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Lifelong medical education gets a boost with new Linda and Mike Curb Center for Advanced Medical Education

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – (June 18, 2014) – Saint Thomas Health is pleased to announce the grand opening of the Linda and Mike Curb Institute for Advanced Medical Education at Saint Thomas West Hospital. Supported by a \$1.5 million grant from Mike and Linda Curb, this innovative learning institute will prepare the next generation of physicians and health care providers to care for communities in Middle Tennessee and beyond.

“Linda and I are proud to support this project, which will transform the way medical professionals are trained and allow more residents and physicians to access advanced medical education through the Saint Thomas Health Learning Communities,” Mike Curb said.

The Curb Institute will reach medical professionals in innovative ways, from web courses, to live conferences and online grand rounds. Other offerings include a simulation innovations and skills lab, virtual access to operating rooms, live audience feedback, and video conferencing with national and international experts.

Additionally, the Curb’s grant supports Medical Education, Research and Technology funds – a resource that is vital for improving healthcare by transforming current practice outcomes into reliable, quantitative measurements of improvements in care. These funds are divided into three key categories:

Curb Education Portal: This fund supports the creation of a content portal to instruct and support future generations of leaders in health care. Content will be created in partnership with medical education professionals at other Ascension Health ministries including affiliated medical schools in Indiana and Texas.

Curb Research Fund: This fund will continually improve best practices in patient care by comparing medical outcomes between patients cared for at Saint Thomas and in related Ascension Health ministries across the nation, in order to measure the effectiveness of treatment methods.

Curb Technology Fund: This fund seeks to transform the delivery of health care by deploying the most advanced technology available to educate medical professionals.

“This institute represents a significant milestone for Saint Thomas Health and the medical community,” said Dr. Mike Schatzlein, president and CEO of Saint Thomas Health. “To advance the health of our patients, we must engage medical learners in meaningful, innovative ways that lead to changes in practice. The opening of the Linda and Mike Curb Center is an enormous step toward making that vision a reality.”

ABOUT SAINT THOMAS HEALTH

Saint Thomas Health is Middle Tennessee’s faith-based, not-for-profit health care system united under the common mission of one healing community. With more than 7,000 associates, Saint Thomas Health is focused on transforming the health care experience and helping people live healthier lives, with special attention to the poor and vulnerable. The regional health system includes – Saint Thomas Hospital for Spinal Surgery, Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital and Saint Thomas West Hospital in Nashville, Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro and Saint Thomas Hickman Hospital in Centerville – and a comprehensive network of affiliated joint ventures, medical practices, clinics and rehabilitation facilities. Saint Thomas Health is a member of Ascension Health, a Catholic organization that is the largest not-for-profit health system in the United States. For more information, visit www.STHealth.com.

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