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*St. Margaret Foundation Announces New President*

Pittsburgh, Pa. (October 13, 2009) – Dr. Peter G. Ellis, Director of the Medical Oncology Network for UPMC Cancer Centers & Chairman of the St. Margaret Foundation announced yesterday that Mary Lee Gannon has been hired as the President of St. Margaret Foundation following a unanimous vote by the Board of Directors. This announcement was made to coincide with her first day leading the organization.

Dr. Ellis stated, *“The Board of the St. Margaret Foundation is delighted to announce that Mary Lee Gannon will be leading the Foundation as president commencing October 12th. Mary Lee has an impressive legacy of success in stewarding non-profit foundations such as ours and we are pleased that she will spearhead our efforts as we continue to serve the health and wellness of the UPMC St. Margaret Hospital and the St. Margaret community as a whole.”*

*“After completing a comprehensive search process for the Executive Director of St. Margaret’s Foundation, we are confident and enthusiastic about the leadership Mary Lee Gannon brings to our foundation, hospital, and our community”,* stated Kraig McEwen, Vice Chair of the St. Margaret Foundation. Mr. McEwen chaired a committee of community leaders and St. Margaret Foundation board members including Alex Condrón, Peter Ellis, Clyde Jones, David Martin, Lucie Van der Veer, and Tim Williams.

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Since 2002 Ms. Gannon has been the President and CEO of Forbes Health Foundation. During her tenure there she successfully oversaw two capital campaigns that collectively raised more than \$12 million for the hospital and hospice program.

Mr. McEwen described the committee's excitement at the Foundation's new future with Ms. Gannon at the helm by stating, "*She has a demonstrated track record of success and a compassion for the communities she has served. We are very fortunate that Mary Lee can now leverage these talents in the community that St. Margaret Hospital and Foundation serves.*"

Prior to her work at Forbes Health Foundation Ms. Gannon served as the Executive Director of Ohio Valley General Hospital Foundation and Executive Director of Three Rivers Advertising Specialty Association. A recognized civic and business leader, Ms. Gannon has been active in POWER, the Girl Scouts of Southwestern PA, the Pittsburgh Planned Giving Council, and the Pittsburgh Association of Society Executives. She resides in O'Hara Township and has four children.

*"I am honored and humbled that the St. Margaret Foundation board of directors has entrusted me to lead its initiatives."* said Ms. Gannon. *"The Foundation has made a significant difference in the lives of the people of this region and those served by UPMC St. Margaret Hospital with services such as relief to families hurt by local flooding, free shuttle rides for seniors, prescription medications and transportation for the underserved and much more. We are people helping people who are ill, suffering or out of hope. I am looking forward to getting to know better the people and their stories so that we may broaden hope."*

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