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**SAINT FRANCIS RECEIVES \$1.5 MILLION GRANT FROM
MAXIMILIAN E. & MARION O. HOFFMAN FOUNDATION**

Funds Will Support Emergency Department in New John T. O'Connell Tower

(HARTFORD, Conn.) – Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the Maximilian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Foundation to support the Emergency Department in the Hospital's new John T. O'Connell Tower, now under construction.

As a result of the grant, the new Emergency Department will be named the Maximilian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Foundation Emergency Department. This new facility will expand Saint Francis' emergency services from 48 to 70 treatment bays and increase space for ambulances from six to 10 parking spots. A new helipad for medical helicopters will sit atop the 10-story Tower.

"We are extremely grateful to the Hoffman Foundation for their continued support," said Christopher M. Dadlez, the Hospital's President and Chief Executive Officer. "In 1991, the Foundation provided initial funding for the Hoffman Heart Institute, creating the first

comprehensive heart institute in Southern New England and this is now the cornerstone of our vibrant cardiology program. This additional support will ensure that we continue to provide state-of-the-art emergency care.”

“The Hoffman name has come to represent unparalleled medical excellence at Saint Francis,” said C. Steven Wolf, M.D., Chairman/Director of the Department of Emergency Medicine. “We are grateful to the Hoffman Foundation for the confidence that they have displayed in our department.”

“Philanthropy is a major source of funding in today’s hospitals,” said Paul Pendergast, President of the Saint Francis Foundation and the Hospital’s Chief Development Officer. “Without the generous support of benefactors such as the Hoffman Foundation, facilities such as this new Emergency Department simply would not be possible.”

Based in West Hartford, the Maximilian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Foundation was founded in 1983 by Marion O. Hoffman, whose husband, Maximilian E. Hoffman, was one of the first distributors of foreign automobiles in the United States. It supports charities in the areas of medicine, education and the arts.

The new Tower, expected to begin operations in early 2011, will encompass 318,000 square feet. In addition to the new Emergency Department, it will house replacement operating rooms, patient beds and facilities for the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute.

Founded in 1897, Saint Francis is a major teaching hospital licensed for 617 acute inpatient beds and 65 bassinets. It is the largest Catholic hospital in New England.