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**Isabella Geriatric Center announces the expansion of its
Ventilator Dependent Care Unit to 36 Beds**

Isabella Geriatric Center is pleased to announce that the New York State Department of Health has approved the expansion of its Ventilator Dependent Care Unit to 36 beds.

Initially opened in 1992, Isabella's Ventilator Dependent Care Unit offered a capacity of 20 beds. As the only provider of certified ventilator dependent care in Manhattan, Isabella has witnessed an increasing demand for care based on a higher incidence of traumatic brain injury, chronic conditions such as COPD and CHF and various neurological diseases.

Isabella is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that has pioneered the care of the elderly since 1875. Located in northern Manhattan, Isabella offers a continuum of care to those in need – from the family requiring child care, those needing post-acute rehabilitation to those seeking an array of services for a senior. Its mission is to provide quality care through diverse programs designed to promote health and independence within and beyond its walls.

In addition to the specialized skilled care offered in its nursing home, Isabella offers many community based programs. Among them are Isabella Care at Home, Inc. a certified home healthcare agency (CHHA), Isabella Visiting Care, Inc. a licensed home care services agency (LCHSA), an Adult Day Health Care Program, Child Day Care Program, two NORC Programs, Senior Housing, a Benefits Enrollment Program and several other community based programs designed to promote education and healthy aging within the community.

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