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**COMPLEMENTARY HEALTHCARE INSTITUTE ESTABLISHES AFFILIATION
WITH SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER**

**Saint Francis selects CHI as primary provider
of complementary healthcare services
at the Saint Francis Care Center for Health Enhancement in Avon**

Avon, Connecticut, April 3, 2002 – Complementary HealthCare Institute (CHI) and Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center today announced the establishment of an affiliation in which CHI will become the primary provider of complementary health services at the Saint Francis *Care* Center for Health Enhancement in Avon.

“We are excited about this affiliation with Saint Francis,” said Doreen Fishman, co-founder of CHI. “For the first time in this area, we can together offer truly integrated, holistic medicine in a way that provides the greatest opportunity for patients to achieve and maintain health and well being in body, mind, and spirit. Saint Francis is a leader in its commitment to complementary medicine as an integral component of health care.”

In addition to providing integrative health care services, CHI will work closely with Saint Francis to inform and educate the public concerning complementary medicine and its value as part of a continuous plan for health care.

“Saint Francis is pleased to welcome CHI to our Center for Health Enhancement in Avon,” said Joseph Bisson, the hospital’s director of access centers. “CHI is a valuable addition to our roster of health care providers in the Farmington Valley.”

Founded in 1998, Complementary HealthCare Institute is a multi-disciplinary organization that uses an integrated, balanced approach to healing the whole person. Through its complementary service offerings and comprehensive educational programs,

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training program development, and original research, CHI helps clients achieve optimal health and well being. By creating a mindful connection between conventional and complementary medicine that supports integration of mind, body, and spirit, CHI provides an essential component to the promotion of comprehensive, integrative healthcare.

Founded in 1987, Saint Francis is licensed for 617 acute inpatient beds and 65 bassinets and is the largest Catholic hospital in New England.

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