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Dignity Health to Build Medical Campus in Glendale
Grand Opening Slated for Early 2014

Dignity Health, the parent organization of Chandler Regional Medical Center, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center and St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center has announced plans to develop a 35-acre medical campus in Glendale.

The campus will become the centerpiece of Dignity Health's recent West Valley expansion. It will be anchored by a 60,000 square-foot hospital that is expected to open in early 2014. Dignity Health began its strategic growth last year when St. Joseph's opened a medical clinic in Peoria and it has plans to launch more clinics in the West Valley during the next year.

An initial \$44 million investment for the campus will include construction of an emergency department, a 24-bed inpatient hospital with two operating rooms, and dedicated space for diagnostic services. It expects to employ about 200 people. The hospital also has the capacity to expand to 200 inpatient beds as demand grows.

The medical campus and hospital will feature new approaches to healthcare via its onsite collaboration with Dignity Health partners. Dignity Health has vigorously built business relationships with non-profits and healthcare businesses in order to provide the best and most financially efficient options for patients. The campus also will advance some of the most innovative uses of materials to promote patient safety, patient satisfaction and medical efficiency.

"We expect this facility to become a model for reducing healthcare costs with the integration of businesses and organizations that will be involved on the campus," says Linda Hunt, Dignity Health Arizona President and CEO. San Francisco-based Dignity Health, formerly Catholic Healthcare West, includes 40 hospitals in three states, including the three acute care hospitals in Arizona, as well as a wide array of joint ventures and outpatient surgery and treatment facilities.

"Despite the current budget challenges that many Valley hospitals are facing, we know we must grow in order to succeed," said Hunt. "Dignity Health supports further expansion in Arizona. Financial support for this project is recognition of how important this state is to our company's long-term growth."

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The medical campus, located near the Loop 101 and Glendale Avenue, will begin with construction of the emergency hospital, followed by the development of additional outpatient services and a medical office building. If patients need a higher level of care, they will be transferred to St. Joseph's Hospital in central Phoenix. St. Joseph's is recognized for its specialty care and its expertise in treating the most serious of cases.

"We are so pleased that Dignity Health selected Glendale to showcase its innovative health care facility," said Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs. "We believe this will provide high quality care for our residents, as well as our neighbors throughout the West Valley."

City Manager Ed Beasley pointed out that healthcare is one of Glendale's top targeted industries. "Dignity Health's location along the Loop 101 will bring hundreds of high paying, professional jobs and strengthen the city's objective to be a major healthcare provider in the West Valley," said Beasley.

In recent years Dignity Health has built business relationships throughout the Valley via joint ventures, alliances and partnerships. In 2011, Phoenix Children's Hospital signed an alliance with St. Joseph's, resulting in St. Joseph's owning 20 percent of the children's hospital. More recently the organization signed an alliance with UA Cancer Center that brings UA cancer expertise to the St. Joseph's campus, and with Valley Hospital, to support the Creighton Medical School and provide inpatient psychiatric services.

Dignity Health also has formed joint ventures with United Surgical Partners International on several outpatient surgical facilities and two orthopedic hospitals, and now has majority ownership of Simon Med Imaging, with its network of 30 outpatient imaging centers. The St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center employed physician group has also grown rapidly and Dignity Health recently created an Accountable Care Organization.

"The development of this facility provides West Valley residents, community physicians and insurance carriers with an alternative to receive high quality healthcare services," said Hunt.

To learn more about the hospital visit www.growingdignityhealth.org.

About Dignity Health (formerly Catholic Healthcare West)

Dignity health, headquartered in San Francisco, Calif., provides integrated, patient and family centered care. It is the fifth largest health system in the country with 10,000 physicians and 55,000 employees across Arizona, California, and Nevada. Through its network of more than 150 ancillary care sites and 40 acute care hospitals, Dignity Health is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable healthcare services with special attention to the poor and underserved. In 2011, Dignity Health provided \$1.4 billion in charity care, community benefit and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at www.dignityhealth.org.