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Marian Announces Multimillion Dollar Cornerstone Campaign

Marian Foundation to host press event to publicly announce Cornerstone Campaign

Santa Maria, CA – (June 5, 2009) – On Thursday, June 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Marian Conference Center, 1400 E. Church Street, Santa Maria, Ca., the Marian Medical Center Foundation will announce that it has launched the largest fundraising campaign in the history of non-profit organizations in Northern Santa Barbara County. The Cornerstone Campaign to build a new Marian Medical Center has set a goal to raise \$15 million.

“The gifts given thus far are the largest ever given to Marian in its 69-year history and it is a testament to the giving nature of the people of this community. This is an historic time for Marian since the new hospital will provide for our healthcare needs well into the future,” says Lynette Muscio, Executive Director, Marian Medical Center Foundation.

Gifts supporting the Cornerstone Campaign have come through various sources including individual donations from hospital leadership, employees, physicians, board members, local businesses and various private foundations.

Major contributors of \$500,000 and above include:

- The estate of Marian Mullin Hancock
- The estate of Irving and Dadi Souza
- Mark and Dorothy Smith
- The John J. Will family in memory of Jake and Evelyn Will
- Steve and Marie Will in honor of Clarence and Rosalie Minetti
- The Santa Barbara Foundation
- Betteravia Farms: Jeanie and Henri Ardantz, Jeri and Patrick Ferini, Georganne and Milo Ferini
- The City of Santa Maria

A special thanks to Cornerstone Campaign Co-Chairs Ann Foxworthy Lewellen and Georganne Ferini along with Vice-Chair Mark Teixeira who have each volunteered countless hours to the Cornerstone Campaign for the past two years.

“We sincerely thank our more than 300 donors for their unprecedented generosity. They have set a powerful example of community commitment and we need others to follow their lead,” says Ann Foxworthy Lewellen, Cornerstone Campaign Co-Chair.

As a conclusion to the press conference, guests will adjourn to the Marian Extended Care Center parking lot to witness the “topping off” of a beam that has been signed by hospital board members, employees, physicians, volunteers and other community members affiliated with Marian.

The Topping Off Celebration marks a major milestone of the construction project. A 300-foot crane will lift the signed beam up to the East face of the new building as it becomes the last steel beam to be placed into the hospital’s new structure.

Since Dec. 3, 2008, there have been a total of 134 construction work days. There are currently 130 construction workers on the site of Marian’s new hospital. The new hospital’s steel structure weighs about 2,296 tons and is held together with 6,038 pieces of separate steel beams.

Marian broke ground on the new hospital’s site in October 2008. Construction of the new hospital is on schedule and is set to be completed in fall of 2011. The new hospital will double its existing size to 216,000 square feet, offer 188-total beds with private patient rooms, an expanded Emergency Department with 32 exam rooms and self-contained imaging services, an expanded Critical Care Unit, a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a Healing Garden and courtyard, a new chapel and expanded/relocated cafeteria and dining facility.

Marian’s press event will take place in the Marian Conference Center, 1400 E. Church Street, Santa Maria. For any additional information about Marian’s press event on June 11, please call Marian Communications at (805) 739-3580 or Marian Foundation at (805) 739-3595.

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About Marian Medical Center

Located in Santa Maria, California, Marian Medical Center is a not-for-profit hospital founded by the Sisters of Saint Francis in 1940. Our team of 1,300 employees and more than 260 physicians work daily to extend the mission of providing compassionate, high quality health care services to the Santa Maria Valley and surrounding communities. Marian Medical Center is a member of Catholic Healthcare West, the largest Catholic healthcare system based in the Western United States with 40 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona and Nevada. For more information about Marian Medical Center or Catholic Healthcare West, visit our website at www.marianmedicalcenter.org.