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## French Hospital Medical Center Achieves Campaign Goal for Copeland Health Education Pavilion

\$3.3 million was raised in support of health care education and community resources.

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – January 31, 2017** – French Hospital Medical Center Foundation is thrilled to announce the achievement of a \$3.3 million campaign goal to complete the Copeland Health Education Pavilion at French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC).

More than 50 donors each gifted \$5,000 or more to support new technology, infrastructure, and interiors of the Copeland Health Education Pavilion, focusing on providing access to the most advanced health care education resources, free of charge. The lead donors in this campaign were Bill and Linda Frost, long-time supporters of FHMC.

Located on the FHMC campus adjacent the hospital, the three-story, 18,000 square foot facility includes classrooms, conference rooms and multiple learning facilities: the James R. Flanagan Simulation Learning Center, PG&E CPR Training Classroom, and Steed Family Executive Board Room. Included within the Pavilion is the capability of collaborating on research projects with California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) about disease prevention and health promotion on a national level. The Pavilion also houses an educational auditorium that can accommodate 175 people with a standing room capacity of 298.

"We are extremely humbled and grateful to all of our generous donors for their continued support," says FHMC President and CEO Alan Iftiniuk. "Funding for the Copeland Health Education Pavilion comes 100% from these donors whose passion is to offer this one-of-a-kind facility to our community providing access to education and health care resources free of charge."

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The generous commitment from two local couples made the Copeland Health Education Pavilion possible from the start. Jim and Sandy Copeland, and Tom and Pam Copeland, long time San Luis Obispo residents, recognized business leaders, philanthropists and devoted supporters of FHMC, constructed and donated the building to the advancement of health care for Central Coast residents.

The Copeland Health Education Pavilion is used steadily by the hospital, local non-profits, and the community for medical education, health promotion, and meeting space seven days a week.

To learn more about the Copeland Health Education Pavilion, or to donate, please contact the FHMC Foundation by calling 805.542.6496, or visit <a href="https://www.supportfrenchhospital.org">www.supportfrenchhospital.org</a>.

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## **About French Hospital Medical Center**

French Hospital Medical Center, located in San Luis Obispo, California, has been named one of the Nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics, and is rated among the top hospitals in the nation for cardiac, orthopedic and GI services. French Hospital has achieved prestigious designation as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission. The Copeland, Forbes, and Rossi Cardiac Care Center provides the latest innovative cardiac and imaging technology. The hospital is home to the unique Hearst Cancer Resource Center offering free education, resources and support to cancer patients and their families. In addition, an expansion and modernization project is underway at French Hospital, including construction of the Copeland Health Education Pavilion, which will provide community access to comprehensive health care education resources free of charge. French is a Dignity Health Central Coast hospital which also includes Arroyo Grande Community Hospital in Arroyo Grande, CA, Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria, CA, St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, CA and St. John's Pleasant Valley in Camarillo, CA. Dignity Health 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

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