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SUSAN L. DAVIS, RN, EdD NAMED MARKET LEADER FOR ASCENSION HEALTH NY/CT REGION

BRIDGEPORT, CT, April 24, 2009--Susan L. Davis, RN, EdD, President and CEO of St. Vincent's Health Services, has been named Ministry Market Leader for the New York and Connecticut Region for parent organization Ascension Health. The announcement, made by Bob Henkel, president of healthcare operations for Ascension Health, noted that Susan Davis has successfully served at St. Vincent's for more than five years and during that time has overseen strong market share growth, healthy financial performance and a solid reputation for quality.



“Ascension is fortunate to have Susan Davis and we wish her the very best in this new role, “ said Henkel.

While Dr. Davis' new post has no effect on her role as president and CEO of St. Vincent's, she now will also work closely with Ascension hospitals in Troy, Buffalo, Binghamton, Amsterdam, Lewiston as well as Bridgeport, She will support each ministry to achieve their goals and potential by sharing best practices, strategic collaboration and support.

She is currently overseeing the completion of a \$142 million dollar master facility plan, which is being supported by more than \$42 million from an ongoing capital campaign. St. Vincent's is in the process of completing a comprehensive cancer center as well as tripling the size of its emergency department.

In addition to leading the Medical Center, Davis, as President of the St. Vincent's system, also oversees the operations of Southern Connecticut's largest behavioral health hospital, an associate degree-granting college of healthcare studies, the state's largest center for disabled children and one of Ascension's most successful Foundations. The Medical Center is known for its outstanding cardiac services, especially its cardiovascular center.

Susan Davis:

Dr. Davis came to St. Vincent's from an 18-year career at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, New York where she developed and implemented a variety of successful clinical services, including a new regional heart center for residents of the upstate New York area.

Dr. Davis received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mt. Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY, her Master of Arts in Nursing Administration and Doctorate of Education from Columbia University with an emphasis in management. She is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Currently serving as the First Vice Chairperson of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, Dr. Davis has received both local and national recognition for her commitment to the community and to volunteerism. She has been recognized for her service with the United Way, Hospice, and the American Cancer Society in New York State and Connecticut. Her commitment to patient safety and excellent outcomes has made her a change agent at St. Vincent's and within the healthcare industry.

Dr. Davis is married and resides in Easton.

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