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MEDIA ADVISORY

20th Anniversary of Saint Francis-Mount Sinai Affiliation To Be Marked

Who: Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center & Mount Sinai Foundation

What 20th Anniversary Celebration and Historic Plaque Unveiling

Where: Connecticut Sinai Corporation Building Board Room

North Campus

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

659 Tower Avenue, Hartford

When: Wednesday, April 14, 5:00 p.m.

The 20th anniversary of the historic affiliation between Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Mount Sinai Hospital will be marked with the unveiling of a restored plaque to recall and commemorate the leadership of the Jewish community that founded the original Mount Sinai Hospital in 1922. The event also celebrates the legacy of that institution, carried on today in a state-of-the-art acute care rehabilitation hospital that proudly bears the Mount Sinai name and its tradition of community service.

The agreement in 1990 between Saint Francis and Mount Sinai to create a new healthcare system serving Metro Hartford was the first recorded instance of collaboration between a Catholic hospital and a Jewish sponsored hospital. For five years, the two hospitals maintained separate licenses and medical staffs but shared common management and certain services.

In 1995, Saint Francis and Mount Sinai entered into a formal corporate merger, establishing the Saint Francis *Care* system with campuses on Woodland Street and Blue Hills Avenue. Today, the Mount Sinai name is preserved in the Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, Connecticut's only free-standing acute medical rehabilitation facility.