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**Saint Mary's Receives National Stroke Achievement Award
and Recognition for Heart Failure Program**

RENO, NEV. July 22, 2010 – Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center has received the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Silver Plus Performance Achievement Award. The award recognizes Saint Mary's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of stroke care by ensuring stroke patients receive treatment according to nationally accepted standards and recommendations.

"We are proud to be recognized by the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines program for compliance with care protocol and prevention guidelines," said Mike Uboldi, president and CEO of Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center. "This award reinforces our #1 quality ranking in northern Nevada for Medicare's core measures in caring for heart failure and heart attack patients."

To receive the Get With The Guidelines Stroke Silver Plus Performance Achievement Award, Saint Mary's achieved at least 12 consecutive months of 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines Stroke Performance Achievement indicators and met quality measures including aggressive use of medications, cholesterol reducing drugs and smoking cessation, all aimed at reducing death and disability and improving the lives of stroke patients.

Additionally, Saint Mary's received participation recognition for the Get With The Guidelines Heart Failure program which provides hospital staff evidence-based guidelines and care procedures for heart failure patients. The program includes quality-improvement measures such as care maps, discharge protocols, standing orders and measurement tools. This quick and efficient use of guidelines enables Saint Mary's to improve the quality of care it provides to heart failure patients.

For more information on Get With The Guidelines, visit
www.americanheart.org/getwiththeguidelines.

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About Saint Mary's

In 2010 Saint Mary's celebrates 101 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), headquartered in San Francisco, CA, is a system of 40 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Founded in 1986, it is the eighth largest hospital system in the nation and the largest not-for-profit provider in California. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. The CHW network of more than 10,000 physicians and approximately 60,000 employees provides health care services to more than four million people annually. In 2009, CHW provided \$1.2 billion in charity care and unsponsored community benefit. For more information, please visit our website at www.chwHEALTH.org.