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It's Diley Ridge Medical Center

--Community Members, Area Students Help Name Emergency Care Center Campus--

(Columbus and Lancaster – February 5, 2009) --- Nearly 600 members of the community, including students from 83 area classrooms, contributed hundreds of ideas that culminated in the selection of **Diley Ridge Medical Center** as the name for Mount Carmel and Fairfield Medical Center's Emergency Care Center Campus, under construction at US Route 33 and Diley Road.

"We truly value the opportunity to collaborate with the people the emergency care center will serve," said Brett Justice, Mount Carmel vice president of strategic development. "We especially appreciate the time and thought invested by so many members of the community to name the campus."

Though "Diley Ridge" was not among the suggestions received, several recommendations included "Diley" or "Ridge" in the name. Also, previous local research has shown that most people prefer names that contain a geographic indicator.

"Diley' is a name the area residents are already familiar with," explained Howard Sniderman, Fairfield Medical Center chief operating officer. "We want the people of northern Fairfield County to know exactly where to go when seeking emergency treatment – when every minute counts."

Mount Carmel and Fairfield Medical Center will award ten pizza parties to classrooms that submitted suggestions, selected at random from schools in Pickerington, Canal Winchester, Amanda, Fairfield Union, and Lancaster. In addition, eleven additional members of the community who submitted names will be selected at random to receive one of ten \$25.00 local gift certificates or a laser facial rejuvenation donated by Dr. Daniel Konold, valued at \$250.

Some of the more creative names submitted include *St. Illness Medical Center; Heal You Up Emergency Center; Smiling People Emergency Center* and *We Will Save Your Life, Trust Us*.

Scheduled to open in less than a year, the emergency center will have access to ground and air transport services and be staffed by emergency medicine physicians, emergency-trained nurses, ER technicians, and support associates. The facility will also offer imaging services such as MRI, CT scan, x-ray,

ultrasound, and mammography, as well as a clinical pharmacy and laboratory. Diley Ridge Medical Center will also include a 46,000 square-foot medical office building for specialty and primary-care physicians.

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About Mount Carmel Health System

Founded in 1886, Mount Carmel Health System (MCHS) offers a broad range of healthcare services in the Central Ohio region and has approximately 1 million patient visits annually. MCHS includes four hospitals – Mount Carmel East, Mount Carmel West, Mount Carmel St. Ann’s, and Mount Carmel New Albany; numerous outpatient services; home care; palliative and hospice care; an ambulance and mobile intensive care unit service; a community outreach program for the poor and under-served; a college of nursing; and a Medicare Advantage health plan. MCHS has approximately 9,000 associates; medical staffs of approximately 1,500 physicians; and more than 1,000 volunteers. MCHS has received national recognition for its quality of care, and is a past recipient of the Catholic Health Association’s highest award – the “Achievement Citation.” As a Mission-driven organization, MCHS provided \$59.9 million in total uncompensated community benefits in FY 07, serving more than 200,000 individuals. MCHS is a member of Trinity Health, the fourth-largest Catholic healthcare system in the United States. For more information, visit www.mountcarmelhealth.com

About Fairfield Medical Center

Fairfield Medical Center located in Lancaster, Ohio, was established in 1916 and has continued to grow since then to become the modern, not-for-profit healthcare system it is today. Fairfield Medical Center is a 222-bed general acute care facility dedicated to being the major referral center that serves the healthcare needs of southeastern and central Ohio region. The Center is represented by more than 2000 employees, over 600 volunteers and Twig members and a growing team of over 250 physicians who all work together to ensure Fairfield Medical Center’s continuing success in meeting the healthcare needs of our residents. To enhance upon its delivery of healthcare to the various communities it serves, Fairfield Medical Center has established affiliates and off-campus locations to allow for greater accessibility and enhanced services. For more information, visit www.fmchealth.org