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SAINT FRANCIS RECOGNIZES EXEMPLARY EMPLOYEES

Six Employees Honored with the 2012 Sisters of Saint Joseph and Living our Mission Awards

(Hartford, CT) – For the past six years, the *Sisters of Saint Joseph Award* has become a tradition at Saint Francis. Since its inception, 21 employees have been honored with this special recognition.

Teresa Allen, Shirley Fisher and Janet Goldberg are this year’s recipients of the *Sisters of Saint Joseph Award*, selected by their managers.

Teresa Allen has been an RN since 1984 in Pediatrics and Endoscopy. Shirley Fisher was hired as a secretary in 1970, at the Emergency Department on the Mount Sinai Campus. Today, she works in Administration as an Executive Associate. Janet Goldberg has been a social worker in Case Management since 2008.

All three women have been recognized for their compassionate, healing, supportive presence to patients, visitors and staff.

For the second year, Saint Francis is also acknowledging three more individuals who live and exemplify the Saint Francis mission every day with the *Living our Mission Award*. The award was created in 2011 in response to feedback received from employees for a recognition program by employees for their peers. This year’s recipients are Cathy Hebert, Jean Kelleher and Rosa Vasquez.

Cathy Hebert has been a unit secretary in the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit since 1974. Jean Kelleher has been a social worker in Case Management since 1982. Rosa Vasquez has been a housekeeping aide in Environmental Services since 2002.

“It is an honor to recognize these six individuals who have truly captured the Saint Francis spirit and mission with their tireless commitment and dedication to providing BestCare for a lifetime to our patients,” said Christopher Dadlez, President and

CEO, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. “It carries on the tradition of inspiration that has been the heritage started back in 1897 by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chambery,” added Dadlez.

About Saint Francis

Saint Francis *Care* is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis *Care* include The Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center, and the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research. Its services are supported by a network of five major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit www.stfranciscare.com