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Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare releases 2010 annual report

Milwaukee, WI – Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare’s 2010 Annual and Community Benefit Report [“A Spirit of Compassion.”](#) is now available.

The report provides a glimpse of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare’s community outreach efforts over the past year and offers poignant examples of the exceptional and compassionate health care provided to patients. Readers will also learn how Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare’s housing ministry is providing hope, growth, and opportunity to low income residents.

In fiscal year 2010, Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare provided nearly \$144 million in charitable benefits to the community, including more than \$24 million in charity care. In Southeast Wisconsin, Community Benefit totaled more than \$105 million including nearly \$17 million in charity care, according to the report.

“Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare remains committed to responding to the needs of the times, and we feel privileged to be able to continue serving those most in need,” said John D. Oliverio, President and Chief Executive Officer.

In addition to providing charity care and covering the shortfall from government-sponsored programs such as Medicaid, Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare provided more than \$110 million in care to the elderly that was not reimbursed by Medicare. The gap in Medicare reimbursement was not included in accordance with the Catholic Health Association Community Benefit Reporting Guidelines. Including the Medicare shortfall, the total would be \$253.9 million.

The complete 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 11,000 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, three transitional and extended 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.