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University Hospitals Highlighted in Healthcare Equality Index 2014 *UH Named as “Leaders in LGBT Healthcare Equality” by National Survey*

CLEVELAND - University Hospitals has been recognized as “Leaders in LGBT Healthcare Equality” by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation. HRC is the educational arm of the country’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization.

The findings were part of HRC Foundation’s Healthcare Equality Index 2014, an annual survey that encourages equal care for LGBT patients and recognizes health care institutions doing the best work.

HRC award recipients include all UH hospitals including: Ahuja Medical Center, Bedford Medical Center, Case Medical Center, Conneaut Medical Center, Elyria Medical Center, Geauga Medical Center, Geneva Medical Center, MacDonald Women’s Hospital, Parma Medical Center, Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital, Richmond Medical Center and Seidman Cancer Center.

UH earned top marks in meeting non-discrimination and training criteria that demonstrates its commitment to equitable, inclusive care for LGBT patients and their families.

“Leaders in LGBT Healthcare Equality change the lives of LGBT patients and their families for the better each and every day,” said Chad Griffin, HRC president. “LGBT people should be treated equally in all aspects of our lives and HRC celebrates UH for its tireless work to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all patients.”

The Healthcare Equality Index offers health care facilities unique and powerful resources designed to meet the diverse needs of all patients, as well as assistance in complying with new regulatory requirements and access to specialized staff training.

For more information about the Healthcare Equality Index 2014, or to download a free copy of the report, visit www.hrc.org/hej.

About University Hospitals

University Hospitals, the second largest employer in Northeast Ohio with 25,000 employees, serves the needs of patients through an integrated network of 15 hospitals, 28 outpatient health centers and primary care physician offices in 15 counties. At the core of our \$3.5 billion health system is University Hospitals Case Medical Center, ranked among America’s 50 best hospitals by U.S. News & World Report in all 12 methodology-ranked specialties. The primary affiliate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, UH Case Medical Center is home to

some of the most prestigious clinical and research centers of excellence in the nation, including cancer, pediatrics, women's health, orthopaedics, radiology, neuroscience, cardiology and cardiovascular surgery, digestive health, transplantation and genetics. Its main campus includes UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, ranked among the top children's hospitals in the nation; UH MacDonald Women's Hospital, Ohio's only hospital for women; and UH Seidman Cancer Center, part of the NCI-designated Case Comprehensive Cancer Center at Case Western Reserve University. For more information, go to www.uhhospitals.org