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Leadership Transition at St. Vincent's Medical Center

BRIDGEPORT, Connecticut – May 18, 2017. Vicki Briggs, FACHE, has been appointed president and chief executive officer of St. Vincent's Medical Center, effective July 1. St. Vincent's is part of Ascension, the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system. Briggs will succeed Vincent C. Caponi, FACHE, who announced today his intention to retire effective June 30, 2017.

"I would like to thank the extraordinary group of medical professionals, staff, and Connecticut residents who made me feel at home during my tenure at St. Vincent's and will no doubt continue to inspire me in my future endeavors," said Caponi. "Vicki has been a vital partner by my side here, and her passion and commitment are unmatched. She is well equipped to lead St. Vincent's into the future."

"Vicki is an experienced, values-inspired healthcare executive with a record of results in patient and associate satisfaction, operating performance, and growth in the numerous organizations she has led," said Patricia A. Maryland, Dr.PH, President, Healthcare Operations and Chief Operating Officer, Ascension Healthcare, a division of Ascension. "We're pleased that she has agreed to take on the leadership of St. Vincent's."

Most recently, Briggs has been serving as chief operating officer of St. Vincent's, and along with the executive leadership team has helped lead the transformation of St. Vincent's as it navigates the rapidly changing healthcare environment.

"Since my arrival to St. Vincent's, I have been inspired by our associates' and physicians' commitment to our mission, our patients, and the community," said Briggs. "St. Vincent's has been a beacon of hope and care since 1905, and continuing that critical role is a responsibility that I take on with great humility and reverence."

From 2011 to 2014, Briggs served as executive vice president and chief operating officer at St. Vincent's Health System in Birmingham, Alabama, a member of Ascension. Before rejoining Ascension in 2016, she led her own hospital and healthcare provider consulting firm.

Over the course of her career, Briggs has had responsibility for 22 hospitals – from small rural, critical access and community hospitals, to specialty and large tertiary and teaching hospitals. She has been a speaker on healthcare for numerous organizations, including the American Hospital Association, the American College of Healthcare Executives, the New Horizons Cardiovascular Conference, the Dallas Morning News Distinguished Lecture Series, the Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, the Healthcare Financial Management Association, The Joint Commission and the Alabama and Louisiana Hospital Associations.

Briggs holds a Master of Business Administration from the Brock School of Business, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana. Vicki was named the Brock School of Business alumnus of the year in 2013 and served on the Brock School of Business Advisory Council. She also serves as Chair of the Greater Southeast Affiliate of the American Heart Association and as Development Co-Chair and Chair-elect of The Woman's Fund of Greater Birmingham.

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About St. Vincent's Medical Center

Founded by the Daughters of Charity in 1903, St. Vincent's Medical Center is a mission-driven organization committed to exceptional health care for all with special attention to persons living in poverty and those who are most vulnerable. St. Vincent's Medical Center is a part of Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and non-profit healthcare system, and is at the forefront in patient safety and quality, with a focus on creating holistic, compassionate environments. St. Vincent's was awarded the Nursing Magnet® Recognition, the highest national award for nursing excellence. In 2013 St. Vincent's Medical Center was named Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® by the Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America, and has been recognized by both the Joint Commission and OSHA as a model of a highly reliable organization dedicated to patient safety. The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer awarded St. Vincent's an Outstanding Achievement Award with Accreditation in 2012, and it also has earned its designation from the National Accreditation

Program for Breast Cancer. For more information on programs and services, visit www.stvincents.org.

About Ascension

Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. In FY2016, Ascension provided more than \$1.8 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Ascension includes approximately 150,000 associates and 36,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates 2,500 sites of care – including 140 hospitals and more than 30 senior living facilities – in 24 states and the District of Columbia, while its Solutions Division provides a variety of services and solutions including physician practice management, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, clinical care management, information services, risk management, and contracting through Ascension's own group purchasing organization.