



## AROUND THE SYSTEM

### St. John's Named Nation's Top Integrated Healthcare System

**S**t. John's Health System in Springfield, Mo., topped the list of integrated health networks in the United States in the 2009 SDI assessment of integrated healthcare networks (IHN). The SDI 2009 IHN 100 (formerly known as the Verispan IHN 100) recognizes healthcare systems that operate as a unified organization, building a strong base of services to provide the highest level of care. St. John's topped the list for the first time in 2007 and ranked third in 2008. St. John's Mercy Health Care, which includes St. Louis and Washington, Mo., ranks 28 on the current list. •

### Mercy Health System of Oklahoma to Manage Valley View Regional Hospital

**M**ercy Health System of Oklahoma recently was selected to manage Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada, Okla. Under the terms of the management agreement, Valley View will remain owned by the local community, but Mercy Health System of Oklahoma will aid in operations. •

### Mercy/ROi Receive National Peer Choice Award

**A**s one of five finalists for the IDN Summit Search for Excellence in Collaborative Healthcare Initiatives Award, Mercy and our supply chain operating division, Resource Optimization & Innovation (ROi), received the Peer Choice Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize excellence in collaboration within health systems. Mercy's submission focused on the development of an enterprise formulary and the collaboration among leaders, physicians and other clinicians necessary to ensure positive clinical, operational and financial outcomes. Finalists were selected by a peer voting process, and presented their submissions at the annual IDN Summit. •

### Mercy Ministries of Laredo Acquires New Mobile Van



The Mercy Mobile Clinic van will be used for preventive care and diagnosis and treatment of disease in Laredo, Texas, and surrounding communities.

**O**n January 29, Mercy Ministries of Laredo in Laredo, Texas, received a new medical mobile van, thanks in part to contributions made by Mercy Corporate Services co-workers as part of the 2007 Mercy Way campaign. Mercy Mobile Clinic, as the van is known, will be used for treatment and diagnosis of diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and heart disease, as well as for preventive care such as pap smears and breast cancer

screenings. The van will visit a total of 14 locations in the Webb County area once or twice a month. •

### Mercy Memorial Receives Award for VAP Prevention Efforts

**M**ercy Memorial Health Center in Ardmore, Okla., has been honored with the Zap VAP Center of Excellence award from Covidien, a leading global healthcare products company. In the last four years, Mercy Memorial has had only one occurrence of VAP (ventilator-associated pneumonia), while the national average is 2.7 VAP cases per month. More than 50 hospitals nationwide applied for the Zap VAP Center of Excellence Award last year, but only 10 received the honor. •

### Mercy Health Ministry Board Chair Honored for Autism Advocacy

**R**on Ashworth, chair of the board of directors of Mercy Health Ministry, the governing body of the Sisters of Mercy Health System, recently was honored by the Thompson Foundation for Autism with its first Distinguished Service Award. The award was established to recognize individuals or entities that work to strengthen support for children and families affected by autism spectrum disorders by raising awareness and support for interventions, education and research. Ashworth was selected for his work with autism professionals, Missouri lawmakers and the Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities to create the Missouri Autism Guidelines Initiative, a document that will become the state-wide standard for autism screening, diagnosis and assessment. The Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of Missouri is a national leader in confronting the challenges of autism and other developmental conditions through collaborative research, training and service programs. It is the largest center in Missouri specializing in autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disorders. •

### Sister of Mercy Honored by the City of Fort Smith



Sister Reginald Mooney, RSM, with Fort Smith Mayor C. Ray Baker, Jr.

**S**ister Reginald Mooney, RSM, was recently a recipient of the City of Fort Smith's Spirit of the Frontier award. The award is the highest honor given by Fort Smith, Ark., and is given to individuals who serve as examples of the frontier spirit. Sr. Reginald, who is 96 years old, worked at St. Edward Mercy Medical Center from 1970 to 2007 and continues to volunteer at the hospital twice a week. •

## Leadership Changes

**Judy Akins** has been named vice president—marketing for the Sisters of Mercy Health System.

**Jeff Bell** has been named chief operating officer for Mercy Information Services Division.

**Hector Boirie** has been named vice president—capital management for the Sisters of Mercy Health System.

**Tom Edelstein** has been named vice president of mission and ethics for Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City.

**Eric Eoloff** has been named chief operating officer for St. John's Mercy Health Care, St. Louis.

**Joan Frost** has been named vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer at St. John's Mercy Hospital in Washington, Mo.

**Jolene Goedken** has been named senior vice president for the Sisters of Mercy Health System with responsibility for clinical quality and nursing.

**John Howard** has been named senior vice president of strategic development and general counsel for St. John's Mercy Health Care, St. Louis.

**Chris Knackstedt** has been named senior vice president and chief financial officer for St. John's Health System in Springfield, Mo.

**Sherry Kwater** has been named vice president—clinical excellence for the Sisters of Mercy Health System.

**Cheryl Matejka** has been named chief financial officer for St. John's Mercy Health Care, St. Louis.

**Barb Meyer** has been named vice president—communications for the Sisters of Mercy Health System.

**Glenn Mitchell, MD**, has been named chief medical officer for the Sisters of Mercy Health System, in addition to his current role as vice president for safety.

**Mick Murphy** has been named chief technology officer for Mercy Information Services Division.

**Brian O'Toole** has been named senior vice president for the Sisters of Mercy Health System with responsibility for mission, ethics and leadership formation/development.

**Jacque Richmond** has been named vice president—legal counsel for the Sisters of Mercy Health System.

**Tony Rothermich** has been named vice president of patient financial services at St. John's Mercy Health Care, St. Louis.



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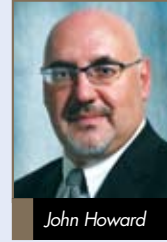
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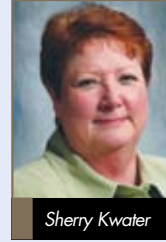
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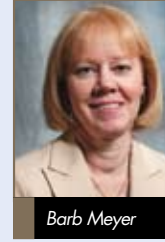
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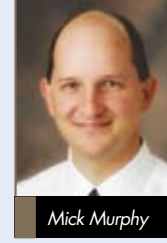
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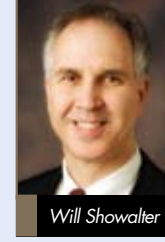
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**Anna Silva** has been named chief operating officer for St. Joseph's Mercy Health System in Hot Springs, Ark.

**Shannon Sock** has been named senior vice president for the Sisters of Mercy Health System with responsibility for business/product development and philanthropy.

**Christine Wiehl** has been named vice president—legal counsel for the Sisters of Mercy Health System. •



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