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MidState Medical Center Holds Annual Meeting Reports Financially Solid Fiscal Year despite Economy

(Wednesday, November 18, 2009)—MidState hosted its annual meeting last Monday evening at the Connecticut Hospital Association in Wallingford. Chairman of the Board, Lawrence McGoldrick, opened the meeting and discussed his involvement with MidState over the last eight years. He specifically noted the strengthening partnership between MidState and Hartford Hospital. “We are a critical part of a system of care that is being brought together to allow us to continue to provide a quality of care for our patients that would not be possible in the future as a standalone entity,” he said.

President & CEO, Lucille Janatka, reported on the hospital’s continued growth this past fiscal year, as well as the financial challenges the hospital was able to overcome despite the struggling economy. MidState’s operating margin for 2009 was \$5.7 million, marking the 10th consecutive year the hospital has realized an operating surplus. “The projections were grim,” said Lucille, “but we immediately took steps to ensure our financial viability and still uphold our commitment to high-quality, safe patient care.”

Elliot Joseph, President & CEO of Hartford Hospital and Hartford Healthcare, spoke about the future of Hartford Healthcare, and its efforts to establish a stronger regional system that will attract and retain physicians, lower costs, and improve access and quality care. He described this approach as a trend across the country that is “undeniable.”

During the annual meeting, MidState also presented its Crystal Obelisk Award, which since 1991 has honored individuals and groups for outstanding contributions to health care. The 2009 recipient is Dr. Teofilo “Ted” Gutierrez Jr., an anesthesiologist who joined the medical staff at Meriden Hospital in 1957. Since retiring from MidState in 1999, Gutierrez has remained active in philanthropic efforts benefiting the hospital and by serving on several boards and committees.

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About MidState Medical Center

In quarterly patient satisfaction surveys, MidState consistently rates among the top hospitals in Connecticut and the nation. Conveniently located just minutes off Rte. 691 in Meriden, CT, MidState offers free and safe parking, as well as private inpatient rooms. Services include general surgery, emergency medicine, MidState Medical Group Walk-in Centers for urgent care needs, and state-of-the-art care in centers dedicated to Cancer Care, Family Birthing, Balance & Hearing, Digestive Health, Pain Management, and Cardiac Care. Outpatient services conveniently offered at 61 Pomeroy Avenue include the Diabetes Center & Outpatient Nutrition Counseling, Sleep Care Center, Infectious Disease & Travel Clinic, Advanced Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine and Weight Management Program. MidState Medical Center is a member of Hartford Healthcare, a large, diversified health care system throughout Connecticut.

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