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French Hospital Medical Center Foundation’s “Share the Hope” Event Raises \$384,000

*Surpasses previously set record for most funds raised at an event to support the
Hearst Cancer Resource Center at French Hospital*

SAN LUIS OBISPO May 21, 2015 – The French Hospital Medical Center Foundation is proud to announce that the eighth annual “Share the Hope” event, held at the Hearst Ranch on April 18, 2015, raised an astounding \$384,000. This exceeds the amount raised at last year’s event and now holds the record for most funds raised at any “Share the Hope” event. Over the past eight years, “Share the Hope” events have raised more than \$1,610,000 to benefit the Hearst Cancer Resource Center (HCRC) at French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC).

All proceeds from this recent event benefit the HCRC’s Endowment Fund, which provides long term support for the Center. This fund ensures that essential programs and services will continue to provide comfort, support and information to our clients, all at no charge, for years to come. Such generous support of the Endowment will help future cancer patients turn to the Center for assistance in a time of great need.

The HCRC collaborates with community and physician partners to provide supportive and educational services necessary for cancer patients to understand their disease, manage treatment, and maintain dignity and quality of life throughout all aspects of their cancer experience. All services provided by the HCRC are offered at no charge to clients.

More than 200 guests, the most ever to attend a Share the Hope event, were treated to an evening that featured a champagne reception on an ocean view terrace at Hearst Castle, a gourmet dinner at the Hearst Ranch Dairy Barn, live music, as well as live and silent auctions.

“French Hospital would like to thank Steve Hearst for his ongoing support and dedication to the HCRC,” says Alan Iftiniuk, FHMC President/CEO. “The hospital greatly appreciates his many contributions that help make this event successful.”

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The Hearst Family was instrumental in providing the seed funding to construct and open the Center. In fact, a grant received from the Hearst Foundation established the HCRC Endowment Fund.

About French Hospital Medical Center

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 provide 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.