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**The Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity at Saint Francis
Milestone Celebration**

10,000 lives impacted through community outreach efforts

(HARTFORD, Conn. – June 8, 2016) - Today, the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, a Trinity Health • New England provider, celebrated its achievement of reaching more than 10,000 people through education and outreach programs over the past six years.

The Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity is dedicated to ensuring optimal health for the community through education, research, engagement, and health advocacy. The Center's multicultural team is committed to a collaborative approach that ensures that no one's health is disadvantaged by income, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability status or neighborhood. This is achieved by working with grassroots neighborhood organizations, caregivers, health professionals, researchers, foundations, state agencies, and others, to eliminate health disparities in communities served by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

“I am so proud of all that the Center has achieved over the past six years,” said founder Curtis D. Robinson, a prostate cancer survivor. “The community outreach programs, provided by our outstanding staff, are truly making an impact on the lives and health of the people in the communities we serve.”

Since its founding in 2010, The Center for Health Equity has held 313 community events; reached more than 3,600 people through special events; educated more than 5,400 people on topics ranging from prostate cancer, diabetes, cultural diversity and language services; screened and tests more than 1,500 men for prostate cancer, of which 45 men have been diagnosed and treated; and collaborated with the Saint Francis Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Care to completed 30 point-of-care diabetes screening tests.

“These milestones are testament to the dedication of our entire team to bring lifesaving health information to our communities,” notes Marcus McKinney, Director of the Center for Health Equity. “They have dedicated countless hours on weekends and evenings to ensuring that we achieve our goal of health equity for everyone.”

About Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897 and is now a member of Trinity Health - New England. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Trinity Health - New England entities include Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, Saint Francis HealthCare Partners and Sisters of Providence Health System, Springfield, Mass,

along with Johnson Memorial Hospital, and Home and Community Health Services. For more information, visit www.stfranciscare.com.

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