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Marian Administrator Elected to National Association for Home Care and Hospice Board

Marian Medical Center's Vice President of Hospice, Home Care and Infusion Services has been elected to the board of nation's largest home care and hospice trade association

SANTA MARIA, CA – (January 18, 2010) – Marian Medical Center is proud to announce that Kathleen Sullivan, Vice President of Marian Home Care, Hospice and Infusions Services, has recently been elected to the National Association for Home Care and Hospice's (NAHC) Board of Directors.

Sullivan was elected as the NAHC's Region IX representative for the states of California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Guam. As a member of the NAHC Board of Directors, Sullivan's duties include representing the interests of home health and hospice providers within Region IX's states at a national level. The NAHC Board of Directors is made up of 25 members and all representatives are elected to serve for a two-year term.

"As a NAHC board member I want to position home care and hospice services in the forefront for healthcare reform," Sullivan said. "I will also work to assure adequate reimbursement for this industry and advocate for innovative technologies and models of care."

Sullivan has been an employee at Marian Medical Center for 10 years, but has worked in the home care and hospice industry for more than 30 years. Sullivan graduated from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She continued her education and earned a Master of Science in Nursing from California State University Dominguez Hills. In addition to her numerous credentials, she is currently working on completing her doctorate in gerontology and health policy from the University of California, San Francisco. Prior to her recent election, Sullivan had served on the NAHC's Government Affairs Committee and as chair of the California Association of Health Services at Home's Board of Directors.

As the nation's largest home care and health trade association, NAHC is dedicated to representing the interests of those who depend on home care and hospice services. The NAHC assures that the

needs and concerns of home care agencies, hospices, home care aide organizations and medical equipment suppliers are recognized by government agencies.

For more information about Kathleen Sullivan's recent election to the NAHC's Board of Directors please call Marian Communications at (805) 739-3580.

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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.