their work in Connecticut is highly regarded and they are a great addition to our list of healthcare companies currently in the building including Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals the largest privately held pharmaceutical company in the world."

"We are fortunate that this interim move will not have a financial impact on us," said Roy-Squitieri. "Matrix is donating a good portion of the rent, and Boehringer Ingelheim is donating a lot of the furniture we will need. Their amazing generosity is making all of this possible, and all of us are extremely grateful."

The commercial real estate lease was completed with Hal Kurfehs, of Scalzo Commercial Realty, and Aaron Smiles, director of commercial leasing for Matrix Corporate Center.

"We look forward to Regional Hospice and Home Care of Western CT moving in March 1st. Construction is underway with technology infrastructure now being coordinated. Matrix offers all the amenities Regional Hospice was looking for along with the ability to help make a quick move a reality," said Smiles.

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