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**Caritas Carney Hospital breaks ground on new Surgical Suite**

*This \$10 million renovation is one of seven Caritas Christi initiatives totaling more than \$100 million that will bring state-of-the-art, high quality services to eastern Massachusetts*

Dorchester, MA – June 2, 2010 – Today, Caritas Carney Hospital (CCH) officials broke ground on a surgical suite renovation. The new world-class surgery suite encompasses the renovation and upgrade of approximately 18,500 square feet of existing space. The project will provide for three operating rooms, each approximately 600 square feet, with one additional room to accommodate future growth. The project will also provide a more comfortable, recovery environment for surgical patients in the Post Acute Recovery Unit with eight private bays. In addition, the new space will be able to accommodate new surgical equipment that requires expanded ceiling height.

“This renovation will create a state-of-the-art facility that will provide the ability to accommodate new surgical techniques and technology that will help us provide better care and comfort to our patients,” said Sr. Marie Puleo, president of CCH.

CCH’s surgical suite renovation, scheduled for completion in the Spring of 2011, is among seven Caritas Christi infrastructure improvement projects to break ground. The projects, spread among the six Caritas Christi hospitals, total more than 117,000-square-feet and represent a capital investment of more than \$100 million. A significant capital commitment by Cerberus Capital Management enabled Caritas Christi to begin construction and provides the funding to complete the projects in a timely manner. The projects include three new emergency departments and two new surgical centers; and new technology and facilities, such as CT and other diagnostic imaging, endoscopy, cardiac catheterization, surgical robots, and cancer care.

Caritas Christi’s infrastructure projects are creating new jobs in areas that have some of the highest unemployment in the Commonwealth. With hospitals in Brockton, Fall River, Dorchester, Norwood, Boston, and Methuen, Caritas Christi’s building projects are creating more than 4,300 potential new jobs, including 110 design, engineering and consulting jobs, 500 construction jobs, 500 new jobs from hospital projects, and more than 3,700 related stimulus jobs.

The project manager for the projects is RFWalsh Collaborative Partners. The architect is The S / L / A / M Collaborative, Inc., and the general contractor is Suffolk Construction.

**About Carney Hospital**

Carney Hospital is a 159-bed community teaching hospital affiliated with Tufts University School of Medicine and a member of Caritas Christi Health Care serving the Dorchester, South Boston, Mattapan, Milton and Hyde Park neighborhoods, as well as the communities of Braintree, Quincy, Randolph and Weymouth

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