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Christiana Care Health System Announces Doneene Keemer Damon as Chair of Board of Directors and Penelope T. Saridakis as Chair of Trustees

(WILMINGTON, Del. – Jan. 6) The Board of Directors and Trustees of Christiana Care Health System have named highly regarded Delawareans who are long-time advocates in the community and active in health system governance as new leaders.

Doneene Keemer Damon, Esq., executive vice president of Richards, Layton & Finger, a prominent Delaware law firm, is the new chair of the Board of Directors of Christiana Care. She is a leading secured finance lawyer, nationally recognized for her expertise in the use of statutory and common law trusts.

Damon, who succeeds Gary M. Pfeiffer as board chair, has served as a Christiana Care trustee, a board member, and past chair of Christiana Care’s Executive Compensation and Succession Planning committee. She chaired the CEO search committee appointing Janice E. Nevin, M.D., MPH, president and chief executive officer in 2014.

A leader in the legal profession as well as in the community, Damon currently serves as vice chair and director of diversity of the Securitization and Structured Finance Committee of the American Bar Association’s Business Law Section. She has served on the boards of over a dozen organizations, including her current positions on the Delaware Community Foundation Board of Directors and on the Board of Trustees of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Damon has been widely recognized for her leadership and commitment to excellence. In 2015, she received the ABA’s prestigious Jean Allard Glass Cutter Award in recognition of her exceptional contributions to her profession. She was named to the VIP Woman of the Year Circle for 2015-2016 by the National Association of Professional Women, and most recently was honored with the Delaware Barrister Association’s 2016 Thurgood Marshall Award for her tireless commitment to justice.

Newly appointed to the Board of Directors of Christiana Care are Lolita A. Lopez, FACHE, president and CEO of Westside Family Healthcare; Andrew M. Lubin, president and founder of Delaware Financial Group; and Nicholas M. Marsini Jr., retired regional president for PNC Bank of Delaware.

Penelope (Penny) T. Saridakis, a Christiana Care trustee who has served on the Nominating Committee, the External Affairs Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Trustee Governance, and most recently as vice-chair, was elected chair of Trustees. She succeeds highly respected civic leader and philanthropist Carroll M. Carpenter.

A community leader in health care, education and the arts, Saridakis was lead co-chair of The Friends of the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute from 2009 to 2014, and last year, with fellow trustees, launched the Young Friends of Christiana Care, a program for high school students that focuses on leadership, learning and philanthropy. Former vice president of the global debit business at MasterCard International and of global debit products for Citibank, both in New York, Saridakis returned to Delaware in 2002, devoting her time to enhancing the quality of life in Delaware through health care, education and the arts. She is a board member of the Delaware Theatre Company, now chairing its capital campaign; is a past member of the board of directors of the Grand Opera House; and has served on committees at Tower Hill School and The Christmas Shop Foundation. She co-chaired the 2016 Delaware Art Museum Holiday House Tour.

Trustee Philip S. Reese, a financial business leader who helped establish both Conectiv and Manufacturers Hanover Bank, was elected vice chair of Trustees.

The following community leaders were elected trustees of Christiana Care: Lois S. Galinat, who chairs The Friends of the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute; Donna M. Goodman, vice president and chief financial and operating officer at Westside Family Healthcare; Daryl A. Graham, vice president of Global Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase & Co; Georgianna Riley, president of the Junior Board of Christiana Care, Inc.; LaKresha S. Roberts, Esq., chief deputy attorney general at the State of Delaware Department of Justice; Thomas G. Speers III, interim pastor of Greenhill Presbyterian Church; and Aubree Kemble Wellons, owner of Adorn Goods — Artful Home & Epicure and Dilwyne Designs, both in Delaware.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care systems, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services, and through Christiana Care Quality Partners, Christiana Care works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's

only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds.

For more information about Christiana Care, visit www.christianacare.org/howeare.



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