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Baptist Health Care Foundation Receives \$100,000 Cigna Foundation Grant for Faith Health Network

PENSACOLA, Fla. (Dec. 19, 2019) – The Baptist Health Care Foundation received a \$100,000 grant from the Cigna Foundation through its World of Difference grant program to support Baptist Health Care’s Faith Health Network (FHN), a program that combines the many resources of the health care community with the strength of local congregations to promote the delivery of high quality health care.

“We are grateful to the Cigna Foundation for its support in the work of Faith Health Network,” said KC Gartman, chief development officer for Baptist Health Care. “This funding provides us the opportunity to hire an additional navigator to focus on serving our high utilization population of patients.”

The main objective of the program, supported in part by the Cigna Foundation’s grant, is to provide additional, non-clinical support to the most frequent users of the FHN through health care navigators. “We are proud to support Baptist Health Care’s long-standing commitment to improving the quality of health for individuals, their loved ones and the overall northwest Florida community,” said Susan Stith, executive director of the Cigna Foundation. “We share their focus on caring for the whole person and applaud the Faith Health Network’s efforts to help people thrive – in body, mind and spirit.”

Joy Sharp, community health program director, says she is confident of the impact that the Cigna grant will have. “This grant allows the FHN to reach more individuals in our community and improve their health care awareness,” Sharp said. “They will become more capable of chronic disease self-management and better utilize available health resources. Inpatient and outpatient encounters will be reduced, and the length between their hospital encounters will increase.”

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About the Cigna Foundation

The Cigna Foundation, established in 1962, is a private foundation funded by contributions from Cigna Corporation (NYSE: CI) and its subsidiaries. The Cigna Foundation supports organizations sharing its commitment to enhancing the health of individuals and families, and the well-being of their communities, with a special focus on those communities where Cigna employees live and work.

About Baptist Health Care

Baptist Health Care is a community-owned, not-for-profit health care organization based in northwest Florida that is committed to helping people throughout life’s journey. The organization is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. A 2003 Malcolm Baldrige recipient, Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, four medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Lakeview Center and a

large network of primary care and specialty physicians. With more than 7,300 employees and employed physicians, Baptist Health Care is the second largest non-governmental employer in northwest Florida.

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