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Carondelet Health Network Announces New Nurse Leader at Holy Cross Hospital
Debbie Knapheide Brings Extensive International Experience to Nogales Community

TUCSON, Ariz. – (June 16, 2010) – Debbie Knapheide has joined the administration at Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital as Chief Nursing Officer (CNO). She began her tenure in April.

As Chief Nursing Officer, Knapheide will be responsible for overseeing the clinical care provided to patients by nursing staff. She will also work with fellow administrators to manage all aspects of hospital operations on a day-to-day basis.

Knapheide brings the community of Nogales a wealth of experience in healthcare – both domestic and international. During her 29 year-career, she has worked in both not-for-profit and for-profit hospitals and has consulted with a variety of critical access facilities around the country and served in a variety of roles. Knapheide has worked as an Associate Program Manager for Psychiatric Services, an Associate Chief Nursing Officer and, additionally, led all of the Clinical Services Division of an international healthcare organization where she worked with healthcare professionals in the U.K., India and the Philippines.

Knapheide has a strong reputation for focusing on three key areas of patient care: quality, satisfaction, and fiscal stewardship.

“We are thrilled to have Debbie on board at Carondelet Holy Cross, and welcome her vast experience and commitment to the values which we strive to achieve,” notes Winnie Fritz, Chief Executive Officer of both Carondelet Holy Cross and Carondelet St. Mary’s Hospital in Tucson, Ariz. “Debbie has already demonstrated that she has much to contribute for delivering quality patient care for the Nogales community.”

Knapheide earned her B.S. in Nursing from the University of Missouri and is completing her M.S. in Nursing at University of Phoenix. Her roots are on a farm near Warrenton, Mo.

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