Farmingville, NY - On September 24, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Dan Panico and Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright joined Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley, other elected officials, donors, administrators, physicians and staff to celebrate the start of construction of the new Stony Brook Children's Hospital building. The expanded hospital will feature private family-centric rooms; separate pediatric inpatient areas for oncology, adolescent and intensive care; the general pediatrics unit; a pediatric procedure suite; patient playrooms and a family lounge.

"Stony Brook University Hospital, and more specifically Stony Brook Children's Hospital, provides vital lifesaving services to thousands of families and children in our area," said Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Dan Panico. "As a Stony Brook University graduate and Deputy Supervisor of Brookhaven Town it makes me especially proud to be part of this groundbreaking. Stony Brook's future is very bright and so is the prognosis of those served by this new facility."

Councilwoman Cartright said, "Stony Brook Children's Hospital is at the forefront of pediatric care. The construction of the new building will be a tremendous asset to the community. The dedicated staff will continue to provide excellent medical care and families will have increased comfort during difficult times with the addition of family oriented resources at the new facility. Thank you to all those who made this possible, including the hospital administration and staff and the generous donors."