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**FIONA PHELAN NAMED *MEDIA RELATIONS MANAGER* AT SAINT FRANCIS**

*(Hartford, Conn. January 3, 2014)* – Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has named Fiona Phelan, of Killingworth, to the position of Media Relations Manager.

Phelan brings over 25 years of media experience to this position, most recently supporting the Media Relations Manager position at Saint Francis in her role as Senior Communications Associate.

“Fiona has been a valuable member of our communications team since 2012 and we look forward to building on a positive momentum at Saint Francis,” said Jim Schepker, Senior Vice President, Marketing. “She will continue to be an asset to the Hospital and our efforts to promote the world-class care that distinguishes Saint Francis.”

In her new position, Phelan will be responsible for developing television, radio, print and social media coverage of Hospital-related events, programs and services. She will also recommend media strategies and tactics related to the launch of new programs, facilities and technologies at Saint Francis.

Phelan is an established print publication editor and has previously served as Manager of Corporate Communications at The United Illuminating Company and general assignment reporter for the *Connecticut Post*. Phelan has also been a contributing writer for various publications including *Business New Haven*, *Better Health*, *Connecticut Business Journal*, *Connecticut Woman* magazine, *Living on the Shoreline* and Patch.com, among others. As Senior Communications Associate, Phelan was responsible for writing and editing several Saint Francis publications.

Phelan has a degree in Journalism from the University of Connecticut.

Phelan succeeds Media Relations Manager Elaine St Peter who is leaving Saint Francis due to family relocation.

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