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White Memorial Medical Center Recognized As Finalist for 2016 Foster G. McGaw Prize for Excellence in Community Service

DEERFIELD, Ill., and LOS ANGELES, January 18, 2017 – In honor of its exemplary commitment to provide culturally competent, comprehensive care for the community, White Memorial Medical Center has been recognized as one of three national finalists for the 2016 Foster G. McGaw Prize for Excellence in Community Service. As a finalist, White Memorial Medical Center will receive \$10,000 to be used in support of its community health initiatives.

The Foster G. McGaw Prize is sponsored by the Baxter International Foundation, the American Hospital Association (AHA) and its not-for-profit affiliate Health Research & Educational Trust. First awarded in 1986, the prize recognizes the achievements of hospitals and health systems and inspires strong partnerships that significantly improve the health and well-being of their communities.

“Keeping the community healthy has been White Memorial Medical Center’s mission since its beginning,” said John O’Brien, chair of the Foster G. McGaw Prize Committee. “Its enduring initiatives – inspired by the patients, community leaders, physicians and volunteers the health system staff interacts with every day – have altered the overall health of its community, provided economic stimulation and have had a positive impact on residents.”

“It’s an honor for White Memorial to be named a finalist for the Foster G. McGaw Prize,” said John Raffoul, president and chief executive officer, White Memorial Medical Center.

"At White Memorial Medical Center, community service is integral with healthcare, and has been for our over 100 years of service. This distinction, along with recognition by Healthgrades as one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for two years in a row, is a testament to our commitment to keeping our communities healthy with consistent year-over-year superior clinical performance."

White Memorial Medical Center is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system serving communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. With 87 percent of its inpatient admissions receiving government assistance or being uninsured, the medical center works as a collaborative partner with the public healthcare system and safety net clinic networks to improve the health and social outcome of residents in the community. Among other programs, White Memorial Medical Center was recognized for the following innovative community service initiatives:

- **Diabetes and Healthy Eating Lifestyle Program (HELP)** – White Memorial Medical Center launched the Healthy Eating Lifestyle Program in 2010, as part of several community outreach activities that teach adults and children at risk for diabetes the benefits of a well-balanced diet and the importance of exercise. The community-based, family-focused pediatric and obesity intervention and prevention program is designed to help children and their families adopt healthier eating behaviors and increase physical activity, including long-term diet planning and trips to the local supermarket to teach patients how to identify healthier foods. Since the initiative was implemented, 53 workshops have been conducted with more than 430 families.
- **Women's Services Welcome Baby Program** – The Welcome Baby program, initiated in 2013, is part of a community network of programs providing supportive services for families and newborns. It offers a total of nine points of contact with families – three prenatal visits, one hospital visit, and five postpartum visits by trained healthcare staff who work with patients at White Memorial Medical Center and at their homes. The staff provides individual support and information on parenting, early childhood development, healthcare, nutrition and home safety. The program has provided more than 2,350 home visits in Los Angeles County, targeting awareness of prenatal care, perception of child development, benefits of breastfeeding and value of screenings for perinatal depression.

- **Cancer Prevention Program** – Started in 2003, the Cancer Prevention Program at White Memorial Medical Center provides early detection, screening and diagnostic services for under- and uninsured, low-income women. Each year, White Memorial Medical Center participates in more than 150 mobile event screenings with nearly 3,000 eligible women, and engages an additional 2,000 women with no healthcare coverage with screenings at the Cancer Center.

“The Foster G. McGaw Prize recognizes healthcare organizations that serve as role models for taking a synergistic approach to improve the health of the people in their communities. This year’s winner and finalists offer wide-ranging programs to meet the needs of their vulnerable populations,” said Stacey Eisen, president of the Baxter International Foundation and vice president, global communications at Baxter. “Through involved leadership, dedicated staff, and community collaboration, they significantly improve the lives of the patients they serve.”

The 2016 winner of the \$100,000 Foster G. McGaw Prize is Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Mich. In addition to White Memorial Medical Center, other finalists include Children’s Health System of Texas in Dallas and ProMedica in Toledo, Ohio.

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The Foster G. McGaw Prize

Celebrating more than 30 years of honoring excellence in community service, the Foster G. McGaw Prize recognizes healthcare organizations that are committed to community service through a range of programs that demonstrate a passion and continuous commitment to making communities healthier and more vital. The prize, first awarded in 1986, inspires hospitals, health systems and communities to assess and implement programs that improve their communities. For more information, visit www.aha.org/foster.

White Memorial Medical Center

White Memorial Medical Center is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system serving communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Its workforce of 28,700 includes more than 21,000 employees; 4,500 medical staff physicians; and 3,000 volunteers. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist Health Values, Adventist Health provides compassionate care in 19 hospitals, more than 150 Clinics (hospital-based, rural health and physician clinics), 14 home care agencies, six hospice agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers. Visit www.AdventistHealth.org for more information.

The American Hospital Association

The American Hospital Association is a not-for-profit association of healthcare provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly

5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. Its not-for-profit research and education affiliate, the Health Research & Educational Trust, aims to create new knowledge, tools and assistance in improving the delivery of healthcare by providers and practitioners within the communities they serve. For more information, visit www.aha.org.

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