Sinai Samaritan Medical Center

A 2000 Honor Award Winner of the Professional Grounds Management Society for Hospital or Institution

One good thing about doing landscape work on the grounds of a hospital is that, if you get injured, you’re literally steps away from emergency treatment. It’s doubtful, however, that the employees of David J. Frank Landscape Contracting who care for the East Campus of Sinai Samaritan Medical Center are spending too much time thinking about injuries — they’ve got mounds of trash, vandalism and security issues on their minds.

Heavy debris at this urban location requires trash pick up twice a day, seven days a week. Herbaceous plants need to be continually replanted due to unintentional damage and vandalism. A large number of new plantings in unirrigated areas require time-consuming truck watering.

Aside from doing routine chores, the crew of David J. Frank has contributed to an overall redesign of Sinai Samaritan for more color and a more modern look. Part of that look was created at new planting beds adjacent to the entrance signs filled with bold annual flowers, sheared evergreens and bright perennials. In displays varying from pattern plantings to country bouquets, over 6,000 annual flowers were installed for color and interest.

Maintaining planting beds takes up a good portion of employees’ time.
Ornamental grasses and assorted perennials at the medical complex offer a balance of color, structure and style.