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LUTHERAN MEDICAL CENTER NAMED TOP 100 HOSPITAL AND FIVE-STAR FACILITY

LMC scores among the highest in the country for community value

June 19, 2007, Brooklyn, New York...Once again, Lutheran Medical Center has been named to the Community Value Index (CVI) Top 100 Hospitals list for the third year in a row. Scoring in the top twenty percent, it has also been designated a “Five-Star” facility.

The annual listing identifies the nation’s top hospitals that have achieved better-than-average results in maintaining financial strength, low costs and reasonable charges for their services. Lutheran’s Top 100 rating means it achieved a CVI rating in the top 20 percent of nearly 3,000 hospitals examined in the study. The rating lists Lutheran as a low cost, low charge hospital, which uses financial resources efficiently while maintaining a high degree of community value.

“To be named one of the area’s top ranked hospitals for the third year in a row means that we are succeeding in our 125-year-old mission of providing the highest quality of services for our community,” said Wendy Z. Goldstein, president and CEO. “Most importantly, as the health care industry struggles financially, Lutheran remains extremely efficient. Our Brooklyn neighbors can count on us for another 125 years.”

This year’s findings are published in Cleverley + Associates’ “State of the Hospital Industry – 2008 edition.” Cleverley + Associates is a leading health care financial consulting firm specializing in operational benchmarking and performance enhancement strategies. The company’s primary focus is to provide health care providers with solutions and recommendations that will enhance their financial performance through better pricing decisions; improved coding, capital restructuring, cost and productivity enhancements; and/or investment management changes. For more information, call Cleverley + Associates at 888-779-5663 or visit www.cleverleyassociates.com.

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