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Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center Donates \$20,000 to Sister Carmen Center *Donation Funds Computer Lab for SCCC Clients*

Lafayette, CO (Dec. 13, 2013) – Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center (EGSMC) donated \$20,000 to the Sister Carmen Community Center (SCCC) to fund a computer lab and help with general operating expenses. Participants in SCCC programs need computers free of charge to write resumes, enroll in work support programs, find health insurance through Connect for Health Colorado, and perform other essential tasks. In addition to the \$20,000 donation, EGSMC also provided five computer workstations for the room. Funding programs like this one is part of the hospital's mission to serve the poor and underserved in the community through its Community Benefit Fund.

"This wonderful donation will also help us provide basic computer training through classes and volunteer tutors," said Suzanne Crawford, Chief Executive Officer of Sister Carmen Community Center. "Computer skills are needed to help our clients access additional services and information."

Providing SCCC clients access to computers can make a difference in the lives of those seeking services and information. "Since opening our doors to the Lafayette community in 2004, we have supported many programs that extend our mission into the community," said Sandy Cavanaugh, Vice President of Communications & Business Development. "Tools such as computers augment the work of the SCCC to help their clients become more productive and self-sufficient."

Funding for this project comes at a time when many nonprofit organizations are seeing donations dwindle and needing to rely on other funding sources to keep programs afloat. "We are very touched by the generous support from our valued community partner, Exempla Good Samaritan," said Jennifer Slater, Development Director at Sister Carmen. "Donations like these help us continue to serve the community and those who need it most."

About Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center

Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center opened December 1, 2004 and is a community-based, 234 bed acute-care hospital located in Lafayette, CO. The medical center is part of the SCL Health System (Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth). Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center's premier services include a Comprehensive Cancer Center, Level II Trauma designation, Heart and Neurovascular Center, robotic surgery, Primary Stroke Center, Integrative Health and Healing Center, "baby friendly" birthing center and emergency services including a Senior Emergency Room. To learn more, visit: www.exempla.org/goodsamaritan.

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About Sister Carmen Community Center

Sister Carmen Community Center is an independent, non-profit Family Resource Center serving residents of Eastern Boulder County for nearly 40 years. The SCCC helps individuals and families identify and build on their own strengths as they work towards economic stability. SCCC provides a variety of free services to people in need in the community including financial assistance, advocacy and support, food, parenting classes, nutrition classes, exercise classes, legal assistance, and mental health counseling.

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