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MIRACLES XXI SLATED FOR SEPT. 25

Will Support MS Center

(HARTFORD, Conn.) -- The 21st edition of MIRACLES, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center's premier black-tie gala, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd., in Hartford. Co-chairs Lori Hess and Derbra Triompo noted: "We know that MIRACLES XXI will be a true success, thanks to the many volunteers that work together all year to make it what it has become today."

The gala was first held in 1990 to celebrate the just-completed affiliation of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Mount Sinai Hospital, the first recorded collaboration in the United States between Catholic and Jewish hospitals. MIRACLES has grown to become a signature event on Hartford's fall social calendar, raising more than \$10 million over the years to support a diverse array of clinical and community beneficiaries.

This year MIRACLES will benefit the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research at Saint Francis.

Opened in 2008, the MS Center provides a coordinated approach to comprehensive care for multiple sclerosis, an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system.

This year, Joyce and Andrew Mandell have generously committed to pledge a matching donation to all funds raised at this year's MIRACLES.

MIRACLES XXI features a cocktail hour from 6 to 7:30 p.m., a silent wine auction from 6 to 9:30 p.m., and dinner and dancing to the music of New York Minute from 8 p.m. to midnight. Brad Davis, of WDRC-AM, and Irene O'Connor, of WFSB-TV, will serve as the evening's emcees.

Tickets start at \$275, with sponsorships available. For more information, call 860-714-4900 or e-mail foundation@stfranciscare.org.