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San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Honors CHW For Excellence in Community Service

San Francisco, **CA** – November 14, 2011 - Catholic Healthcare West has been named the 2011 recipient of the Excellence in Business ("Ebbie") Award presented by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber noted CHW's commitment to providing "high-quality, affordable healthcare services," as well as the organization's legacy of community service and charitable care.

"The Chamber salutes Catholic Healthcare West for its innovative and compassionate business model that is driving one of San Francisco's most significant industries forward and helping to provide vital health care services to thousands of residents every year," said Steve Falk, the Chamber's president and chief executive officer.

The Ebbie is awarded to a San Francisco-based company, or company with a major presence in the city, which exemplifies excellent corporate citizenship in giving back to the communities in which it operates and in a corporate culture that enhances the lives of its employees.

"We are deeply honored by this recognition," said Lloyd Dean, president and chief executive officer of CHW. "While San Francisco is our headquarters city, it is our hospitals that exemplify the promise of our mission of providing affordable quality care for everyone. Saint Francis Memorial Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center have provided health care services for all San Franciscan's for more than 150 years. We look forward to continuing that legacy."

About Catholic Healthcare West

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), headquartered in San Francisco, CA, is a system of 40 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Founded in 1986, it is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit health care systems and the largest private hospital system in California. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. The CHW network of nearly 10,000 physicians and approximately 54,000 employees provides health care services to more than five million people annually. In 2011, CHW provided more than \$1.4 billion in charity care, community benefit, and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at www.chwHEALTH.org.