

Memorial Health Care System

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MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AWARDED \$103,098 GRANT FOR IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN EAST CHATTANOOGA

Memorial Health Care System has been awarded a \$103,098 grant to support Improving Health and Wellness in East Chattanooga, a program that enables participants to lose weight, lower A1C and lower blood pressure by organized exercise coupled with medical/educational sessions taught by trained medical staff. The grant is provided by the Mission and Ministry Fund of Catholic Health Initiatives, the national health care system that includes Memorial Health Care System.

Established in 1996, the Mission and Ministry Fund has awarded 311 grants, amounting to more than \$38.4 million, across the globe. The fund was established through contributions from Catholic Health Initiatives' facilities across the nation, including Memorial Health Care System.

In addition to the annual grants from its longstanding Mission and Ministry Fund, CHI this year provided a \$2 million donation to Mercy Housing, Omaha, Neb. The organization also pledged \$333,000 in a donation for disaster-relief efforts in Haiti as part of a three-year commitment to channel \$1 million for humanitarian efforts in that country through the Campaign for Rebirth and Renewal, a program sponsored by the Catholic Health Association and Catholic Relief Services.

“In name and in spirit, the Mission and Ministry Fund grants we award each year truly represent the mission of Catholic Health Initiatives, which is to create and nurture healthy communities,” said Kevin Lofton, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Health Initiatives. “We know that this grant will support that mission.”

Improving Health and Wellness in East Chattanooga has the attributes Catholic Health Initiatives seeks when awarding Mission and Ministry Fund grants: it meets an identified community need, is innovative, able to be replicated and promotes collaboration with other organizations in the community.

“Memorial remains committed to improving the health and wellness in our community, and this grant enables us to continue giving back to our community in a positive and meaningful way,” Mr. Hobson said.

About Catholic Health Initiatives:

Catholic Health Initiatives is a national nonprofit health organization with headquarters in Denver, Colorado. The faith-based system operates in 20 states and includes 72 hospitals; 40 long-term care, assisted- and residential-living facilities; and two community health-services organizations. Together, those facilities provided \$589 million during the 2010 fiscal year in charity care and community benefit, including services for the poor, free clinics, education and research. With annual revenues of \$9.0 billion, CHI ranks as the nation’s third-largest Catholic health care system.

About Memorial Health Care System:

Memorial Health Care System is a not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to the healing ministry of the Church. Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and strengthened as part of Catholic Health Initiatives, it offers a continuum of care including preventative, primary and acute hospital care, as well as cancer and cardiac care, orthopedic and rehabilitation services. Memorial is a regional referral center of choice with 4,000 associates and more than 700 affiliated physicians providing health care throughout Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia. Memorial Health Care System is recognized as one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, the health care industry's leading source of information on hospital quality. To learn more, visit www.memorial.org.

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