



Groundbreaking Celebrates Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart

PENSACOLA, Fla. (May 4, 2016) - Sacred Heart Health System, a member of Ascension, the nation's largest non-profit and Catholic health system, hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking Tuesday for its new four-story children's hospital, which will be named The Studer Family Children's Hospital in honor of Quint and Rishy Studer.

Widely known and respected within the healthcare field as founder of the Studer Group, Quint Studer is a consultant who has worked with 900 hospitals over his 29-year career. Quint and his wife, Rishy, have been strong proponents for the development of Pensacola.

The naming of the new hospital was done to honor the Studers' efforts to improve healthcare across the country and improve healthcare for the children in the Pensacola community.

Debbie Calder, chair of the Sacred Heart Health System board, speaking to a crowd of several hundred physicians, associates and guests, said: "Sacred Heart is pleased to announce that we are renaming the hospital to honor two people who have been instrumental in making Pensacola a better place to live and to work. Sacred Heart is pleased to recognize a couple with passion for improving the health and education of children in our community, and a leader who has improved care to hospital patients across the country. On behalf of the Sacred Heart Board and leadership team, I am honored to announce that in recognition of the many good works of Quint and Rishy Studer, we will rename our facility as the Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart."

Patricia A. Maryland, Dr.PH, President, Healthcare Operations and Chief Operating Officer of Ascension Health, said: "The leaders of Ascension appreciate Quint's many contributions of time and talent to guiding Sacred Heart, and we're grateful to Quint and Rishy for their tremendous support of the delivery of compassionate, personalized care for children in the Gulf Coast region."

In his remarks, Quint Studer thanked Sacred Heart and Ascension for investing millions of dollars in Pensacola to care for children. "We're very fortunate to have Ascension. We're very fortunate to have Sacred Heart," he said.

He told the attendees about a time he was traveling on a camping trip with his family in South Dakota and his son was badly injured in an accident and rushed to an unfamiliar hospital in critical condition. He worried about the level of care his son would receive until he spoke to a highly qualified pediatric surgeon.

“Parents want to know their child is in the right place,” he said. “When parents come to Pensacola and they come to the Children’s Hospital, they won’t worry about being in the right hospital, because they know they are in the right hospital.”

The opening of the new hospital is expected to add 100 Sacred Heart jobs for the local community. This growth of healthcare services will also enable recruitment of new pediatric specialists.

The new building will include:

- Pediatric Emergency Department and Trauma Center
- Six children’s operating rooms.
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).
- Pediatric Intensive Care,
- Pediatric Oncology Unit
- Pediatric satellite pharmacy
- Pediatric inpatient rehabilitation gym
- Child life playrooms
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Sacred Heart Health System and Ascension have committed \$55 million, and Sacred Heart will raise the remaining funds from community supporters in order to complete all phases of the expansion.

About The Children’s Hospital at Sacred Heart

The Children’s Hospital at Sacred Heart is a 117-bed facility that serves as the only children’s hospital in Northwest Florida. The Children’s Hospital offers a wide range of services to meet all of a child’s medical needs, from a pediatric emergency room and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to a medical staff of more than 120 board-certified physicians across 29 pediatric specialties. Since 1969, The Children’s Hospital has provided quality, compassionate care to children, regardless of their parents’ ability to pay. For more information about the services available at The Children’s Hospital at Sacred Heart, visit www.sacred-heart.org/childrenshospital.

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 FY2015, Ascension provided nearly \$2 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Approximately 160,000 associates and 36,000 aligned providers serve in 2,000 sites of care -- including 137 hospitals and more than 30 senior living facilities -- in 24 states and the District of Columbia. In addition to healthcare delivery, Ascension subsidiaries provide 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.

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