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NORTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER DONATES DEFIBRILLATORS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

MIAMI (August 25, 2011) – North Shore Medical Center and the hospital’s medical staff donated two automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to local organizations in Miami-Dade County. An AED is a portable electronic device that can be used to potentially save lives should someone experience Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) outside of a hospital.

“North Shore Medical Center is focused on improving the health and safety of our local community,” said Manny Linares, chief executive officer of North Shore Medical Center. “Providing AEDs and educating others on their life-saving potential is an effective way of empowering the community with the skills necessary to help save a child, parent or teacher’s life if one should experience a SCA.”

Key employees were invited to North Shore Medical Center to receive the AEDs and a brief training on how to use them by a representative from the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association. AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the average layman. Training to use an AED is frequently included in first aid, and basic life support level CPR classes.

North Shore Medical Center donated the AEDs to support its local community and equip its area organizations and schools with this life-saving technology. A SCA can happen at any time and affect people of all ages. According to the American Red Cross, over 300,000 Americans die of SCA every year. It is estimated that up to 50,000 of these deaths could be prevented if someone on the scene initiated the Cardiac Chain of Survival and had access to an AED for immediate use at the time of the emergency.

About North Shore Medical Center

North Shore Medical Center, part of Tenet Healthcare, is a 357-bed general acute care community hospital located at 1100 NW 95 Street in Miami. The hospital has been serving the medical and health care needs of its community for more than 53 years. North Shore Medical Center offers a broad range of services, including 24-hour emergency care with Fast Track service, maternity, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and psychiatric services. The hospital also offers specialized centers, including the C. Gordon Griffith Comprehensive Cancer Center with IMRT and X-Knife Radiosurgery, Intensive Care Unit, Wound Healing Center, Sleep Disorders Center, and Pain Care Center. The hospital was honored with the prestigious Tenet *Circle of Excellence* award for outstanding performance in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, and received the 2006 CIGNA Centers of Excellence designation for caesarean section, stroke and syncope.

From 2006-2010 North Shore Medical Center has consistently won achievement awards with the American Heart Association’s *Get With The Guidelines* program. Most recently, North Shore Medical Center was featured in a special advertisement in the 2010 “America’s Best Hospitals” issue of *US News & World Report* to commemorate their receipt of *Get With The Guidelines* Gold Performance Achievement Award in Coronary Artery Disease treatment. In 2008/2009/2010, North Shore Medical Center also received a five-star rating of clinical excellence for maternity care from HealthGrades®.

North Shore Medical Center is Accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission On Cancer Commendation, 2005-2008; and has received the FMQAI’s Performance Achievement Award for Hospital Quality improvement. The hospital is also fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation’s oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. To learn more about North Shore Medical Center, visit www.northshoremedical.com.