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12 North Texas Women Honored at Healthcare Awards Event

Dallas, Texas; January 27, 2012 – MAJOR corporate and civic leaders joined The Health Industry Council, in collaboration with MARSHALL Multimedia Group, in celebrating excellence at the first annual Top 12 Women in Healthcare in North Texas dinner at the City Club Dallas.

An intimate audience of nearly 70 attended the awards banquet, which honored 12 women who helped to use their extra five minutes enabling emerging women in healthcare to broaden their horizons. Event Chair and Founder, Stacy E. Marshall, president and ceo with MARSHALL Multimedia Group, said he created the award program to honor the industry leaders who have increased the flow of positive images of women.

Award nominations were from all sectors of the industry, including hospitals, health systems, physician organizations, insurance, government, vendors and suppliers, trade and professional organizations, and patients' rights groups. From a list of over 100 nominations, 12 honorees were chosen.

"This award," he said in his opening remarks, "honors the most successful women in healthcare who have become the champions of our time. They are the visible forces who contribute to the success of some of the most powerful and influential healthcare systems in the nation and are at the helm of some of the most innovative breakthroughs of the 20th century."

Marshall stated that the honorees are not only outstanding corporate suite leaders, but are also leaders in the community. "They are not only successful professionally, but they are also mentors and role models for generations of women to come. The recipients hold new promise for the new century, and this is reason to celebrate!"

Cheryl Mayo Williams, executive director of West Dallas Community Centers, Inc., served as mistress of ceremony. The presenter of the major awards was Dr. Stephen L. Mansfield, PhD, president and ceo, Methodist Health System. The major sponsors for the event were Leo A Daly and Robins and Morton. Musical entertainment was provided by gospel artist, Tiffini Hall.

Among other leaders in attendance were Laurie Irvine, president, Methodist Dallas Medical Center; Steve R. Newton, president, Baylor All Saints Medical Center; Indria E. Hollingsworth, supplier diversity manager and uhc liaison, Parkland Health and Hospital System; Juliette Rodgers, president and ceo, Blue Cottage Consulting; Ann Jones, healthcare strategist and clinical operations specialist, and Amy Martin, business developer, Leo A Daly; and Bob Wall, Michael Corwin, and Jennifer Lacy, Robins and Morton.

In his closing remarks, Marshall said the Council and MMG will continue to recognize and support excellence and diversity. "As we move forward into the new millennium, we pledge to honor and support the extraordinary women of the future," he said. "And we are confident that these honorees will continue to blaze the trail for others to follow in their footsteps."

In addition to honoring the 12 women, Methodist Health System was awarded the top health system in North Texas. The organization was selected for demonstrating exceptional leadership by providing quality doctors, dedicated caregivers, and adopting "Best Practices" that contribute to the overall success of the system and the community.

The major honorees were:

Bonnie Bell, executive vice president for people and culture with Texas Health Resources. Bell leads a human resources department that provides services for more than 21,500 employees. She is also responsible for The Center for Learning, Diversity and Inclusion, Service Excellence and the system's Career Development Center.

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Lillie Biggins, senior vice president of hospital operations with Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth. Biggins is a 30 year veteran of healthcare and has served in leadership positions at the hospital since 1997. As an adjunct professor at The University of Texas at Arlington, Biggins serves as a mentor and teacher to nurses, aspiring nurses and high school students who are considering healthcare.

Dr. Josephine Fowler, MD, vice president of academic affairs and chief academic officer with JPS Health Network. Dr. Fowler is responsible for oversight of the Department of Academic Affairs including the Office of Research and Scholarly Activity, Medical Education, and Continuing Medical Education. She serves on the Board of Directors for two community organizations, United Way of Tarrant County and Fort Worth/Dallas Birthing Project.

Kathy Harper, director of clinical planning with Parkland Health and Hospital System. Harper is responsible for the oversight of the planning, design, operational readiness and move activation for the new parkland campus. A registered nurse, certified in Evidence Based Design and LEAN Healthcare training, Harper actively works towards fulfilling her career passion of positively and creatively impacting the healthcare industry through design and operational efficiencies.

Karen Kennedy, chief executive officer with Impel Management Services and chief executive administrator with Medical Clinics of North Texas. Kennedy oversees the growth in the primary care medical group practice of over 145 family medicine and specialty physicians with 43 medical clinics located throughout the Metroplex, reporting net revenues of more than \$100 million.

Dr. Elizabeth Poster, dean of the College of Nursing with The University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. Poster, a registered nurse, is a nationally recognized leader, educator, author, and researcher. As Dean, she provides leadership resulting in the college becoming the largest public nursing program in the United States with 6,000 nursing students. Dr. Poster established the Dream Makers Scholarship initiative for nursing students that has raised over 1.4 million dollars over the last 11 years.

Holly Ragan, director of healthcare planning with The University of Texas Southwest Medical Center. Ragan manages healthcare programming, planning and design for new construction and renovation projects. She is engaged in projects at all phases from master planning to construction documents and occupancy. Ragan has been involved with 1.5 billion dollars of construction projects at UT Southwestern, including the Ambulatory Surgery Center and the 800 million dollar New University Hospital.

Cindy Schamp, president with Baylor Medical Center at Irving. Schamp is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the hospital; establishing a system for assuring that high quality care is provided. She assures the sound fiscal operation of the hospital, and fulfills the institutions charter, mission and philosophy in response to the identified needs of the community.

Pamela Stoyanoff, executive vice president and chief operations officer with Methodist Health System. Stoyanoff has operational accountability for information technology, materials management, quality, case management, health information management, and graduate medical education programs. Additionally, she leads cross-functional teams tasked with addressing several major initiatives associated with process and performance improvement in key system operational areas.

Mary Stowe, vice president and chief nursing officer with Children's Medical Center Dallas. Stowe, a registered nurse, is responsible for the practice of nursing by ensuring consistency in the standard of practice across all clinical settings. She supports and facilitates an interdisciplinary team, patient and family centered care approach to the delivery of care, while identifying and articulating the vision and the strategic direction for the standard of patient care.

Barbara Lord Watkins, president emeritus with Parkland Health and Hospital System. Watkins continues to hold a seat on the board of directors. Since 1980, Watkins has served in a number of capacities on behalf of the hospital, including oversight of all personnel associated with the Foundation, of which she was a founding member in 1985. In 1995, she was appointed Parkland's senior vice president of public affairs and patient services as well as president and chief executive officer of the Foundation.

Nancy Williams, president with The Health Industry Council. As president of the non-profit membership organization, Williams is currently involved in numerous projects that deal with the health industry locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally; including an "urgent care project" in India, a workplace wellness initiative for the DFW area, an annual southwest healthcare transaction conference, a series of health strategy roundtables, quarterly design and construction programs, as well as spending a great deal of her time collaborating with industry leaders, other organizations and community projects.