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## Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican Challenges Employees to Take on 50 Acts of Kindness in a Week; Partners with Josh Stevens Foundation to Bring Challenge to Over 68 Schools

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – Jan. 23, 2014 – At Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican, humankindness drives every interaction with the people we serve, and is the foundation of the policies we champion. During the week of January 27-31, St. Rose will encourage employees to take part in The Great Kindness Challenge, which includes a suggested 50-item Act of Kindness checklist to complete by January 31.

Locally, St. Rose is working in partnership with the Josh Stevens Foundation, a local nonprofit organization that helps schools, businesses and youth organizations across the nation to recognize and celebrate heartfelt acts of kindness. With their help, more than 68 Nevada schools are participating in The Great Kindness Challenge. Participating schools will also give out the 50-item checklist and encourage their students to complete that checklist by January 31. Students who complete the checklist will receive a gift from the Josh Stevens Foundation.

St. Rose is also collaborating with Kids for Peace, the nonprofit organization that holds the annual The Great Kindness Challenge, to inspire students all over the world to take on a lifelong commitment to service and kindness. Their local chapter will also be involved with the activities.

"St. Rose is committed to practicing humankindness every day in our hospitals and care centers," said Rod Davis, senior vice president of operations for Dignity Health Nevada and president/CEO, Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican, Siena Campus. "We are focused on putting in place policies that strengthen the human connection with our doctors, nurses, and caregivers so every guest feels welcomed, safe, comfortable, listened to, and respected. Our mission calls us to collaborate with organizations that share the same goals and help spread the word about the power of kindness, especially within schools."

For more information on The Great Kindness Challenge and Kids For Peace, go to <u>http://www.greatkindnesschallenge.org</u>. For more information on the Josh Stevens Foundation, please visit <u>http://www.joshstevensfoundation.org</u>.

## About Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican

As the community's only not-for-profit, religiously sponsored hospital system, Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican has been guided by the vision and core values of the Adrian Dominican Sisters for more than 65 years. As the Henderson and Las Vegas communities grow, the three St. Rose Dominican hospitals — the Rose de Lima, Siena and San Martín Campuses — and more than 3,400 employees will continue the Sisters' mission of serving people in need. St. Rose Dominican is a member of the 21-state Dignity Health network of nearly 11,000 physicians, 56,000 employees, and more than 300 care centers, including hospitals, urgent and occupational care, imaging centers, home health, and primary care clinics. For more information, visit our website at <u>www.strosehospitals.org</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>YouTube</u> or our <u>Blog</u>.

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