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Catholic Healthcare West and St. Bernardine Medical Center Announce Partnership with Riverside Medical Clinic and March Healthcare Development

San Bernardino, CA — Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) and St. Bernardine Medical Center (SBMC) announced today that they have entered into an exclusive relationship with Riverside Medical Clinic (RMC) and March Healthcare Development (MHD) for the purpose of defining a new integrated health care delivery system on the March LifeCare Campus.

"The March LifeCare project is a once in a lifetime opportunity for these organizations to participate in the building of an America's Health & Wellness City on land that was formerly part of March Air Force Base," said Donald N. Ecker, Founder and Managing Director of March Healthcare Development and CEO of Strategic Solutions.

The March LifeCare Campus encompasses over 6 million square feet. The 150-acre, three-phase development will include a hospital, ambulatory care facilities, medical office buildings, skilled nursing centers, assisted living residences and a retail village.

Dr. Steve Larson, Chairman and CEO of RMC said, "This is an opportunity to provide a health care system that encompasses the full continuum of care for the Inland Empire. Further, CHW, Riverside Medical Clinic and St. Bernardine Medical Center see this as an opportunity to plan and develop an integrated delivery system that under health care reform will be an integral piece of the overarching strategy for the future."

St. Bernardine and RMC will also focus on the development of an Accountable Healthcare Organization (ACO) that will include other key hospitals, physician groups and Independent Practice Associations (IPA). This delivery system will provide access to high quality, cost-effective care. "We plan to take full advantage of the opportunities offered under health care reform," stated Steve Barron, President of St. Bernardine Medical Center. "For the first time, there is a true opportunity to align the incentives of hospitals and physicians, and that is a change we welcome," Barron concluded.

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The four organizations envision the planning process to take four to six months beginning immediately. Steve Barron and Dr. Larson share a common vision and are looking forward to engaging in the process. "It is a privilege to be at the development table with these two quality providers of health care," shared Don Ecker. "This project has been a long time coming and now to see the last piece fall into place is very exciting."

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About St. Bernardine Medical Center
Serving the health care needs of the people of the Inland Empire since 1931, St. Bernardine is a highly-regarded 463-bed, nonprofit, tertiary acute care hospital located in San Bernardino, California. The hospital offers a full continuum of services, from family care to heart surgery, treating an average of 62,600 individuals in the Emergency Department, delivering 2,600 babies and admitting more than 17,900 patients for treatment each year. St. Bernardine Medical Center is a member of Catholic Healthcare West. Visit www.StBernardineMedicalCenter.org for additional information.

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 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 un-reimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at www.chwHEALTH.org.

About Riverside Medical Clinic
Founded in 1935, Riverside Medical Clinic is one of the oldest and most successful healthcare organizations in the Inland Empire. Modeled after the Mayo Clinic, the vision was to bring top notch primary and specialty physicians into one group, offering virtually every outpatient service the community might need from a single source. That vision has materialized into the largest private ambulatory healthcare system in the Inland Empire. As the first fully accredited multi-specialty group in the area, Riverside Medical Clinic now serves a community of more than 226,000 with state-of-the-art technology and straight-from-the-heart healthcare. For more information visit www.riversidemedicalclinic.com.

About March HealthCare Development
March HealthCare Development is creating a state-of-the-art destination medical campus that will bring healthcare, wellness, research, education, and training together under one roof. Through partnerships with hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, physician groups, and research institutions, March Healthcare Development is ushering in a completely new era of performance for our community, our veterans, and their families. The Campus will feature Centers of Excellence for the most pressing medical needs of our time, including cancer, heart disease, and stroke. The March LifeCare Campus will become California's destination point for quality health care options, and a major job creator in the Inland area. Visit www.MarchHealthCare.com.