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**SBM CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC. AWARDS SAINT FRANCIS FOUNDATION A GIFT OF \$500,000  
TO EXPAND CANCER CARE SERVICES EAST OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER**

**HARTFORD, Conn. (May 8, 2017)** Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has received a \$500,000 gift from the SBM Charitable Foundation, Inc., toward the hospital's Hope & Healing Campaign. The bank's gift will expand and transform the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis by creating a new cancer care site in Glastonbury.

The \$15 million Hope & Healing Campaign, launched in December, will increase the current 45,000-square foot space and improve access to vital oncology services on the hospital's Hartford campus and expand services to a new care center in Glastonbury.

"We are grateful for SBM Charitable Foundation's generous support which will allow us to fulfill an important component of our Health & Healing Campaign – to expand our cancer care services closer to home for our patients who live east of the Connecticut River," said Lynn Rossini, vice president and chief development officer, Saint Francis Foundation.

"The creation of a Saint Francis cancer care center in Glastonbury will provide more comprehensive cancer care in an easily accessible community," stated John F. Rodis, M.D., M.B. A., president, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. "The new center will include expanded treatment services, easier access to medical oncology providers and support services, and chemotherapy treatment with onsite oncological pharmacy services."

In addition, the cancer care center will also provide navigation services for patients, diagnostic services, integrative medicine services, and supportive care services including survivorship programs. Educational community outreach programs will be offered on prevention, screening, and early detection.

Doreen Downham, executive director of the SBM Charitable Foundation, stated, "The SBMCF is pleased to continue its ongoing support of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. The

expansion of cancer care services, via the Glastonbury site, fits well within our East of the Connecticut River funding focus. The convenience of the location and the wide range of services provided at the site will benefit East of the River oncology patients, as well as those in our other area communities.”

At the heart of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center’s Mission is providing world-class and compassionate care to its patients. Through the development of a cancer care center in Glastonbury, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center will be delivering this care in a more convenient location for many of its oncology patients.

The Hope & Healing Campaign has raised more than \$11 million through donations from generous supporters and the hospital’s annual MIRACLES Gala which raised more than \$1.1 million for the campaign in September.

In Hartford, the proposed project includes an addition to the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis as well as an upgrade and renovation of existing oncology patient rooms, family areas and nursing facilities.

Renovations to the 8th floor Inpatient Oncology Pavilion, expected to be completed next month, will transform 20 patient rooms that take into account patients’ needs as well as those of their families and loved ones. Each private room is designed to feel like home and provide accommodation for visitors. Families and loved ones will be able to stay in comfortable bedroom suites adjacent to the patient rooms.

Nursing station areas, conference room and a staff respite suite will also be transformed. A dedicated space for a Comfort and Healing Lounge will also be added to provide a healing sanctuary where programs like art and music therapy, mediation, yoga practice and quiet visiting or a meal can take place. An adjacent Integrative Medicine Suite will offer therapeutic massage, acupuncture, and mind/body therapies to offer relief and comfort for patients and their families and loved ones.

Several Patient Welcome Centers will be created or renovated to provide a calming and peaceful environment for patients awaiting treatment.

#### **About Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center**

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. In 2015, Saint Francis became part of Trinity Health - New England, an integrated health care delivery system that is a member of Trinity Health, Livonia, MI, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is licensed for 617 beds, is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women’s Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and Saint Francis Medical Group. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SaintFrancisCT