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**St. Mary's Medical Center Recognized for its Participation in
Operation Haiti Relief**

Florida Department of Health honors St. Mary's with Certificate of Appreciation

West Palm Beach, FL- June 2010-- On May 13, 2010, St. Mary's Medical Center received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Florida Department of Health for its participation in Operation Haiti Relief. The certificate signed by the State Surgeon General, Ana Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H. recognized the compassion, professionalism and hard work that St. Mary's offered to support Florida's statewide Haiti relief effort.

During Operation Haiti Relief, St. Mary's treated 13 patients involved in the tragic earthquake. The patients required a wide range of medical needs. While some patients only required ambulatory treatment such as physical examinations, other more critical patients were airlifted to St. Mary's with multiple traumas. The entire staff at St. Mary's contributed to the relief efforts in one way or another. While some of the staff medically treated and cared for the patients; some donated money, clothes and food; and others even traveled to Haiti.

This response supports St. Mary's Medical Center's mission to be recognized for the passion of its employees who provide quality, innovative care to the patients they serve in the community. The Certificate of Appreciation recognizes the St. Mary's staff for their compassionate and generous response, which greatly assisted the state of Florida throughout the Operation Haiti Relief initiative.

About St. Mary's Medical Center

St. Mary's Medical Center is a 463-bed acute care hospital located at 901 45th Street in West Palm Beach. The hospital has been serving the medical and health care needs of the greater West Palm Beach area for more than 70 years. St. Mary's Medical Center offers a broad array of services, including medical, surgical, obstetrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, trauma and emergency services. St. Mary's specialty services include a pediatric trauma center, 24-hour children's emergency department, pediatric intensive care unit, comprehensive stroke center, high-risk obstetrical unit, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Children's Hospital at St. Mary's, the Rehabilitation Institute, and the Memory Disorders Center. St. Mary's Medical Center is fully accredited by the Joint Commission, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency.

St. Mary's Medical Center is also home to the Paley Advanced Limb Lengthening Institute at the Joint Preservation and Bone Reconstruction Center. Led by Dr. Paley, a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon who is nationally and internationally recognized for his expertise in deformity correction and limb lengthening, the PALLI includes operating rooms, physician offices and a physical therapy center.

To learn more about St. Mary's Medical Center, visit www.stmarysmc.com or call 561-844-6300