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**CHANDLER REGIONAL AND MERCY GILBERT MEDICAL CENTERS'
EXECUTIVES RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP BY
*ARIZONA BUSINESS MAGAZINE***

CHANDLER and GILBERT, Ariz. (March 4, 2010) – Executives from Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers, members of Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), were recognized during *Arizona Business Magazine's* third annual Health Care Leadership Awards dinner on March 3, 2010, at the Ritz Carlton in Phoenix. These awards recognize the accomplishments of health care professionals that are making a difference in the community and helping Arizonans receive better care.

Health Care Leadership Award categories recognized exemplary individuals in the following categories: Community Outreach; Hospital Executive; Healthcare Administrator; Institution/Educational Program; Insurance; Legislative Impact; Lifetime Achievement in Research; Medical Center/Hospital; Nurse or Nursing Advocate; Physician and Researcher.

Laurie Eberst, R.N., M.B.A., president and chief executive officer for Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, was among three finalists in the Hospital Executive category. Kathleen Dowler, R.N., director of Mission Integration for Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers, was honored as the winner in the category of Healthcare Administrator. Kim Wilson, R.N., B.S., M.S., vice president and chief nursing officer for Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, was recognized as the winner in the category of Nurse or Nursing Advocate while Peg Smith, R.N., M.B.A., vice president and chief nursing officer for Chandler Regional Medical Center, was a finalist in the same category. Brian Tiffany, M.D., Ph.D., an emergency department doctor at Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers who is employed by Premier Emergency Medical Group, was a winner in the Physician category. Nabil Dib, M.D., M.Sc., F.A.C.C., director of Cardiovascular Research at Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers, was a winner in the Researcher category.

“It is a great honor to be recognized for the efforts the hospital executives put forth each day to ensure our patients receive the best care and experience possible during their stay,” said Eberst. She notes it makes all the difference when you have employees, doctors and volunteers who are devoted and committed to the patients who step through our doors each and every day.

To learn more, please visit www.ChandlerRegional.org or www.MercyGilbert.org.

About Chandler Regional Medical Center

Chandler Regional Medical Center is a 225-bed, acute-care, non-for-profit provider of emergency care, maternal child services, cardiovascular services, wound healing, cancer treatment, diabetes treatment, and diagnostic services. It is located at 475 S. Dobson Road (corner of Dobson Road and Frye Road) in Chandler. For more information, please visit www.chandlerregional.org or call 480.728.3000. Chandler Regional Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities, please visit www.chwcareers.org/arizona. For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414 or e-mail resourcelink@chw.edu.

About Mercy Gilbert Medical Center

Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is located at the intersection of Val Vista Drive and Loop 202 (south of Pecos Road and east of Val Vista Drive). Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is a four-story, full-service acute-care facility with 212 beds. For more information, please visit MercyGilbert.org or call 480.728.8000. Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities, please visit CHWcareers.org/arizona. For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414.

About Catholic Healthcare West

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) is the eighth largest hospital system in the nation and one of the largest not-for-profit hospital providers in the West. Founded in 1986, the CHW network of more than 8,500 physicians and approximately 50,000 employees serve a population spanning 22 million people at 43 hospitals across California, Arizona, and Nevada. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable healthcare services with special attention to the poor and underserved. In fiscal year 2008, CHW provided nearly \$967 million in community benefit and free care for the poor. CHW facilities in Arizona include Chandler Regional Medical Center, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute, CHW Urgent Cares in Ahwatukee, Gilbert and Queen Creek, Sun Lakes Laboratory, Warner Outpatient Surgery and the Arizona Orthopedic Surgical Hospital. For more information, please visit our Website at www.chwHEALTH.org.

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