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## **MIRACLES XX MARKS HISTORIC MILESTONE**

### ***Gala To Support Cardiovascular Surgery***

(HARTFORD, Conn.) – More than 1,300 guests are expected to attend this year’s MIRACLES celebration, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center’s annual black-tie gala, on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Connecticut Convention Center.

“This is our 20<sup>th</sup> MIRACLES gala, an historic celebration, and we expect it to be the very best yet,” said Maureen Fox, co-chair.

MIRACLES was first held in 1990 to celebrate Saint Francis’ just-completed affiliation with Mount Sinai Hospital. Over the years, it has grown to the largest black-tie gala on Hartford’s fall social scene. It has raised more than \$10 million in support of Hospital and community programs during its 19-year history.

“This year our beneficiary is Saint Francis’ Cardiovascular Surgery program,” said Brendan Fox, M.D., co-chair. “With more than 1,000 open-heart procedures yearly, Saint Francis has the largest program in Connecticut by a wide margin.”

Co-chairs of this year’s event, Maureen and Brendan Fox, M.D., will be joined in their hosting duties by their daughter Ellen and her husband Joseph Spalluto, along with granddaughters Maureen, Carolyn and Caitlin, making this a three-generation family affair.

MIRACLES begins at 6 p.m., with a cocktail reception and silent auction featuring more than 100 vintage wines. It is followed by a gourmet dinner at 8 p.m. and dancing until midnight to the music of the Soulsystem Orchestras. The evening’s décor will feature a collage of photo highlights of the past 19 MIRACLES celebrations.

“MIRACLES XX will support fundamental changes that are planned for Saint Francis’ Cardiovascular Surgery program, including the introduction of hybrid operating rooms with full surgical and cardiac catheterization lab capabilities. This will ensure our continued leadership in providing advanced techniques and technologies to our community,” said Christopher M. Dadlez, the Hospital’s President and Chief Executive Officer.

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