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Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare named Top Milwaukee Workplace

June 29, 2009 – Milwaukee, WI. Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare has been selected by the Business Journal as one of the "Top Milwaukee Workplaces." The announcement was made in the June 26 edition of the Business Journal, with a special newspaper section and recognition event to follow in August.

This honor is based on a nomination essay overviewing Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare's workplace environment and benefits for associates including a wellness incentive plan, adoption assistance program, tuition reimbursement, and support for work/life balance. Associates in Southeast Wisconsin also participated in a survey where they rated the organization as an employer in key categories.

"It's gratifying that our associates have made our organization a top workplace through their survey responses," said John Oliverio, President & CEO. "This validates our progress toward being the health care employer of choice."

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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. In Southeast Wisconsin, WFH is co-sponsored by the Wheaton Franciscan and Felician Sisters and has more than 12,000 associates, making it the second largest private employer in the area. Hospitals include All Saints, St. Francis, Elmbrook Memorial, and Wheaton Franciscan - St. Joseph and The Wisconsin Heart Hospital Campuses. The region also includes Wheaton Franciscan Medical Group with more 350 primary care and specialty physicians in more than 60 locations, a network of outpatient centers, four long-term care facilities, Home Health, and Hospice, and retail pharmacies.

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