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### **Annual Fashion Show for Sacred Heart Surgical Weight Loss Center**

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** – The Sacred Heart Surgical Weight Loss Center will celebrate the success of weight-loss surgery patients at the Annual Bariatric Fashion Show on Tuesday, Aug. 1 at 6 pm in the Greenhut Auditorium at Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola, located at 5151 N. Ninth Ave.

Patients-turned-models will show off their transformations in health and quality of life as their “before” photos are displayed on a screen behind them while an announcer shares highlights of each patient’s weight-loss journey.

The fashion show is hosted by bariatric surgeon Dr. Jeffrey Lord, medical director and founder of the Sacred Heart Surgical Weight Loss Center. Dr. Lord has advanced fellowship training and is a nationally recognized expert in the field of minimally invasive bariatric surgery.

The event is free and open to the public. Guests are advised to park in the Ninth Avenue parking garage and enter through the main hospital entrance.

The Sacred Heart Surgical Weight Loss Center strives to help those who have been diagnosed as clinically obese to achieve significant weight loss through laparoscopic surgeries, including gastric bypass and sleeve gastrectomy procedures. Sacred Heart’s multidisciplinary program brings together a bariatric surgeon, weight-management physician specialist, dietitian, psychologist and support staff. The Sacred Heart Surgical Weight Loss Center is an Accredited Comprehensive Center through the Metabolic and

Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program and is designated as a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

For more information about the Sacred Heart Surgical Weight Loss Center, please visit [www.sacredheartsurgicalweightloss.com](http://www.sacredheartsurgicalweightloss.com) or call (850) 416-7546.

**About Sacred Heart Health System**

On the Gulf Coast, Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola, Florida, and Providence based in Mobile, Alabama, are part of Ascension. Together, these Ascension healthcare facilities have served Gulf Coast communities for more than 160 years and they employ more than 6,600 associates. Across the region, Ascension provided more than \$113 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty in fiscal year 2016. Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension is the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, operating 2,500 sites of care – including 141 hospitals and more than 30 senior living facilities – in 24 states and the District of Columbia. For more on Sacred Heart Health System, visit [www.sacred-heart.org](http://www.sacred-heart.org).

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