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**Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare achieves  
national Well Workplace recognition**

August 26, 2009 – Milwaukee, WI. Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare has been named a national Well Workplace by The Wellness Council of America. WELCOA is one of the most respected resources for workplace wellness in America. Receiving this award means Wheaton has successfully demonstrated commitment to protecting and enhancing the health and well being of associates across the entire system.

“We are honored to receive recognition for our efforts to provide a culture of wellness for our associates,” said John Oliverio, President and CEO. “Our hope is that our leadership in this area provides a powerful example for our patients and communities of the benefits of wellness including improved health and reduced health care costs.”

The Well Workplace designation is a rigorous process which involves WELCOA reviewers examining wellness efforts measured against seven benchmarks including creating cohesive wellness teams, collecting data to drive health efforts, crafting an operating plan, and carefully evaluating outcomes. In all categories and at all sites across the system, Wheaton has successfully met the criteria to achieve a Silver Well Worksite award.

“We’re pleased to welcome Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare into an elite cadre of organizations who have achieved this designation,” said David Hunnicutt, Ph.D, President of WELCOA.

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**Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare (WFH)**, a division of Wheaton Franciscan Services, Inc., is a Catholic, not-for-profit organization with more than 100 sites in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois including 11 owned and operated hospitals, four long-term care facilities, two home health agencies, more than 3,500 physicians, 70 clinic sites with approximately 600 employed physicians, and nearly 16,000 associates. Started more than 125 years ago and formally incorporated in 1983, WFH is sponsored by the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters. Corporate services offices are located in Wheaton, Illinois and Glendale, Wisconsin. Wheaton Franciscan Services, Inc. also operates a housing division known as Franciscan Ministries, Inc. with approximately 2,800 units of assisted living and other housing.