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**SCOTT STREET NAMED CEO
FOR MERCY IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS**

Scott M. Street has been named president and CEO for Mercy Health System of Northwest Arkansas, effective March 8. Street succeeds George Flynn, who will transition fulltime into the role of senior vice president–performance improvement for the Sisters of Mercy Health System, the sponsoring organization of Mercy in Northwest Arkansas. Flynn has held both his new role and the CEO position since June 2009.

Street comes to Mercy from Duncan Regional Health System in Duncan, Okla., where he has served as president and CEO since 2003. He previously served in leadership positions with St. Bernard’s Health Care in Jonesboro, Ark., and Baptist Health in Little Rock. Street holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., and a master’s degree in health administration from the University of Missouri. He has been active in many community and professional organizations, and was awarded the American Hospital Association’s Shirley Ann Munroe Leadership Award in 2009, which recognizes the accomplishments of small or rural hospital leaders who have improved healthcare delivery in their communities through innovative and progressive efforts.

“Scott brings great creativity and experience to Mercy, and a passion for understanding and responding to the needs of the community,” said Paul Bergant, chair of the board, Mercy Health System of Northwest Arkansas. “Everyone who met with Scott – including our board, members of the leadership team, physicians, community leaders and Sisters of Mercy – were impressed by Scott’s accomplishments and his ideas for the future of healthcare in Northwest Arkansas. He is well suited to lead Mercy’s continued progress in this region.”

As CEO of Duncan Regional Health System, Street led the hospital in strengthening relationships with physicians, working with other healthcare providers to better serve the

needs of the local community, and focusing on service excellence. Under his leadership, Duncan Regional undertook a major campus expansion and renewal effort, including a \$30 million facility expansion program, the addition of a school of nursing, the development of a joint venture cancer center with two partner hospitals, a women's health program and a pediatrics clinic in partnership with another provider. Duncan Regional was named one of the nation's Top 100 Hospitals by Thompson Reuters in 2005, 2007 and 2008.

"Mercy has a tremendous reputation throughout the Midwest, and I am excited by the opportunity to join their health ministry," said Street. "My family and I particularly look forward to becoming a part of the growing Northwest Arkansas community." Street and his wife, Christine, have four children.

"In welcoming Scott, the board and leadership team at Mercy also acknowledge and thank George Flynn for his leadership in Northwest Arkansas in a variety of roles since 2003," said Kim Day, senior vice president-regional markets, for the Sisters of Mercy Health System. "George will now be able to focus on his new role in helping facilities across the entire Mercy health ministry improve our operations and ultimately enhance the care and service we bring to our communities."

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Mercy Health System of Northwest Arkansas

Mercy Health System of Northwest Arkansas, a not-for-profit faith-based health system, provides healthcare services to residents in northwest Arkansas and southwest Missouri. The System includes Mercy Medical Center, Mercy Health Foundation of Northwest Arkansas and 22 Mercy medical clinics in locations throughout northwest Arkansas and southwest Missouri.

Sisters of Mercy Health System

The Sisters of Mercy Health System (Mercy) sponsors healthcare services in four states including Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Our members include 26 acute care hospitals with more than 4,000 licensed beds, three heart hospitals, a rehabilitation hospital, physician practices and a health plan. Care and services are provided by 36,000 co-workers and 4,600 physicians who are employed or practice at Mercy facilities. We are the 8th largest Catholic healthcare system in the U.S. based on net patient service revenue. We are sponsored by Mercy Health Ministry, an entity established by the Catholic Church to oversee the healing ministry and Catholic identity of Mercy.

[Photo of Scott Street attached.]