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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **SAINT FRANCIS TO HOLD “TOPPING-OFF” CEREMONY FOR THE NEW JOHN T. O’CONNELL TOWER**

- Who:** • Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center  
John T. O’Connell - Donor
- What:** • Topping-Off Ceremony
- When:** • Thursday, October 29 at 10:30 a.m.
- Where:** • Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center  
Ashley Street Entrance – Construction Site

In recognition of the hard work and dedication involved in the construction of the new John T. O’Connell Tower, a topping-off ceremony will be held on the construction site on Ashley Street at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

For two weeks, a steel beam was on display inside the Patient Care Tower Rotunda at Saint Francis for staff and patients to sign. On Wednesday, October 28, the ceremonial final beam will be hoisted in place on the fifth floor of the new 10-story building. The ceremony will include the traditional evergreen tree and American flag affixed to the beam as it is raised.

Turner Construction Company, TRO/Jung Brannen and BVH Engineers will also be donating a \$3,000 check to the Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center Emergency Food Bank.

The new John T. O’Connell Tower is a 318,000 square-foot building which will include an enlarged Emergency Department and expanded operating and patient rooms for the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute (CJRI). Services are expected to begin in May, 2011.