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NEW DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CHOSEN FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST

Chandler, Ariz. (June 7, 2010) – Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) in the East Valley announced the hire of Larissa Spraker as its Director of Business Development. Spraker, who brings 12 years of experience to CHW, will focus on expansion projects, service line development, strategic planning, physician engagement and special projects as they relate to the growth of Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers.

The CHW East Valley Service Area consists of Chandler Regional Medical Center; Mercy Gilbert Medical Center; CHW Urgent Care centers in Ahwatukee, Gilbert and Queen Creek; Sun Lakes Laboratory; Arizona Orthopedic Surgical Hospital; and Warner Outpatient Surgery Center.

“Larissa will be a positive asset to our business development department,” said Bob Campbell, chief strategy officer and vice president of Business Development. “We are thrilled to have her join our team.”

Spraker has worked in the Phoenix metropolitan area for a myriad of health care systems, including Maricopa Integrated Health System, Abrazo Healthcare and IASIS Healthcare. Most recently, Spraker served as the vice president of Business Development for Arizona Heart Hospital and MedCath, Inc., supporting the business development activities of 10 hospitals nationwide.

“I was looking for an organization with a strong reputation and presence in the Valley and felt CHW exemplified that,” Spraker said. “I fully believe in CHW’s mission and I’m excited to be a part of an organization with a solid growth strategy.”

Spraker received her bachelor’s degree from Ambassador University in Texas and her MBA from the University of Phoenix. A resident of Phoenix, Spraker will be based at Chandler Regional Medical Center.

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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), headquartered in San Francisco, Calif., is a system of 41 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Founded in 1986, it is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit health care systems and the largest private hospital system 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 nearly 10,000 physicians and approximately 54,000 employees provides health care services to more than five million people annually. In 2009, CHW provided nearly \$1.2 billion in charity care, community benefit, and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at www.chwHEALTH.org. 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, Warner Outpatient Surgery and the Arizona Orthopedic Surgical Hospital. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.chwHEALTH.org.