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**TIMOTHY J. O'CONNOR RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FROM ST. JOSEPH HEALTH SYSTEM**

St. Joseph Health System Foundation is proud to announce on Saturday, October 10, 2009 Timothy J. O'Connor was honored at the health system's annual Gala with a lifetime achievement award for his service and dedication to the community and St. Joseph Health System. For more than 30 years, Mr. O'Connor has been involved with the health system by serving as Development Council Chair, Trustee and Chair of the health system's Board of Directors and currently Chairman of the Foundation Board of Directors.

Shelley Buresh, Executive Director of the Foundation said, "As was echoed by so many at the event on Saturday, we could not have selected a more deserving person than Tim to receive this year's Lifetime Achievement Award. He has and continues to be a true champion for St. Joseph Health System and the community. We are very blessed with his support and leadership."

Two hundred five guests attended the event which generated approximately \$18,000 to support the purchase of new state-of-the-art full-field digital mammography technology. The health system will offer digital mammography in January 2010.

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Picture Caption: Timothy J. O'Connor, Lifetime Achievement Award Winner and Patrick J. Murtha, President and CEO of St. Joseph Health System