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Phillip Sowa Named CEO at Park Plaza Hospital

DALLAS - January 18, 2006 – Tenet’s Texas-Gulf Coast Region announced today that Phillip Sowa was named chief executive officer for Park Plaza Hospital in Houston, effective immediately. Sowa was previously the chief executive officer at Meadowcrest Hospital in Gretna, La., a Tenet facility that is part the NOLA Regional Health Network.

“Phil brings 30 years of proven leadership skills and operational expertise to Park Plaza,” said Robert L. Smith, senior vice president of operations for the Tenet Texas-Gulf Coast Region. “He played a key role in our New Orleans reconstruction efforts following Hurricane Katrina, and we thank him for his contributions. We are pleased he has accepted this position in Houston to collaborate with the local leadership team and help reinforce Park Plaza’s rightful place in the heart of Houston’s health care center.”

Sowa spent most of his career leading operations at teaching hospitals. Prior to joining Meadowcrest, he was chief operating officer at Forum Health’s Western Reserve Care System, a not-for-profit health system in Youngstown, Ohio. Prior to that, he spent four years as chief operating officer at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans. He also has held various leadership roles for more than 10 years in Texas at Texas Health Resources, Harris Methodist Health System and Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas in Fort Worth.

Sowa, 58, holds a master's degree in hospital and health care administration and a bachelor of science degree in biology from Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Mo.

Park Plaza Hospital and Medical Center, part of Tenet Texas, is a 446-bed acute care facility located at 1313 Hermann Drive in Houston. The hospital has been serving the medical and health care needs of the Houston area for 30 years. Park Plaza Hospital and Medical Center provides a broad spectrum of medical and surgical services, including treatment of diabetes, cancer and other diseases, as well as orthopedics, cardiology and maternity care. The hospital's skilled nursing services, rehabilitation programs, outpatient services and outreach programs promote a continuum of care for patients and their families. Park Plaza 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 Park Plaza Hospital and Medical Center, visit www.parkplazahospital.com.

Tenet Texas-Gulf Coast, a region of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC), comprises 18 acute care hospitals and five specialty facilities in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi with approximately 4,240 beds and numerous related health care services. The region includes Houston Northwest Medical Center, five hospitals serving the greater Dallas area, a two acute care-hospital system in El Paso and five hospitals that serve the greater New Orleans area.

Tenet Texas-Gulf Coast hospitals are Kenner Regional Medical Center, Lindy Boggs Medical Center, Meadowcrest Hospital, Memorial Medical Center and NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Louisiana, Gulf Coast Medical Center in Mississippi and Centennial Medical Center, Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center, Doctors Hospital of Dallas, Houston Northwest Medical Center, Lake Pointe Medical Center, Nacogdoches Medical Center, Park Plaza Hospital, RHD Memorial Medical Center, Providence Memorial Hospital, Shelby Regional Medical Center, Sierra Medical Center and Trinity Medical Center in Texas. The region also includes two specialty hospitals in Plaza Specialty Hospital and Rio Vista Rehabilitation Hospital. 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

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