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Tenet Hospitals Operational After Hurricane Ike

DALLAS – Sept. 15, 2008 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) today announced that four acute care hospitals operated by its subsidiaries in southeast Texas experienced relatively minor damage from Hurricane Ike. While some elective procedures continue to be deferred, all four acute hospitals are fully operational at this time. These hospitals include Houston Northwest Medical Center, Cypress-Fairbanks Medical Center, and Park Plaza Hospital (including Plaza Specialty Hospital), and Nacogdoches Medical Center.

“These hospitals have come through the worst of the storm, and their employees should be commended for the efforts made to keep the hospitals running under very difficult circumstances,” said Trevor Fetter, president and CEO, Tenet Healthcare.

Tenet’s hospitals were able to recover quickly from the hurricane and provide care for Houston-area and East Texas residents in need of treatment thanks to each hospital’s disaster preparedness plan, incident command teams, dedicated employees and corporate volunteers who went to Houston to help address the community’s immediate needs over the weekend. Our disaster preparedness response included the repositioning of back-up power equipment, incremental deliveries of medical and non-

medical supplies, increased security, supplemental staffing, and timely reaction to the loss of city services.

“While the Tenet hospitals affected by the storm suffered only minimal structural damage, elective surgeries will continue to be deferred in these hospitals in order to conserve resources for emergency care,” said Bob Smith, senior vice president, central region of Tenet Healthcare.

Tenet has announced that it will match financial contributions by its employees to the Tenet Disaster Relief Fund to assist Tenet employees impacted by Hurricane Ike or to the American Red Cross or other qualified organizations.

Tenet Healthcare Corporation, through its subsidiaries, owns and operates acute care hospitals and related ancillary health care businesses, which include ambulatory surgery centers and diagnostic imaging centers. Tenet is committed to providing high quality care to patients in the communities we serve. Tenet can be found on the World Wide Web at www.tenethealth.com.

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