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SAINT FRANCIS RECEIVES \$2.5 MILLION GIFT

Donor To Remain Anonymous

(HARTFORD, Conn.) – Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has received a \$2.5 million gift from a grateful patient who wishes to remain anonymous.

“We truly appreciate this gift, which will support the continued growth and development of the Hospital through an array of critical priorities. Philanthropy of this magnitude is essential to enabling Saint Francis to continue acquiring leading-edge technology and providing world-class care to patients,” says Christopher M. Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer.

The unrestricted \$2.5 million gift is the latest in a series of major donations to Saint Francis. In July 2008, the Hospital received the largest donation in its history, a \$12.5 million gift from an anonymous donor in support of the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute. An anonymous \$6 million gift, announced in January 2008, is supporting the Hospital’s orthopedic program, including the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute.

A separate \$5 million gift from Nancy and Daniel O’Connell, of South Glastonbury, announced in April 2007, currently is supporting the construction of Saint Francis’ John T. O’Connell Tower, named for their late son who was treated at the Hospital for cancer. The new 10-story Tower is expected to begin operations in April 2011.

“This latest donor is truly grateful for the high-quality, compassionate care received at Saint Francis and wants to ensure that others will continue to receive the same care in the future,” says Paul Pendergast, President of the Saint Francis Foundation.

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.