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**ST. JAMES MERCY HOSPITAL NAMES NEW INTERIM PRESIDENT AND CEO**  
***Jennifer L. Sullivan, CPA, to succeed Mary E. LaRowe, FACHE***

**Newtown Square, Pa., Tuesday, August 13, 2013** – The St. James Mercy Hospital board of directors and CHE Trinity Health have announced that Mary E. LaRowe, FACHE, president and chief executive officer, is leaving the organization effective August 16, 2013. Jennifer L. Sullivan, CPA, St. James Mercy Hospital’s current chief financial officer, has been named interim president and chief executive officer.

LaRowe joined St. James Mercy Hospital as president and CEO in January 2007. Under LaRowe’s leadership, St. James Mercy was named a “100 Top Performance Improvement Leader” by Thomson Reuters in 2007 and 2008, setting national benchmarks for the rate and consistency of improvement in clinical outcomes, patient safety and hospital efficiency. The hospital was also recognized for exceeding state and national benchmarks in renal (kidney) disease treatment, inpatient acute care, quality and patient safety, and long-term care.

“During her tenure with St. James Mercy Hospital, Mary has been a mission-driven leader who worked to improve quality and safety and build strong relationships with colleagues, patients and the community,” said John Capasso, executive vice president, CHE Trinity Health.

“The SJMH board of directors is grateful for Mary’s leadership and service during a time of challenge and change, with the advent of health care reform, and we wish her well in future endeavors,” said Sr. Fran, Wegman, R.S.M., chair, St. James Mercy Hospital board of directors. “We are looking forward to working with Jen Sullivan as we lead St. James Mercy Hospital forward in support of our mission to provide quality, accessible health care services in the Hornell community.”

Sullivan, who joined St. James Mercy Hospital in 2003, has more than 20 years experience in finance and operations management. Prior to joining St. James Mercy, she held positions at Arthur Andersen, Rochester, N.Y.; KPMG Peat Marwick, Boston, Mass.; Unity Health System, Rochester, N.Y.; and the Catholic Healthcare Audit Network, St. Louis, Mo.

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### **About St. James Mercy Hospital**

Founded in 1890 and based in Hornell, N.Y., St. James Mercy Hospital is a 232-bed not-for-profit health organization sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy that provides care in Steuben and surrounding counties, with emphasis on the poor and underserved. Its full range of services includes acute and intensive care, surgery, emergency, inpatient behavioral health and addiction treatment, maternity, long-term care, dialysis, rehabilitation services, and five satellite clinics throughout the service area. St. James Mercy Hospital is a member of CHE Trinity Health, a multi-institutional network. St. James Mercy Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that provides financial resources to fund equipment and services for St. James Mercy Hospital. For more information, visit [www.stjamesmercy.org](http://www.stjamesmercy.org).

### **About CHE Trinity Health**

CHE Trinity Health was formed by the consolidation of Catholic Health East and Trinity Health, and is one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. It serves people and communities in 21 states from coast to coast with 82 hospitals, 89 continuing care facilities and home health and hospice programs that provide nearly 2.8 million visits annually. It was formed in May 2013, when Trinity Health and Catholic Health East closed their consolidation to strengthen their shared mission, increase excellence in care and advance transformative efforts with their unified voice. With annual operating revenues of about \$13.3 billion and assets of about \$19.3 billion, the new organization returns almost \$1 billion to its communities annually in the form of charity care and other community benefit programs. It employs more than 87,000 people, including 4,100 employed physicians. The consolidated ministry is committed to those who are poor and underserved in its communities and is known for its focus on the country's aging population. As a single, unified ministry, the organization is the innovator of Senior Emergency Departments and the largest not-for-profit provider of home health care services — ranked by number of visits — in the nation, as well as the nation's leading provider of PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) based on the number of programs. For more information, visit: [www.trinity-health.org](http://www.trinity-health.org), [www.che.org](http://www.che.org) or [www.newhealthministry.org](http://www.newhealthministry.org).

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