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THE ST. JOE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS \$1 MILLION TO SACRED HEART FOUNDATION

WATERSOUND, Fla. – (October 15, 2012) – The St. Joe Community Foundation, Inc. (the “Foundation”) has recently donated \$1 million to the Sacred Heart Foundation for use by the Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf in Port St. Joe. This donation demonstrates the Foundation’s on-going commitment to Sacred Heart hospitals in the region, which provide much-needed healthcare services for North Florida residents and visitors. To date, the Foundation has donated \$3.5 million to Sacred Heart Hospital in Gulf County.

“Working with Port St. Joe leadership, The St. Joe Community Foundation helped make the dream of a hospital in the Port St. Joe community a reality when it opened in 2010,” says Jorge Gonzalez, a member of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. “The Foundation’s recent \$1 million grant demonstrates the Foundation’s on-going commitment to ensuring quality healthcare is provided to children and adults in Northwest Florida and the surrounding area.”

“Last year, Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf had more than 8,000 Emergency Room visits and provided more than \$3.8 million in uncompensated care for the community,” says Roger Hall, President of Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf. “With the support of the St. Joe Community Foundation, we are able to continue our mission to provide high quality, compassionate healthcare for all, regardless of ability to pay.”

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The St. Joe Company created the Foundation in 1999 to invest in community initiatives that improve the quality of life of the residents in Northwest Florida.

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About the St. Joe Community Foundation

Since its inception, the St. Joe Community Foundation (STJCF) has provided nearly \$17 million in grants to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. STJCF provides charitable grants toward the civic infrastructure of communities primarily in Bay and Walton Counties. The Foundation's primary focus is on strengthening education, improving healthcare, protecting the environment and supporting local cultural interests. These efforts help build healthy, caring, long-lived communities. For more information, visit www.stjcf.com.

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