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## **Sacred Heart Foundation Recognized for Excellence in Philanthropy**

Foundations have a high calling to get the most out of every dollar donated to ensure that funds raised truly are providing the greatest benefit to those they serve. Sacred Heart Foundation has been so successful at this effort that the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) has named the organization a “High Performer” for 2016.

Sacred Heart Foundation is one of only 51 recognized as “High Performers” based on analysis of a survey AHP conducted related to fiscal year (FY) 2015. Each year, AHP identifies survey participants who have shown high efficiency and effectiveness as they relate to bottom-line returns.

AHP recognizes high performance based on net production returns in the top 75<sup>th</sup> percentile. Net production returns are calculated by subtracting total fundraising expenses from total production returns. For FY 2015, being a high performer means that participating organizations raised more than \$11.9 million in the U.S.

“At Sacred Heart Foundation, we are proud of this honor, but especially proud to have the opportunity every day to do the right thing to ensure that the mission and vision of the Daughters of Charity to serve the sick and the poor remain at the forefront of all of our endeavors,” says Carol Carlan, president of Sacred Heart Foundation. “Much of the credit for this recognition goes to the community of Northwest Florida for its amazing generosity, compassion and care for those who are coping with life-threatening health issues – from our babies in the NICU and children fighting cancer to adults who are battling cancer, heart disease and other health challenges.”

### **About Sacred Heart Foundation**

The fundraising arm of Sacred Heart Health System, Sacred Heart Foundation is a philanthropic advocate, encouraging contributions and volunteer participation to support the work of Sacred Heart Health System and the mission of the founding sisters of the Daughters of Charity to improve health care and social services for the sick and poor of all ages in our region.

### **About Sacred Heart Health System**

On the Gulf Coast, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola, Fla. and Providence Health System based in Mobile, Ala. 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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