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LAUREL HEALTH CARE COMPANY ACQUIRES HEATH NURSING CARE CENTER

Heath, OH – Laurel Health Care Company, 8181 Worthington Road, Westerville, Ohio 43082 has just acquired Heath Nursing Care Center located at 717 South 30th Street, Heath, OH 43056.

Laurel Health Care Company will be changing the name of the center to reflect the new ownership. Heath Nursing Care Center will be named "The Laurels of Heath". "Because the center has been such a long standing provider in the Heath community, we felt that it was important to select a name that reflects familiarity and at the same time made the association to their new parent company," said AJ Stout, Regional Director of Operations for Laurel Health Care Company.

"Our company philosophy emphasizes the importance of treating people with respect and dignity, conducting ourselves with integrity and achieving the highest standards of care and caring through state-of-the-art programs and compassionate caregivers," said Stout. "We want people to value the Laurel centers as caring and enthusiastic teams of professionals who are working together to enhance the quality of life for our guests while providing a vital service to this community."

We want Heath and surrounding communities to choose The Laurels as their 'Partners in Caring,' Stout said. "We believe our new name will help people identify us as a community of caregivers dedicated to achieving the highest level of independence physically, socially and emotionally for our guests."

Laurel Health Care Company has a strong desire to become an active, visible partner in the growth and development of this community," said Cathy Chiovaro, Vice President of Operations for Laurel. "We look forward to meeting the skilled nursing and long-term care needs of the Heath and Newark areas."

Laurel Health Care Company, founded in 1992 and headquartered in Westerville, Ohio, is a national provider of skilled nursing, rehabilitation, sub-acute and assisted living services dedicated to one simple principle – achieving the highest standards of care and caring. Laurel Health Care Company owns and operates 44 long term care facilities and four assisted living centers in five states. In Ohio, Laurel Health Care currently operates 24 facilities across the state. The company's management and resources enable its local facilities to offer high-quality patient care by providing a comfortable living environment and comprehensive health care services, including subacute care, complex medical programs, and assisted living. Laurel achieves this goal in partnership with residents and families, their associates and the communities they serve.

At Laurel Health Care, caring is more than providing excellent medical and resident services – it's also treating each resident with the utmost dignity, respect and compassion. The Laurel skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers provide both short-term and long-term residents with comprehensive health-care services in a comfortable, home-like environment that promotes the

highest level of independence and life quality. For additional information visit www.laurelhealth.com.

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