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David L. Archer Named CEO of Tenet's Memphis Market

Kem Mullins named CEO of Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – February 22, 2006 – Tenet's Central Northeast-Southern States Region today announced that David L. Archer has been promoted to the newly created position of chief executive officer of Tenet's Memphis market. This new role is part of Tenet's initiative to establish strong local leadership in its key markets. The Memphis market consists of two Tenet hospitals – Saint Francis Hospital in Memphis and Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett located in Bartlett.

Archer, who has served as chief executive officer of Saint Francis in Memphis since 1997, will continue in that position.

"David brings a great deal of health care experience to this important new position," said Stephen E. Corbeil, senior vice president of operations for the Tenet Central Northeast-Southern States Region. "His knowledge of the market makes him the perfect choice to be our market leader in the greater Memphis area as we continue to serve the needs of this growing area."

"Having a market leader will help both our Memphis hospitals meet greater strategic and operational goals," Archer said. "I look forward to working closely with the physicians and staff members at both facilities."

Archer, 48, has more than 20 years experience as a healthcare executive. He holds a master's degree in business administration from Columbia University Graduate School in New York and a master's degree in public health from the Columbia University School of Public Health. Archer also earned a bachelor's degree in management from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

Tenet also announced today that Kem M. Mullins has been named chief executive officer for Saint Francis-Bartlett Hospital, effective March 20, 2006. Mullins will oversee all strategic, operational and clinical activities at the hospital

Mullins was promoted to his new position after serving for three years as chief operating officer at Tenet's Atlanta Medical Center in Atlanta, Ga. There, he was responsible for operations oversight of the 460-bed tertiary care facility.

"Kem is a talented health care executive with more than 10 years of industry experience," said David Archer, chief executive officer of Tenet's Memphis market. "During his tenure at Atlanta Medical Center he was honored as one of Tenet's 2005 Circle of Excellence winners for quality, financial and service performance. He has been instrumental in several major expansion projects for Atlanta Medical Center. Kem is dedicated to providing high quality health care that exceeds customer expectations. As customer service champion for Atlanta Medical Center, he led the hospital to achieving four-star status for customer satisfaction."

"I am extremely excited about this opportunity," said Mullins. "The physicians and staff at Saint Francis-Bartlett are top notch. Together we will work diligently to exceed the expectations of our patients and to build on the strengths of the hospital. I am looking forward to becoming part of the Bartlett community."

Prior to joining Atlanta Medical Center, Mullins served as chief operating officer at Regional Medical Center of Northeast Arkansas in Jonesboro, Ark. Before that he served three years as associate administrator of University Medical Center in Lebanon, Tenn. He also was associate administrator of Williamson Memorial Hospital in Williamson, W.Va.

Mullins, 33, holds a master's degree in finance from Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky., and a bachelor's degree in health care management from Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va.

Saint Francis Hospital is a leading medical center with 561 hospital beds that has been serving the Memphis and Mid-South area for almost 30 years. The hospital provides a broad-spectrum of quality medical services, including a cardiac care center, diabetes care center, family birthing center, chest pain and stroke emergency center and women's center. Adjacent to the hospital is a 197-bed nursing home that provides senior and long-term care services. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. To learn more about Saint Francis Hospital, visit www.saintfrancishosp.com.

Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett, a 100-hospital bed facility located at 2986 Kate Bond Road, opened on June 1, 2004, and is the first full-service medical center in its community. Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett features a wide range of medical and health care services, including emergency care, an intensive care unit, a family birthing center, cardiology, oncology and diabetes care. The hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. To learn more about Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett, visit www.saintfrancisbartlett.com.

Tenet Central Northeast-Southern States, a region of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC), comprises 18 acute care hospitals in Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee with approximately 4,619 beds and numerous related health care services. The region includes Saint Louis University Hospital, a renowned academic medical center, and Des Peres Hospital in Saint Louis, as well as five hospitals in the greater Philadelphia area, four hospitals in the greater Atlanta area and seven strong community hospitals in Memphis and the Carolinas. Tenet Central Northeast-Southern States hospitals are Atlanta Medical Center, North Fulton Regional Hospital, South Fulton Medical Center and Spalding Regional Medical Center in Georgia; Saint Louis University Hospital and Des Peres Hospital in Missouri; Central Carolina Hospital and Frye Regional Medical

Center in North Carolina; Graduate Hospital, Hahnemann University Medical Center, Roxborough Memorial Hospital, Saint Christopher's Hospital for Children and Warminster Hospital in Pennsylvania; East Cooper Regional Medical Center, Hilton Head Regional Medical Center and Piedmont Medical Center in South Carolina; and Saint Francis Hospital and Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett in Tennessee. Tenet's hospitals aim to provide the best possible care to every patient who comes through their doors, with a clear focus on quality and service. Tenet can be found on the World Wide Web at www.tenethealth.com.

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