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E. Merritt McDonough, Jr. Named To Lead Saint Francis Foundation
Will Serve as President and Chief Development Officer for Fundraising Efforts

(HARTFORD, Conn.) – Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center announced today the appointment of E. Merritt McDonough, Jr., of West Hartford and Groton, as Senior Vice President of the hospital and Chief Development Officer and President of the Saint Francis Foundation. He will assume his new duties effective Monday, February 6, 2012.

McDonough, a 28-year veteran of People's United Insurance Agency/RC Knox Division, has been a member of the Saint Francis *Care, Inc.* Board of Directors for 16 years, serving most recently as Secretary to the organization. He will retain a relationship with People's United to provide as-needed client services.

“We have already benefited greatly from Merritt’s business acumen and wide array of community contacts through his dedicated service on the Saint Francis Board,” said Christopher M. Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. “His professional background, interpersonal skills, and deep community roots all make him the natural choice for this leadership role at Saint Francis. We are extraordinarily pleased to welcome him to our management team.”

McDonough’s commitment to the Hartford community includes involvement on the boards of Hebrew Health Care, Life Choices, Malta House of Care and Easter Seals Capital Region & Eastern Connecticut

Lynn Rossini, who recently served as the Foundation’s Interim President and Chief Development Officer, will continue to serve the organization and will be promoted to Vice President.

A 1983 honors graduate of Boston College, McDonough earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major. He earned his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation, his Registered Professional Liability Underwriter designation, and holds a consulting license. He was recently certified by the State of Connecticut to teach Social Studies for grades 7 -12 and is currently pursuing a Master’s Degree in Education.

About Saint Francis

Saint Francis *Care* is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis *Care* include The Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center, and the Joyce D. And Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research. Its services are supported by a network of five major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit www.stfranciscare.com.