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New “President’s Fund” to Support Carondelet’s *Mission to Heal*
Carondelet Foundation Establishes Fund in Recognition of Network’s 130th Anniversary

TUCSON, Ariz. – May 26, 2010 – Carondelet Foundation Board of Trustees has announced the establishment of the **Carondelet Foundation President’s Fund for Excellence, in the amount of \$50,000.**

The fund was established in recognition of the 130th anniversary of Carondelet St. Mary’s Hospital and in honor of the leadership of Carondelet Health Network President & CEO Ruth W. Brinkley. It was announced on May 18th at the annual Carondelet Foundation Dinner held at Loew’s Ventana Canyon.

The funds are unrestricted, to be used at the discretion of Carondelet Health Network’s President & CEO to support Carondelet initiatives, meet pressing needs and/or respond to emerging opportunities. Sheldon King, Chair of Carondelet Foundation’s Board of Trustees, called the fund “a timely and fitting use of private funding.”

“Healthcare challenges are at the forefront of our national collective consciousness,” King said. “It is gratifying to know that in Southern Arizona, generous members of the private sector continue to step forward with gifts to help meet this most basic human need.”

Brinkley has served as the Carondelet Health Network President & CEO, as well as West Ministry Market Leader for Ascension Health, since January 2008. “Our generous donors are once again making a positive difference in Carondelet’s ability to remain agile and responsive to complex healthcare challenges,” Brinkley commented. “I am grateful and humbled to be entrusted with this fund. It will be used wisely in support of Carondelet’s *Mission to Heal* and ongoing efforts to transform healthcare throughout Southern Arizona.”

More than 500 corporate, foundation and community leaders, including guest speaker and Carondelet Health Network spokesman, University of Arizona Men’s Basketball Coach Sean Miller, attended Carondelet Foundation’s annual dinner. The event celebrated the 130 years since the establishment of Arizona’s first hospital, Carondelet St. Mary’s Hospital, by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Carondelet Foundation exists to engage Southern Arizona communities in philanthropic support of the Carondelet Health Network. For more information, visit www.carondelet.org/foundation.

Carondelet Health Network, located in Tucson, Arizona, is a Catholic, non-profit health care system dedicated to responding to the health care needs of Southern Arizonans. With a Mission to Heal, Carondelet was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet 130 years ago. Carondelet Health Network entities include Carondelet St. Mary’s Hospital, Carondelet St. Joseph’s Hospital, Carondelet Neurological Institute,

and Tucson Heart Hospital in Tucson, and Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital in Nogales, Arizona. Other Carondelet services include twenty primary care and specialty locations, an ambulatory surgery center and outpatient services. Carondelet Health Network is a ministry of Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic, non-profit health care system. In FY 2009, Carondelet provided \$43,993,042 or 8.1 percent net revenue in Community Benefit to improve the health of our community and increase access to health care. More information about Carondelet Health Network, Carondelet Medical Group and Carondelet Neurological Institute is available at www.carondelet.org.