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MERCY GILBERT MEDICAL CENTER GRANTED \$1 MILLION BY GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

GILBERT, Ariz. (November 20, 2006) – The Gila River Indian Community, in conjunction with the City of Chandler, awarded Mercy Gilbert Medical Center's G.I.F.T Campaign \$1 million in grant aid on Monday, October 30, 2006. In addition to Gila River Indian Community's Greg Mendoza presenting a check, Barnaby Lewis, Cultural Resource Specialist for the Gila River Indian Community, led a blessing of the future site of the Gila River Indian Healing Garden.

The G.I.F.T., or Gilbert Investing For Tomorrow campaign, is crucial in meeting the healthcare needs of the growing Southeast Valley. The campaign will raise funds to build an additional wing at Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, which will more than double the occupancy of the hospital to better serve Gilbert's growing medical needs. The build out of the second tower will create more than 1,000 new jobs in the Gilbert area. The completed hospital and campus can expect to also provide nearly \$15 million in charitable healthcare for the surrounding areas.

The Gila River Indian Community is excited to assist in Mercy Gilbert Medical Center's goals of serving the community. The Tribe is allowed to donate 12 percent of its state contributions to cities and towns for services that will directly benefit the general public. The Gila River Indian Community shares Mercy Gilbert Medical Center's commitment to improving the overall quality of life for Arizona residents. The City of Chandler is home to Chandler Regional Hospital and because they see the need for healthcare in their community, they were the sponsoring organization to help Mercy Gilbert Medical Center secure this grant.

With the help of the Gila River Indian Community and the City of Chandler, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center will continue to thrive and grow from this generous grant. The funds will be paid over a period of five years.

About Mercy Gilbert

Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is a not-for-profit hospital located at the intersection of Val Vista Drive and Loop 202 (south of Pecos Road and east of Val Vista). Mercy Gilbert is a four-story, full-service acute-care facility with 92 beds with the capacity to grow to 400 beds. For more information, please visit www.mercygilbert.org or call 480-728-8000.

About Catholic Healthcare West

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) facilities in Arizona include Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, Chandler Regional Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute, CHW Urgent Cares - Ahwatukee Foothills, Gilbert and Queen Creek, CHW Diagnostic and Treatment Center - Sun Lakes, Warner Outpatient Surgery and the Arizona Orthopedic Surgical Hospital. For more information, please visit www.chwhealth.org.

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