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**The CHI TEXAS DIVISION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LAUNCHES
THE ADVANCED COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP SERIES**

New York, NY, January 30, 2017– The Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI) Texas Division has announced a strategic partnership with The Leadership Development Group, Inc. (TLD Group) to design and facilitate a custom designed Advanced Collaborative Leadership Series (ACLS). The ACLS is a multi-faceted leadership academy designed to engage and develop administrative, physician, nurse, and academic leadership partnerships to work together in service of shared clinical and business priorities.

“We are thrilled to be working with the senior leadership team of the CHI Texas Division, a team that recognizes the importance of partnerships in service to meeting the diverse needs of its patients and customers. Through the CHI Texas Division’s commitment, partnership, and support, we have created a year-long academy to empower clinical, academic, and administrative leaders with the knowledge, skills, behaviors, and mindset required for effective co-leadership,” said Tracy Duberman, President and CEO, The Leadership Development Group.

The ACLS incorporates quarterly interactive learning sessions, partnership assessment and coaching, and project work facilitated by TLD Group’s dedicated faculty of thought leaders, academicians, and executive and physician coaches. The ACLS includes over 80 participants representing 17 hospitals across three markets, and five clinical service lines throughout the CHI Texas Division.

“We recognize that in order to achieve our strategic objectives, we must work in partnership across our health system. We are excited to begin this journey with our leaders and TLD Group,” said CHI Texas Division CEO Michael Covert. “Through this partnership, we hope to address the most pressing challenges in today’s healthcare environment.”

During the course of the one-year program, the goals for administrative, physician, nurse, and academic leaders will be to work collaboratively with open communication and build trust to create an alignment to help improve patient satisfaction and outcomes, create a safer environment, enhance quality of care and reduce clinical errors.

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About CHI St. Luke's Health

CHI St. Luke's Health, a member of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), is comprised of three markets—CHI St. Luke's Health is home of the Texas Heart Institute (THI), eight hospitals, eight emergency centers, Diagnostic & Treatment Center, Radiation & CyberKnife® Center, and several St. Luke's Medical Group locations throughout Greater Houston; CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial (three hospitals and a long-term acute care facility in East Texas); and CHI St. Joseph Health (five hospitals and several St. Joseph Medical Group locations across Brazos Valley). In addition, CHI St. Luke's is a part of a joint venture agreement with Baylor College of Medicine®, which encompasses Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center in the Texas Medical Center. Together, CHI St. Luke's Health, THI, and Baylor College of Medicine® are transforming health care delivery with a mission to usher in a new era of health care to create healthier communities. **For more information, visit CHISTLukesHealth.org.**

CHI St. Luke's Health is a part of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), one of the nation's largest health systems. Headquartered in Englewood, Colorado, CHI operates in 19 states and comprises 105 hospitals, including four academic medical centers and teaching hospitals; 30 critical-access facilities; community health services organizations; accredited nursing colleges; home health agencies; and other services that span the inpatient and outpatient continuum of care. Learn more at catholichealthinitiatives.com.

The Leadership Development Group (TLD Group) partners with healthcare organizations, including providers, payers, and pharmaceutical companies, to provide talent development solutions including executive and physician leadership assessment and coaching, organizational development consulting, and group leadership development programs including our Applied Physician Leadership Academy® (APLA™). APLA™ is designed to engage and empower medical and scientific leaders to take on the leadership challenges facing the industry and position their organizations for success. Our worldwide faculty of over 200 organizational development practitioners, academicians, coaches, and consultants with deep expertise in the healthcare industry, enable us to offer targeted insights and deliver highly impactful results. For more information about TLD Group, visit www.tldgroupinc.com.