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LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS CREATES DISASTER RESPONSE FUND TO HELP HAITI

Brentwood, Tennessee (February 10, 2010) – LifePoint Hospitals® (NASDAQ: LPNT) today announced that it has established the LifePoint Hospitals Disaster Response Fund to help support relief and recovery efforts in Haiti. The fund is a major element of LifePoint's Hope for Haiti initiative, which was launched shortly after the recent devastating earthquake.

“The process of recovery and rebuilding in Haiti will not be easy, and it is important to our employees and affiliated physicians that we show our long-term commitment to the Haitian people who need our help,” said William F. Carpenter III, president and chief executive officer of LifePoint Hospitals. “Several LifePoint employees and affiliated physicians have already traveled to Haiti to offer their support and services. In addition, we have established a LifePoint Hope for Haiti Task Force, which will be exploring further ways we can assist those on the ground in Haiti in the weeks and months to come.”

As part of the LifePoint Hospitals Disaster Response Fund, LifePoint has committed to match all donations made to the fund up to \$250,000. The fund will be administered by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee and will be distributed to targeted relief and recovery organizations, including Samaritan's Purse and Heart to Heart International.

In addition to dollar-for-dollar matching, LifePoint has pledged to contribute \$1.25 for every one dollar donated to the Disaster Response Fund before March 1. Tax-deductible donations can be made online at www.cfmt.org/lifepointdisaster or by mailing a check to LifePoint Disaster Response Fund, P.O. Box 440225, Nashville, Tennessee 37244.

“I observed the devastation left by the earthquake first hand during my recent trip to Haiti,” said Dr. Lanny Copeland, chief medical officer of LifePoint, who just returned from Haiti. “Even before the earthquake, the people of Haiti had little to be thankful for. Now they are left with new challenges. There will be a dire need here for years to come and they need our help.”

LifePoint Hospitals® is a leading hospital company focused on providing quality healthcare services close to home. Through its subsidiaries, LifePoint operates 47 acute-care facilities in 17 states. With a mission of “Making Communities Healthier,” LifePoint is the sole community hospital provider in 44 of the communities it serves. More information about the Company, which is headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, can be found on its website LifePointHospitals.com. All references to “LifePoint,” “LifePoint Hospitals,” or the “Company” used in this release refer to LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. and its affiliates.

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