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### **OSF St. Mary Medical Center Awarded 2013 Bronze Award for “Commitment to Excellence” from Illinois Performance Excellence**

Naperville, IL – (December 10, 2013) Illinois Performance Excellence announces OSF St. Mary Medical Center of Galesburg, IL is a recipient of the 2013 Bronze Award for “Commitment to Excellence” for demonstrating that senior leaders’ actions guide and sustain the organization, and, the use of systematic approaches to improve key work processes. OSF St. Mary Medical Center will be formally honored at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual award recognition ceremony, “Saluting Excellence,” on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, held at the Abbingdon Banquets located in Glen Ellyn.

“Congratulations to OSF St. Mary Medical Center and all of its employees for its commitment to an on-going journey to excellence,” says Darcy Davidsmeyer, President and CEO of Illinois Performance Excellence. “Health care delivery organizations face numerous challenges in achieving patient care and safety. Applying the principles of the Baldrige Criteria can transform an organization, helping it to perform and become more efficient while always focusing on results.”

Recipients of the ILPEX Bronze Award go to those organizations which have demonstrated earnest efforts to adopt and apply continuous improvement principles, following the *Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence*.

OSF St. Mary Medical Center’s mission “...to serve persons with the greatest care and love in a community that celebrates the gift of life” and our journey to provide high-quality, affordable care uses performance improvement as a foundation.

As a 99-bed acute care hospital, OSF St. Mary has become a cornerstone of the Galesburg community since 1909. OSF St. Mary serves a seven county area in west central Illinois including Knox, Warren, Henry, Mercer, Henderson, McDonough and Fulton counties.

OSF St. Mary has been dedicated to providing the very best care for each and every patient and family member who chooses us for their care. With the current health care environment demanding change, agility and innovation to respond to the pressures being presented. We will continue to change and improve, each and every day for each and every patient, every time.

“The ILPEX process and the Baldrige Criteria continue to guide us in our journey to becoming a high-performance organization,” stated Roxanna Crosser, MHA, President - OSF St. Mary Medical Center.

*About Illinois Performance Excellence*

*Illinois Performance Excellence (ILPEX) empowers organizations to understand and use the framework of the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, moving to a systematic “view” which translates into alignment and sustainability. As a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit organization, ILPEX’s vision is to create a culture of excellence that is pervasive throughout Illinois. Four Illinois organizations have been honored with the prestigious Baldrige National Quality Award, they are: Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital – 2010; Community Consolidated School District 15 – 2003; Motorola Commercial, Government & Industrial Solutions Sector – 2002; Motorola. Inc. – 1988.*

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