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**MOUNT SINAI REHABILITATION HOSPITAL AND SAINT FRANCIS CARE  
CELEBRATE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

*Celebration honors historic merger between a Catholic and Jewish hospital*

*(Hartford, Conn. – June 15, 2015)* - Today marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital - Connecticut's only freestanding acute care rehabilitation hospital - on the north campus of Saint Francis Care.

The milestone was noted by raising the Mount Sinai flag depicting the mountain laurel as a symbol of healing and recognition of employees who have provided care at the Blue Hills Avenue facility since its dedication in 1995.

"On this occasion of our shared 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary we focus our sights on the next 20 years and the next 100,000 patients that we will care for," said Christopher M. Dadlez, President and CEO, Saint Francis Care. "Mount Sinai is a jewel in our community, and the clinicians and staff are truly dedicated to health and healing through excellence, compassionate care and reverence for the spirituality of each person."

"This anniversary signifies a milestone in the collaborative and mutually beneficial relationship between Mount Sinai and Saint Francis," said Robert J. Krug, M.D., President and CEO, Medical Director, Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital. "Our nationally recognized clinical specialists, along with our outstanding staff make Mount Sinai a truly exceptional place for the recovery and healing of our patients."

To honor longtime employees at Mount Sinai, a mountain laurel will be planted in the Therapeutic Garden at the hospital.

In a proclamation from Governor Dannel P. Malloy, the State notes: "For two decades, the Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital has been committed to assisting patients towards regaining the ability to walk, speak, or return to work by providing the best possible care to patients and their families. I applaud the tireless efforts of the dedicated staff that have made it possible for Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital to touch the lives of over 100,000 patients over the last twenty years."

Honoring the hospital's Jewish roots, Rabbi Debra Cantor of B'Nai Tikvah of Bloomfield offered a blessing, along with Saint Francis Vice President Mission and Ethics Matthew R. Kenney, Ph.D.

Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital offers rehabilitation for brain and spinal cord injury, stroke, nerve and joint injury, multiple sclerosis, and the effects of major surgery. A nationally recognized staff of rehabilitation specialists in physical and occupational therapy, psychiatry, neurology, neuropsychology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, and speech pathology is equipped to provide comprehensive and intensive rehabilitation services in post-acute care at the only acute care hospital in the state. The site is also home to the Mandell Center for Multiple Sclerosis.

**About Saint Francis Care**

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, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, and Saint Francis Health*Care* Partners. Johnson Memorial Medical Center, parent organization of Johnson Memorial Hospital, Evergreen Health Care Center, and Home and Community Health Services is also a Saint Francis *Care* Partner. Saint Francis *Care*'s 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](http://www.stfranciscare.com)