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## French Hospital Medical Center Unveils ‘Wings of Grace’ Art Installation in Healing Garden

*Art piece titled ‘Wings of Grace’ is made of hand-formed copper and stainless steel.*

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – February 1, 2018** – French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) is pleased to announce the unveiling of an inspiring new art installation in the hospital’s healing garden. The piece, titled ‘Wings of Grace,’ is comprised of copper and stainless steel, and was created by Sean Beauchamp and Eric Malicoat of Southpaw Studios specifically for FHMC’s 2017 Celebration of Caring Gala fundraising event held in August.

During the gala’s live auction, 23 generous donors collaborated to sponsor the artwork and have the wings permanently placed into the healing garden for patients and guests to enjoy. The impressive ‘Wings of Grace’ can be viewed in its permanent home in the main breezeway entrance of the hospital.

The Celebration of Caring Gala is the FHMC Foundation’s annual black tie event which raised more than \$373,000 in 2017. Since 2006, the Gala has raised more than \$2,500,000 to support FHMC patient programs and services.

“Wings of Grace” joins two other art pieces of life-size angel wings at FHMC. They are located in the Copeland Health Education Pavilion and the Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center. Each unique piece was created by a different artist and commemorates the healing impact of art. These installations were also created to be the perfect backdrop for a photo; celebrating the opportunity we all have to be an angel.

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French Hospital Medical Center, located in San Luis Obispo, California, is rated one of the Top 100 Hospitals in the nation and one of the Top 50 Cardiac Hospitals in the nation by Thomson Reuters. The Copeland, Forbes, and Rossi Cardiac Care Center provides the latest innovative cardiac and imaging technology on the Central Coast. The hospital's current modernization and redesign project is an example of the commitment to meet the growing needs of the community with lifesaving advancements in medicine coupled with excellent, compassionate care. The hospital is home to the unique Hearst Cancer Resource Center offering free education, resources and support to cancer patients and their families. French is a Dignity Health member of the Central Coast which also includes Arroyo Grande Community Hospital in Arroyo Grande, CA and Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria, CA. Dignity Health of the Central Coast is an integrated network of top quality hospitals, physicians from the most prestigious medical schools, and comprehensive outpatient services including primary care offices, premier ambulatory surgery centers, technologically-advanced laboratories and imaging centers and a full service home health agency; all recognized for quality, safety and service. Each hospital is supported by an active philanthropic Foundation to help meet the growing health care needs of our communities.