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Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare releases 2009 annual report

Milwaukee, WI – Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare today released its [2009 annual report](#) which illustrates with poignant stories the many ways the System continues to provide exceptional and compassionate health care.

“This report provides a glimpse of our community outreach efforts over the past year and compassionate and quality care we provide to those we serve,” says John Oliverio, President and Chief Executive Officer. “For 130 years we have built relationships with the communities we serve, one patient, one resident, one life at a time. We view these relationships as both our responsibility and our reward. This report is testament to this legacy.”

Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare provided more than \$135 million in charitable benefits to the community in fiscal 2008, including \$29 million in charity care, according to report.

In addition to the gap in reimbursement for Medicaid and local government programs, Wheaton also provided \$124.5 million in care to the elderly that was not reimbursed by Medicare. The gap in Medicare reimbursement was not included in accordance with the new Catholic Health Association Community Benefit Reporting Guidelines. Including the Medicare shortfall, the total would be \$259.7 million.

The report can be found on the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare website, www.mywheaton.org. Hard copies of the report can be obtained by contacting Anne Ballentine, VP Communication & Public Relations at 414-465-3605.

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Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare (WFH) is a Catholic, not-for-profit organization with more than 100 health and shelter organizations in Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado, and Illinois. Started by the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters more than 125 years ago and formally incorporated in 1983, WFH has corporate services offices in Wheaton, Illinois and Glendale, Wisconsin.

In Southeast Wisconsin, WFH is co-sponsored by the Wheaton Franciscan and Felician Sisters and has nearly 12,000 associates, making it the second largest private employer in the area. Hospitals include All Saints in Racine County; Wheaton Franciscan - St. Joseph and The Wisconsin Heart Hospital Campuses, St. Francis, Franklin Hospital, and Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital in Milwaukee County; and Elmbrook Memorial in Waukesha County. The region also includes Wheaton Franciscan Medical Group with more than 350 physicians in more than 50 locations, a network of outpatient centers, four long-term care facilities, Home Health, and Hospice.

Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare is also affiliated with Affinity Healthcare in the Fox Valley and United Hospital System in Kenosha.