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**Harborside Healthcare Announces Partnership with Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, CT**

**Boston Firm Acquires Diocese's 3 Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers**

**For Immediate Release Boston, MA (May 1, 2006)** Harborside Healthcare, one of the nation's most respected skilled-nursing and long-term care companies, today announces that it will acquire three long-term care facilities in Connecticut from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport.

The three facilities, St Camillus Health Center of Stamford, Pope John Paul II Center for Health Care in Danbury and St Joseph's Manor in Trumbull currently operate 562 skilled nursing and long-term care beds. These facilities will join Harborside's family of 53 centers in 9 states, including 7 in Connecticut.

The Diocesan facilities and their operations will be acquired by Harborside. The land will be held by the Diocese on a long term "ground lease" agreement. As members of the Harborside family, the facilities will maintain their unique Catholic identity and mission while being available to serve the healthcare needs of the general public regardless of religious affiliation. Under terms of the lease agreement, the Diocese will continue to offer spiritual and pastoral services in the facilities. These services will include Catholic chapels, daily Mass and dedicated Chaplains.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Harborside Healthcare, Damian N. Dell'Anno said, "We are very proud to form this strategic alliance with the Bridgeport Diocese. Harborside's strategy is to seek out high quality operations and use our systematic approach to healthcare and our ability to make strategic investments to better serve the healthcare needs of the community. We are excited about the opportunity to expand our operations in Fairfield County."

Harborside's other Connecticut facilities are Arden House in Hamden, Governor's House in Simsbury, Madison House in Madison, The Reservoir in West Hartford, The Willows in Woodbridge as well as Glen Hill and Glen Crest in Danbury. Glen Crest is an independent living center, while the other 6 facilities all offer rehabilitation and skilled nursing services.

"Harborside Glen Hill has an excellent reputation for care in the community and recently received the highly coveted AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award, one of only 10 facilities nationwide to receive this honor," continued Dell'Anno, "We are pleased to merge our expertise in long term healthcare with the Diocese's approach to spiritual care."

Harborside's services fall into four general categories: long-term care, care for Alzheimer's disease and dementia, specialized medical care and rehabilitation. The company is an innovator

in the profession for developing and providing post-acute care, long-term care, and other specialty medical programs and services.

“We are impressed by Harborside’s outstanding reputation in the healthcare field. Harborside Healthcare is a firm that is as committed to the well being of their residents as they are to the professional development of their employees”, said the Most Reverend William E. Lori, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport. “Harborside Healthcare, in turn, was impressed by the quality of care at our homes and the dedication of our employees to compassionate care. We are delighted that the Catholic identity and mission of these homes will continue, complementing well Harborside Healthcare’s commitment to excellence.”

The transition of the facilities is expected to be complete by August 1, 2006.

Harborside operates 53 facilities and employs more than 8,000 full and part-time employees in nine states in New England, the Mid-Atlantic and the Midwest. Nearly 7,000 individuals receive care at its facilities in Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Kentucky and Rhode Island. The company was founded in 1987.

In 2002, Harborside Healthcare was one of the first in its profession to adopt an industry-driven, voluntary quality initiative in which the company and its employees pledged to follow a formal code of conduct and ethical management practices known as “Quality First.” Harborside Healthcare was also the first long-term care company in the nation to publish the results of a detailed, annual quality survey of all of its facilities.

Harborside facilities have won more national quality awards than any other long-term care provider of its size, including three of the prestigious American Health Care Association (AHCA) Step II Quality Awards recognizing long-term care organizations that seek excellence in all aspects of providing care and services.