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Women & Children's Hospital Announces New Chief Executive Officer

LAKE CHARLES, LA. (June 14, 2010) – Women & Children's Hospital (WCH) today announced that Bryan Bateman has been appointed chief executive officer. Bateman has been serving as the interim CEO since March 26, 2010.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to join such an outstanding team of dedicated employees, medical staff and volunteers at Women & Children's Hospital," said Bateman. "This is an exciting time for the hospital with the launch of new service lines and recent achievement awards for quality care as well as patient and employee satisfaction. I look forward to building on the hospital's many accomplishments and being a part of its future success."

Bateman has previously held executive positions at Laredo Medical Center in Laredo, Tex. and was the associate CEO at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell, N.M. from 2004 to 2007.

Most recently, Bateman served as chief operating officer at Abilene Regional Medical Center, a full-service, 231 bed hospital located in Abilene, Tex. During his three years there, Bateman worked to enhance and expand the hospital's services, improve medical staff relations and increase operational efficiencies, while focusing on quality and customer service.

"Bryan is an energetic, accomplished healthcare leader and we are pleased to welcome him to Women & Children's Hospital," said Ben Mount, chairman of the Women & Children's Hospital Board of Trustees. "His management expertise, track-record of success and sincere desire to work with our board, medical staff and employees will enable us to build on WCH's positive momentum."

Bateman was born and raised in Texas. He received his Master of Business Administration degree from Canyon College and also holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife, Lisa, have two sons.

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About Women & Children's Hospital: Women & Children's Hospital (WCH) is a full-service acute care hospital located at 4200 Nelson Road, Lake Charles, LA 70605. WCH is the area's preferred leader for Women's Services and offers inpatient, outpatient, medical and surgical care for men, women and children. WCH is a recognized Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence and is equipped with a 24-hour, physician-staffed Emergency Department and a Level 3 Neonatal ICU. For more information about WCH, visit www.women-childrens.com.