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Children's Hospital Names Chief Resident

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Dr. Stephanie Battistini has been selected to serve as this year's chief resident at The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart. As chief resident, her role includes coordinating the resident lecture schedule, serving as a liaison between faculty and residents, organizing resident participation in recruiting and providing clinical coverage in the newborn nursery and outpatient residency practice at Community Health Northwest Florida. Dr. Battistini will serve as chief resident through June 2019.

Dr. Battistini has trained through the University of Florida pediatric residency program at Sacred Heart for the past three years, where she has served as president of the Graduate Medical Education Council and was recognized with the 2017 Thomas G. Jenkins Resident Education Award. Dr. Battistini received both her medical degree and a master's degree in biomedical sciences from Florida State University, and she graduated with her bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida.

Dr. Battistini has volunteered with Give Kids the World and a variety of local community health fairs, and she has traveled on a medical mission trip to Panama. She is a member of the Escambia County Medical Society and the American Academy of Pediatrics. She has served as president of the Association of Latino Medical Students at the Florida State University College of Medicine.

Sacred Heart's pediatric residency program is affiliated with the University of Florida College of Medicine. As Northwest Florida's only pediatric residency program, Sacred Heart stays on the leading edge of health research and provides the latest treatment options, even for rare conditions.

The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart is a 117-bed facility that serves as the only children's hospital in Northwest Florida. The Children's Hospital offers a wide range of services to meet all of a child's medical needs, from a pediatric emergency room and neonatal intensive care unit to a medical staff of more than 120 board-certified physicians across 30 pediatric specialties. The Children's Hospital provides quality, compassionate care to children, regardless of their parents' ability to pay. Sacred Heart Health System is a member of Ascension, the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system. For more information about the services available at The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart, visit studerfamilychildrenshospital.com.

About Sacred Heart Health System

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health based in Pensacola and St. Vincent's HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension operates seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care, and they employ nearly 10,000 associates. Across the region, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent's have

served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 165,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 153 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 22 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on Sacred Heart Health System, visit www.sacred-heart.org.

