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Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center Awards Community Grants to Six Non-Profits
-\$413,267 in grant funds distributed in the Reno/Sparks community over past three years-

RENO, Nev. March 10, 2010 – Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center and Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) has made a long-lasting commitment to improve the health of the local community by distributing \$133,744 in grants to six local non-profit organizations that targeted specific community health needs. The organizations who received funding include Access to Healthcare Network, American Lung Association, CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada, Catholic Community Services, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, and the Orvis School of Nursing Clinic.

"Giving back to our community has been a tradition at Saint Mary's for over one hundred years and we are so pleased to be able to continue this tradition with the support of CHW, especially in these tough economic times," Mike Johnson, vice president, community health and mission integration. "Each organization that we granted monies to is one that shares in Saint Mary's mission in providing access to services for members of our community."

Funding for these grants is separate from contributions made to Saint Mary's Foundation. The funds for these community grants are made available from CHW for distribution by its member hospitals throughout Nevada, California and Arizona. Including the most recent distribution of grants, CHW and Saint Mary's have granted a total of \$413,267 to the Reno/Sparks community since 2007.

A committee of local community leaders reviewed requests and specifically looked for organizations that adhered to the following missions and criteria: improving access to healthcare; preventing and/or managing chronic illness; improving access to prenatal care; improving access to oral health services; reducing infectious disease, access and/or utilization of immunizations; and improving nutritional habits and physical activity levels of at-risk populations.

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About Saint Mary's

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

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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.