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### **CURTIS D. ROBINSON, SAINT FRANCIS BOARD MEMBER, EARNS NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AWARD**

#### ***Second National Honor in Recent Weeks for Local Entrepreneur***

(HARTFORD, Conn.) – Curtis D. Robinson, co-founder of the Curtis D. Robinson Men’s Health Institute and a Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center Board member, received the *Scroll of Merit Award* at the National Medical Association’s (NMA) annual convention and scientific assembly in New Orleans on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The *Scroll of Merit Award* is the highest honor conferred by the NMA and is given in recognition of unique exceptional achievement in medicine, science, education, or public service.

“Curtis Robinson truly deserves to be recognized in a national forum,” said Christopher Dadlez, President and CEO, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. “His tireless work as co-founder of the Curtis D. Robinson Men’s Health Institute at Saint Francis has put the spotlight on the healthcare risks and disparities facing African-American men regarding prostate cancer. More importantly, the Institute is helping save lives.”

This is the second national award Robinson has received in recent weeks. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, he was honored with the *Rosa Parks Lifetime Achievement Award* from Curtis Dean, godson of Rosa Parks, at a Town Hall Meeting on Health Disparities at the Bushnell Center for Performing Arts. The *Rosa Parks Lifetime Achievement Award* is bestowed on distinguished individuals who have personified the leadership legacy of Mrs. Parks through acts of courage, innovation and empowerment of underserved communities in the United States.

Mr. Robinson is the former President of the Hartford Lions Club. His numerous charitable contributions also include the Urban League of Greater Hartford, The Doc Hurley Scholarship Fund, the NAACP, the Sickle Cell Anemia Association, The Ace Mentoring Program of Greater Hartford, the Gen Yeshiva School, Greater Hartford Academy of Arts, and many more, as well as quietly assisting individuals with medical and hospital care, donating buses to churches and schools, and adopting a homeless

shelter for displaced children. Mr. Robinson serves on the Board of Regents at the University of Hartford. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Hospital Association whose membership includes all 28 hospitals in the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Robinson is currently co-founder and chairman of the Curtis D. Robinson Men's Health Institute at Saint Francis Hospital. The CDRMHI is an innovative partnership between Saint Francis and Hartford-area religious and community organizations aimed at improving health in the community. Specifically, CDRMHI addresses a racial disparity in men's health, particularly African-American men, by providing education, early diagnosis, and appropriate treatment of men at risk for prostate cancer. Services, including surgery, are provided free to uninsured men.

Founded in 2010, the Institute has reached thousands of men and women with its message, specifically providing prostate education to 897 men, conducting 779 PSAs and 559 DREs. This outreach has resulted in 110 follow-up appointments, 32 biopsies and treatment for 26 men diagnosed with prostate cancer.

### **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](http://www.stfranciscare.com).