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**CHW President/CEO Lloyd Dean Receives Most-Admired CEO Award
San Francisco Business Times Recognizes Dean for Excellence in Leadership**

SAN FRANCISCO – November 15, 2007 – Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), the nation’s eighth largest hospital system, today announced President/CEO Lloyd H. Dean is a recipient of a Bay Area Most-Admired CEO award from the *San Francisco Business Times*.

“Lloyd Dean is widely respected in the community and in the healthcare industry as a dedicated leader with a strategic vision and a deep belief in public service,” said Mary Huss, San Francisco Business Times publisher. “Additionally, he is well known as a warm, compassionate human being with exceptional relationship skills who connects well with people throughout all levels of his organization.”

This award recognizes Mr. Dean and eleven other Bay Area executives for leadership at its best. Mr. Dean is honored as the San Francisco Bay Area’s Most-Admired CEO in the large non-profit category. An independent panel selected the winners based upon leadership style, philosophy, successes, financial performance, community involvement, philanthropy, and their work towards fostering diversity, a positive work environment and innovation.

“My role as a leader is to create a vision and help others realize their full potential,” said Mr. Dean. “The talented and generous people of CHW make my job a privilege. This award belongs to them – the doctors, employees and volunteers who bring excellence and compassion to our patients every day.”

In his role as President/CEO, Mr. Dean is responsible for \$10.5 billion in assets and the overall management, strategy and direction of CHW’s integrated healthcare system of 42 hospitals, 45 health clinics, 9 trauma centers, five medical practice groups, 50,000 employees and 9,700 physicians. CHW serves a population that spans 22 million people throughout California, Arizona and Nevada.

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Mr. Dean is widely recognized as a leader who is deeply passionate about advocating for those without a voice and for his leadership on issues such as healthcare reform at the local, state and national levels. In 2004, he was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the California Commission for Jobs and Economic Growth. He also chairs the Bay Area Council's Healthcare Committee and is a co-architect of San Francisco's plan to provide healthcare to San Francisco's 82,000 uninsured residents by January 2008.

Mr. Dean sits on the boards of Wells Fargo & Company and Mercy Housing, Inc. and is the chair-elect of the Catholic Health Association of the U.S. For the third consecutive year, in 2007 Mr. Dean was named one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare by *Modern Healthcare* magazine. He also is the recipient of the Partners in Care 2007 Mathies Award for Vision and Excellence in Healthcare Leadership.

Other recipients of this first-time award include Dick Kovacevich, Wells & Fargo Company; Steve Burd, Safeway; Stephanie DiMarco, Advent Software; Carol Galante, BRIDGE Housing; Chip Conley, Joie de Vivre Hospitality; Paul Touw, XOJET; Terry MacRae, Hornblower Cruises & Events; Andrew Ly, Sugar Bowl Bakery; Stephen Mayer, Burr, Pilger & Mayer LLP; Jeffrey Housenbold, Shutterfly, Inc.; and David Gavrich, Waste Solutions Group.

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About Catholic Healthcare West

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) is the eighth largest hospital system in the nation and the largest not-for-profit hospital provider in California. Founded in 1986, the CHW network of more than 9,700 physicians and approximately 50,000 employees serve a population spanning 22 million people at 42 hospitals across California, Arizona, and Nevada. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable healthcare services with special attention to the poor and underserved. In 2007, CHW provided \$922 million in charity care, community benefits, and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at chwHEALTH.org.