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Saint Mary's Establishes Partnership with the UC Davis Renal Transplant Program

RENO, Nev. March 1, 2010– Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center has partnered with the University of California, Davis, Renal Transplant Program to improve healthcare for renal disease patients throughout the state of Nevada. Saint Mary's and UC Davis share the goal of maximizing organ availability and providing patients with education and timely access to living and deceased donor transplantation services.

"Saint Mary's is dedicated to serving those in our community who are living with kidney disease which, unfortunately, is many," Mike Uboldi, President and CEO of Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center said. "As the region's leader in patient care quality, Saint Mary's is quickly becoming the region's most comprehensive kidney disease center with the state's only National Kidney Foundation office and now our partnership with the UC Davis Renal Transplant Program."

The UC Davis Kidney Transplant Program offers a convenient service that is closer to home for Reno residents. Located in Sacramento, a two-hour drive from Reno, the program offers comprehensive kidney transplantation services for adult and pediatric patients. Its team of kidney transplant specialists provides a full range of care from initial evaluations to clinical support after surgery.

"We are excited to partner with the physicians, nurses and staff at Saint Mary's to provide the latest information on kidney transplantation and care to patients from the Reno area and beyond," said Richard Perez, professor of surgery and director of the UC Davis Renal Transplant Program. "By working together, we can help patients slow the progression of disease and improve their chances of a successful transplant."

Renal disease, also known as kidney failure, is a condition where the kidneys fail to function as normal. There are two different type of renal failure, acute and chronic, both of which have very different symptoms, treatments and outcomes. Conditions that lead to acute renal failure include heart attacks, kidney damage, decreased blood flow to the kidneys, and blockages. Chronic renal failure is more closely associated with conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, lupus, and polycystic kidney disease.

Through its collaborative relationship with the UC Davis Renal Transplant Program, Saint Mary's will also provide its patient care team with patient education support, continued medical education and training.

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About Saint Mary's

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In 2010 Saint Mary's celebrates 102 years of delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health services to northern Nevada. Founded in 1908 by the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, Saint Mary's is a member of the Catholic Healthcare West family of hospitals and medical centers in Arizona, California, and Nevada. As a fully integrated, faith-based healthcare system with 380 licensed beds, approximately 2,300 employees, 850 affiliated physicians, and 300 volunteers, Saint Mary's provides a wide variety of inpatient, outpatient, and community services to go Well Beyond for the community we serve. For more information, please visit www.saintmarysreno.org.

About Catholic Healthcare West

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) is the eighth largest hospital system in the nation and the largest not-for-profit hospital provider in California. Founded in 1986, the CHW network of more than 10,000 physicians and approximately 53,000 employees serves a population spanning 22 million people at 41 hospitals across California, Arizona, and Nevada. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. In 2008, CHW provided \$967 million in charity care, community benefits, and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at www.chwHEALTH.org.

About the UC Davis Renal Transplant Program

The UC Davis [Kidney Transplant Program](#) offers comprehensive kidney transplantation services for adult and pediatric patients, providing a full range of care from initial evaluations to all the clinical support after surgery. Its team of surgeons, nurses, nephrologists, donor coordinators, social workers, pharmacists and dieticians work closely with immunologists, cardiologists and other UC Davis specialists to ensure that patients receive the best care and live long lives with their transplants. A national leader in the field of kidney transplantation, UC Davis is one of only two in California, and one of 10 in the country, to receive a Kidney Transplant Excellence Award from HealthGrades, a Colorado-based firm that analyzes publicly available data in order to rate hospitals and their programs on clinical outcomes.