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San Antonio Regional Hospital Announces Formation of the Lewis-San Antonio Healthy Communities Institute

UPLAND, CA (April 20, 2016) – San Antonio Regional Hospital has announced the formation of the Lewis-San Antonio Healthy Communities Institute. The Institute is the result of an innovative health partnership with Randall W. Lewis, Executive Vice President of the Lewis Group of Companies, one of the largest development companies in Southern California. Mr. Lewis not only provided the initial funding to launch and operationalize the Institute, his vision, leadership, and ardent desire to create healthier communities in the Inland Empire served as an inspiration for the work to be accomplished.

Randall Lewis has long been a respected industry leader, not only in developing the real estate infrastructure for healthy communities, but also as a visionary in promoting education, healthy living, and sustainable development initiatives. Many of the cities he has partnered with in residential development are participating in the Healthy Communities movement, which is a cross-sector initiative that is helping communities work together to improve health for all residents. In fact, several cities in our region are noted leaders in the Healthy Communities Program as a result of their comprehensive approach and the positive outcomes that have been achieved through their programs.

“The Lewis Group of Companies and the Lewis family treasure our relationship with San Antonio Regional Hospital” states Randall Lewis. “Over the years, my family has received healthcare services from the compassionate doctors, nurses, and support staff that make San Antonio truly an exceptional hospital. In addition to providing acute care in the hospital, San Antonio is becoming a leader in community health, and the Healthy Communities Institute will help to support and further enhance this role,” continues Lewis. “The Institute will serve as another step in our journey to engage people from many disciplines across various sectors, including hospitals, school districts, cities, and other health and social services organizations, in a collaborative effort to solve the healthcare challenges we face today. Together, our goal is to keep people out of the hospital by helping them to improve their own health, the health of their families, and the overall health of their communities.”
For decades, San Antonio Regional Hospital and the Lewis Group of Companies have worked together to improve health by providing access to high quality healthcare services in local communities throughout the region. San Antonio launched its first satellite facility in 1990 in the Lewis Terra Vista community. Through the development of Rancho San Antonio Medical Plaza, San Antonio forged a relationship with the Lewis Group to create healthy communities through policies, infrastructure, and access to exceptional healthcare services. The opening of Sierra San Antonio Medical Plaza at Sierra Lakes in Fontana in 2006, and most recently, Eastvale San Antonio Medical Plaza in the Eastvale Gateway Shopping Center in 2015, continued to expand this shared vision of improved community health by providing healthcare services in strategic locations easily accessed by people living and working in these growing communities. Through this collaborative effort, the Lewis Group of Companies and San Antonio Regional Hospital are improving health and healthcare services for people in our region.

“Randall’s passion for health is truly inspirational and not often observed outside of the healthcare industry,” states Harris F. Koenig, President and CEO of San Antonio Regional Hospital. “He is committed to improving the health of the communities he helps build, and he is involved in efforts at the local and regional level to create solutions through bold and innovative partnerships. His vision and leadership is driving results, and we are thrilled to be working closely with him to launch the Healthy Communities Institute. Together, we are committed to achieving our shared vision of healthier communities in our region.”

Like Mr. Lewis, San Antonio Regional Hospital and has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving the health of our region by forging new pathways, creating innovative solutions, promoting collaboration, and replicating successful programs. “We have enjoyed the opportunity to work with many of the cities in our region to address critical health issues,” states Cathy Rebman, Vice President of Community Outreach at San Antonio Regional Hospital. The Inland Empire has cardiac mortality rates that are among the highest in the state, a burgeoning incidence of diabetes, and an obesity epidemic that is impacting young children as well as adults. In response to these intractable problems, many local cities have built health components into their general plans, but they often need assistance in executing them. “The Healthy Communities Institute is designed to serve as a vehicle to help create innovative solutions and to support the efforts of local Healthy Cities by providing structure, programs, and specific training,” explains Rebman.

In addition to the growing incidence of chronic diseases, the Inland Empire is experiencing a shortage of healthcare workers to care for the people in our region. More physicians, nurses, technical and professional staff, and those who serve in supportive roles are needed to provide acute care and to help prevent and manage chronic diseases. The Healthy Communities Institute will join regional efforts to attract, train, and retain the best healthcare specialists to meet the needs of the ever-growing Inland Empire.

“We are excited to be working with Randall Lewis to launch the Healthy Communities Institute,” states Mike Tracey, President of San Antonio Hospital Foundation. “Randall is a true visionary. We value our collaborative relationship and are proud of the results as we have worked together to bring healthcare services to communities throughout the region. With the establishment of the Institute, we look forward to achieving major milestones in our journey to achieve healthier communities our region.”
**About Randall W. Lewis**

With over 40-years’ experience in the real estate industry, Randall Lewis is Executive Vice President and a Principal of Lewis Management Corp., a member of the Lewis Group of Companies. Randall oversees the marketing activities for all regions of the organization. His broad areas of expertise include land acquisition, market research, product design, advertising, and sales.

Randall is an active and philanthropic supporter of health, education, and the arts. He is the co-chair of the San Bernardino County Alliance for Education, and serves on several executive boards, including the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy and the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. Randall also serves on the Executive Board of the Southern California Association of Governments, as well as the Southern California Leadership Council. Randall is a past Trustee of the Urban Land Institute, as well as a current Governor of the Urban Land Institute Foundation.

Recognizing his hard work and dedication to the community, Randall has received numerous prestigious awards, including the 2014 Southern California Association of Government’s President’s Award for Sustainability Leader of the Year and the 2014 Urban Land Institute’s Bob Santos Industry Leadership Award in Sustainable Community Development. Randall and his wife, Janell sponsor the Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship and he is heavily involved in the Healthy Cities movement in the Inland Empire.

**About San Antonio Regional Hospital**

San Antonio Regional Hospital in Upland, California is a 271-bed, nonprofit, acute care hospital that combines excellent clinical care with exceptional compassion. The award-winning hospital offers a comprehensive range of general medical and surgical services, along with the latest technological advances in cardiac care, cancer care, orthopedics, neurosciences, women’s health, maternity and neonatal care, and emergency services. Since 1907, San Antonio Regional Hospital has emerged as a premier regional medical facility with satellite locations across the rapidly expanding Inland Empire. The hospital is nearing completion of a major expansion project that will add a new 52-bed emergency department and a 92-bed patient tower comprised of 80 private rooms and 12 critical care beds on its main hospital campus. The expansion positions San Antonio as a hospital of the future, offering state-of-the-art healthcare services in a healing environment that is focused on the patient and family. To learn more, visit sarh.org.

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