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## **Tenet Breaks Ground on New Hospital Complex in El Paso**

*\$130-Million Facility Will Serve Fast-Growing Eastside Community*

**EL PASO, Texas – May 25, 2006** – Officials of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) and the company’s Sierra Providence Health Network today broke ground on a new hospital complex that will serve the fast-growing eastside community in El Paso.

The new facility, to be called Sierra Providence Eastside Hospital, will become the fourth hospital in Tenet’s Sierra Providence Health Network. The new hospital is expected to open in early 2008 with a construction cost of approximately \$130 million. The facility will be located within a planned 42-acre medical complex that will include three medical office buildings to allow for growth and expansion of a variety of medical services. The main hospital will open with 100 beds and could expand to 159 beds within the first year. The hospital is expected to create between 750 and 1,000 new jobs in the El Paso area.

“This is a proud moment for Tenet and El Paso,” said Trevor Fetter, Tenet’s president and chief executive officer. “A growing community like the eastside of El Paso requires progressive economic

development and quality health care for its residents. Today's groundbreaking demonstrates how these needs can support one another."

Fetter added, "The Sierra Providence network of hospitals represents what Tenet stands for in terms of dedication to our communities, our delivery of outstanding service, and our commitment to providing quality patient care."

Fetter and other Tenet officials, including retiring Sierra Providence chief executive officer Tom Casaday, attended the groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday with a number of community and political leaders. "This new hospital is a testament to the vision of Tom Casaday, whose commitment to this project brought it to reality," said Fetter.

Tenet announced on May 23 that R. John Harris will succeed Casaday as Sierra Providence chief executive officer on June 1.

Tenet's Sierra Providence Health Network operates the largest hospital in El Paso and includes the 508-bed Providence Memorial Hospital, which also houses the 106-bed Children's Hospital at Providence; the 351-bed Sierra Medical Center; the 72-bed Sierra Providence Physical Rehabilitation Hospital and Sierra Providence Eastside Hospital, a 100-bed acute care hospital currently under construction. The population in the eastside community of El Paso grew by more than 41 percent between 1990 and 2000 and is projected to have similar growth between 2000 and 2010.

Sierra Providence Health Network, part of Tenet Texas, consists of the three hospitals located in El Paso. Sierra Medical Center, Providence Memorial Hospital and the Children's Hospital at Providence are acute care hospitals that offer a broad spectrum of medical and surgical services for adults and children, including cardiac care and rehabilitation, cancer care and support services, women's services and emergency care. Other network clinical specialties include a dedicated children's emergency room, kidney transplant, gamma knife radiosurgery, a hospice, a bariatrics center and health care services for chronically ill children. Sierra Providence Physical Rehabilitation Hospital provides a broad spectrum of rehabilitation services and is equipped to handle brain injuries and other serious

disorders and is accredited by both the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Sierra Medical Center and Providence Memorial Hospital are accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. To learn more about Sierra Providence Health Network, visit [www.sphn.com](http://www.sphn.com).

Tenet Healthcare Corporation, through its subsidiaries, owns and operates acute care hospitals and related health care services. 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](http://www.tenethealth.com).

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*[NOTE TO EDITORS: A digital architectural rendering of Sierra Providence Eastside Hospital is available by email on request. Please call Valeria Wilkes in Tenet's Corporate Communications department at (469) 893-6114.]*