



University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry Moves to Larger Facility on New Corktown Campus

\$25.5 Million Investment in Detroit - Opens Thursday

DETROIT, Jan. 14 /PRNewswire/ -- On Thursday, January 17, at 10 a.m., University of Detroit Mercy will be opening a new School of Dentistry and Clinic, part of the institution's \$80 million investment in giving back to the City of Detroit. The new wireless facility is one of the largest dental school and clinics in the country.

Over 261,000 square feet, the School's new location is more than twice the size of its prior home, featuring a high-tech simulation lab with 100 stations, 190 patient operatories and dedicated areas for pediatric, endodontic, and orthodontic dentistry. Cost for dental care is approximately half the cost of private dentistry. With more than 85,000 patient visits each year, the new location will give UDM the opportunity to serve more patients and accept additional students to the program.

"At UDM, it is crucial that we aspire to develop graduates who lead and serve in their community, and exciting new projects such as this will allow us to continue to prepare future dental professionals for our community," said UDM President Gerard L. Stockhausen, S.J.

"The urban context at the University of Detroit Mercy matters," he added. "We choose to be committed to this city as our sponsors, the Jesuits and Sisters of Mercy, have from the University's earliest beginnings, nearly 130 years ago. It is the University's place to be present, and to learn from our actions and our service in our city."

Located on UDM's new Corktown Campus at 2700 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, the Dental School and Clinic is one block east of I-96 Jeffries and just minutes from I-94, I-75 and the Lodge Freeways. The Campus has secured, lighted parking for 860 cars.

The UDM School of Dentistry is one of two in the State of Michigan. One-third of all dentists in Michigan have graduated from the University's Dental School and nearly half of the graduating class remains in Michigan.

The new dental school location was selected based on a variety of factors including examining demographic trends, current patient data, and financial information as well as opportunities to expand student enrollment and increase dental services within the community. The move also allows for an expanded faculty practice and will enable the School to develop service relationships with area businesses and insurers.

"The City of Detroit is excited and supportive of the University of Detroit Mercy's decision to enhance and expand its presence in downtown Detroit and the McNichols Campus," said Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. "The educational programs and services offered on the University of Detroit Mercy's campuses will draw individuals from the greater Detroit metro area to this location and continue the great pace of downtown development."

UDM is committed to quality education, service of faith, promotion of justice and compassionate service to persons in need. Accordingly, the university and its students, staff and administration take an active role in strengthening Detroit, through community outreach and partnership with like-minded organizations.

Community outreach and giving back to the community has always been an essential part of a University of Detroit Mercy education. Students from every College and School at UDM provide community outreach to those in need. While the Dental School offers free and low cost services to the underserved and seniors, other services include the Law School's Urban Law Clinic and the Mobile Law Office and the School of Architecture's Urban Design Center to name just a few.

The University of Detroit Mercy is Michigan's largest private Catholic University, with approximately 100 academic majors and programs. Sponsored by the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Regional Community of Detroit, the University has campuses located in downtown and northwest Detroit. UDM is one of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities and the largest of 18 Mercy institutions of higher education in the United States.

For the seventh consecutive year, University of Detroit Mercy is listed in the top tier of Midwestern master's universities in the 2008 edition of the U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges."

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