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Sacred Heart Plans New Outpatient Center near Pensacola Airport

PENSACOLA, Fla. (Oct. 24, 2018) – Sacred Heart Health System has announced plans to build a new outpatient services center in Pensacola that will include a surgery center, diagnostic imaging services and a dermatology center.

The medical facility will be constructed off Summit Boulevard in northeast Pensacola. It will be located adjacent to the Haven of Our Lady of Peace, a nursing home operated by Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart is part of Ascension, the nation's largest nonprofit healthcare system.

The \$19 million, multi-use center will house:

- An outpatient surgical center equipped with six operating rooms
- Diagnostic imaging services including CT, MRI and ultrasound imaging. Services will be provided jointly by Sacred Heart and Optimal Imaging
- A mammography center that will allow Sacred Heart's Ann Baroco Center for Breast Health to relocate from Sacred Heart Hospital's campus on Ninth Avenue to a more convenient, spacious facility.
- A dermatology center where services will include MOHS surgery, the most precise technique for removing skin cancer.

"The new outpatient services center is part of our vision to make healthcare more accessible and convenient for consumers in our community," said Henry Stovall, president of Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola. "We will offer multiple services in a patient-friendly setting. The new center also allows us to relocate some outpatient services away from our hospital and relieve congestion on our busy Ninth Avenue campus."

Construction of the facility will begin in the spring of next year with the opening scheduled for the fall of 2020. The new building will have 58,000 square feet of space.

About Sacred Heart Health System

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola and St. Vincent's HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Ascension's facilities in Florida include seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care. Together they employ more than 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. 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 156,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care –

including 151 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 21 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on Sacred Heart Health System, visit healthcare.ascension.org.

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