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St. Mary's Medical Center Receives Tenet Circle of Excellence Award

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. – February 01, 2012 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation [NYSE: THC] announced today that St. Mary's Medical Center has been named to the company's 2012 Circle of Excellence.

The Circle of Excellence honors Tenet hospitals that have achieved the highest levels of quality, service and operational performance. Key metrics used to evaluate the hospitals were patient, physician and employee satisfaction scores, clinical quality and financial performance.

"The hard work, determination and commitment of the employees at St. Mary's Medical Center made 2011 a great year for the hospital," said Stephen L. Newman, M.D., Tenet's vice chairman. "The staff and physicians at St. Mary's Medical Center continue to build on their high-quality care and outstanding patient satisfaction. I'm proud of everything they have accomplished and am delighted to honor them with Tenet's Circle of Excellence Award."

St. Mary's Medical Center CEO Davide Carbone added, "The dedication to providing high-quality care by our nurses, physicians and staff earned St. Mary's this honor, and I can say without a doubt that it is well deserved."

St. Mary's Medical Center is a 463-bed acute care hospital located at 901 45th Street in West Palm Beach. The hospital has been serving the medical and health care needs of the greater West Palm Beach area for more than 70 years. St. Mary's Medical Center offers a broad array of services, including medical, surgical, obstetrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, trauma and emergency services. St. Mary's specialty services include a pediatric trauma center, 24-hour children's emergency department, pediatric intensive care unit, comprehensive stroke center, high-risk obstetrical unit, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Children's Hospital at

St. Mary's, the Rehabilitation Institute, and the Memory Disorders Center. St. Mary's Medical Center is fully accredited by the Joint Commission, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency.

St. Mary's Medical Center is also home to the Paley Advanced Limb Lengthening Institute at the Joint Preservation and Bone Reconstruction Center. Led by Dr. Paley, a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon who is nationally and internationally recognized for his expertise in deformity correction and limb lengthening, the PALLI includes operating rooms, physician offices and a physical therapy center. To learn more about St. Mary's Medical Center, visit www.stmarysmc.com or call 561-844-6300.

Tenet Healthcare Corporation is a health care services company whose subsidiaries and affiliates own and operate acute care hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and diagnostic imaging centers. Tenet's hospitals and related health care facilities are committed to providing high quality care to patients in the communities they serve. For more information, please visit www.tenethealth.com.

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