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LOUISIANA HEART HOSPITAL NAMES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lacombe, LA (December 29, 2011) – The Board of Directors at the Louisiana Heart Hospital are pleased to announce that Charles Nasem, FACHE, has been named President and Chief Executive Officer. Charles joins the hospital most recently from Deaconess Health System in Oklahoma City, OK.

Charles is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He received both his undergraduate degree and a Masters of Healthcare Administration from George Washington University. Working in hospitals for 35 years he has held positions clinically in cath labs, critical care and open heart surgery as a registered cardiovascular technologist, operated several departments as a director, and has led high performing teams as a senior hospital administrator. For the past 16 years Charles has successfully operated hospitals in several states including Florida, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Louisiana. He and his family are pleased to be returning to Louisiana where he has previously held CEO positions at Ville Platte Medical Center and Summit Hospital in Baton Rouge. "I am excited to return to the state of Louisiana to work with such an outstanding hospital. I am impressed with the physicians and health care professionals affiliated with Louisiana Heart Hospital and look forward to making a difference in the communities we serve."

Louisiana Heart Hospital opened in 2003 in the heart of St. Tammany Parish. A 137-bed general acute care facility noted nationally for excellence in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease, the hospital also provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care that includes orthopedics, vascular and general surgery, urology, gastroenterology, and a full-service Emergency Department that is a nationally accredited Chest Pain Center, the only one on the North Shore. The LHH serves patients from St. Tammany, Washington and Tangipahoa parishes in Louisiana and from southern Mississippi counties.

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