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Bob Lanik named 2011 Meritorious Service Award winner

LINCOLN—On October 20, at the NHA Annual Convention in La Vista, Nebraska, the Nebraska Hospital Association presented its 2011 *Meritorious Service Award* to Bob Lanik, Former CEO & President of Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center in Lincoln and, now, CEO of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI) in Nebraska.

NHA President Laura J. Redoutey, FACHE said, “Bob Lanik is one of the most visible, active advocates for the delivery of innovative and exceptional quality, life-saving health care in Nebraska. His impact on all of Nebraska will be evident for years to come. I congratulate Bob as the 2011 *Meritorious Service Award* winner.”

The NHA *Meritorious Service Award* was initiated in 2008 for the purpose of the NHA to recognize the long-term contributions of members to the association and their individual hospitals. This award recognizes longevity and breadth of service of an individual to hospitals and health care in the state.

Mr. Lanik recently celebrated his 37th year at Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center. He has been a stalwart in the health care community and spread his influence to the state and federal level as his career unfolded. Over the past ten years, he has helped to create hospitalist and intensivist programs, a physician network and the Home Health and Hospice Program.

In addition to Mr. Lanik’s many significant accomplishments, he is most proud of his self-proclaimed role as “keeper of the culture.” Due to his values, behaviors and communication style, he has created an organization that is open, empowered, engaged and spiritually-driven. This culture has been greatly appreciated by the associates and physicians of Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center and has been the basis for much of the organization’s success over the years.



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Mr. Lanik has long been a visible and involved figure in the Lincoln community and has held influential positions with the Nebraska Hospital Association and the American Hospital Association. He has served as board member of many local, state and federal organizations and continues to build upon his long history of civic support in the community and his legacy as a leader.

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The Nebraska Hospital Association is the influential voice of Nebraska's hospitals and health systems, helping hospitals provide comprehensive care to their communities. The Association offers collaborative leadership, assisting its members to improve the health status of their communities. Since 1927, the NHA has provided legislative advocacy, educational programming, data information and communication to Nebraska's hospitals. For more information, please visit the NHA Web site at www.nhanet.org.