TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019:
Is MVHS doing anything to preserve the history of the buildings in the medical center footprint in Downtown Utica? What about the existing hospital buildings?

As part of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process, Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS) signed a letter of resolution with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to adhere to specific measures related to historic buildings and properties once the health system had control of all of the properties. Among these measures are conducting and submitting a complete assessment of the condition of all of the buildings and properties, including photographs of the buildings’ interiors and exteriors, a written assessment and where appropriate and salvageable, the incorporation of architecturally significant features of the removed buildings (i.e., building name panels, significant intact architectural elements, etc.) into the new structure. This assessment is currently being conducted and will then be submitted to OPRHP.

MVHS deeply respects the history of our organization and the generosity of those who contributed both time and funds that have brought the healthcare system to this point in time. We are working closely with the architects and interior designers to creatively recognize, honor and celebrate our history and our generous donors in the new regional medical center. We are excited about the opportunity to innovatively showcase our past in a new state-of-the-art medical center and to share this final design with members of our community.