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**GAYLORD SPECIALTY HEALTHCARE ANNOUNCES KEY APPOINTMENTS TO ITS RESPIRATORY PROGRAM**

*Peggy Bartram Appointed Director of Respiratory Care; Lorraine Cullen Joins as Supervisor of Respiratory Care*

**WALLINGFORD, CT (October 10, 2012)** – Gaylord Specialty Healthcare, a nationally-recognized long-term acute care hospital that specializes in the care and treatment of people with complex medical and intensive rehabilitation issues, has announced today two key appointments in its respiratory program: **Peggy Bartram, MHA, RRT-NPS** as Director of Respiratory Care and **Lorraine Cullen** as Supervisor of Respiratory Care. These latest hires are another example of Gaylord’s commitment to hiring highly skilled critical care employees, to help build a world-class team of experts.

**Peggy Bartram, MHA, RRT-NPS** has more than 30 years experience in respiratory care with stints at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas and Children’s Medical Center of Dallas in Dallas, Texas. Most recently, she was Manager of Respiratory Therapy at Kaiser Permanente, Antioch Medical Center in Antioch, California, where she was the Direct Supervisor for 45 Respiratory Therapists, 24 hours a day, for both inpatient and outpatient units.

**Lorraine Cullen**, began her career at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford and most recently was the Respiratory Care Services Supervisor at the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain for the past ten years. There, she was responsible for supervising staff, as well as training new hires, among other duties.

“Gaylord Specialty Healthcare is committed to bringing the best of the best to our facility, and these two new additions to our Respiratory program are a great example of that,” said George Kyriacou, President and CEO of Gaylord Specialty Healthcare. “Their combined clinical competence and leadership are models of excellence that make our facility one of the best in the country.”

Bartram received both her Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration and a Masters Degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Phoenix. She is a published author, and member of the *American Association of Respiratory Care*. Cullen received her Associate of Science, Respiratory Care from Manchester Community-Technical College and graduated Summa cum Laude from Eastern Connecticut State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

“At Gaylord, our goal is to establish the type of team that can care for very sick, medically complex patients,” added Kyriacou. “This new team of experts will help us do just that.”

***About Gaylord Specialty Healthcare***

Gaylord Specialty Healthcare is a not-for-profit long-term acute care hospital that specializes in the care and treatment of people with medically complex and intensive rehabilitation issues. With its main campus in Wallingford, CT, Gaylord operates outpatient therapy centers in Wallingford and North Haven, and sleep medicine centers in Glastonbury, Guilford, North Haven and Trumbull.

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