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**St. Vincent's HealthCare Receives National Recognition
For Quality and Safety Initiatives**

Jacksonville, FL (Nov. 13, 2013) –St. Vincent's HealthCare has a long history of providing high quality, compassionate care to the people of our region. Now those efforts are being recognized by multiple organizations.

The Joint Commission, the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in healthcare, recently named St. Vincent's Riverside and St. Vincent's Southside as Top Performers on Key Quality Measures. The Joint Commission measures performance in the treatment of conditions like heart attacks and heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care and stroke to determine Top Performer placement.

“I am proud of our entire team for being so dedicated to improving outcomes, preventing medical errors and reducing hospital acquired infections. It is this kind of healthcare environment that patients in our community want and deserve,” said Moody Chisholm, CEO & President of St. Vincent's HealthCare.

In addition to the Joint Commission's Top Performer recognition, St. Vincent's HealthCare is proud to announce it received a Hospital Safety Score Rating of an A from the Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit organization which uses publicly reported data to rate hospitals. The Hospital Safety Score assigns an A, B, C, D or F letter grade to hospitals based on safety in preventing errors, infections, injuries and medication mix-ups. Both St. Vincent's Riverside and St. Vincent's Southside received an A grade.

“This award demonstrates to patients our ongoing commitment of achieving the highest national standards for safety and quality of care,” said Jody Saffert, Director of Performance Improvement for St. Vincent's Riverside.

Our Mission, passion and dedication to our patients is evident as we receive both of these awards. Our goal is to provide a safe, compassionate environment for our patients to help them improve their health and their lives.

To learn more about St. Vincent's HealthCare's many services and programs, visit www.jaxhealth.com.

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St. Vincent's HealthCare includes: St. Vincent's Riverside, St. Vincent's Southside, St. Vincent's Clay County, St. Catherine Labouré Manor, St. Vincent's Primary Care, Consolidated Laboratories, St. Vincent's Ambulance Service, Seton Pharmacies and Consolidated Pharmacies. St. Vincent's Medical Center was founded by the Daughters of Charity in 1916 to provide health services to the sick and the poor of North Florida. St. Luke's Hospital, now St. Vincent's Southside was founded in 1873 by three women who saw the need for medical care in the community. It stands as Florida's oldest private hospital. St. Vincent's HealthCare is a member of Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic and nonprofit health system with more than 100,000 associates serving in 70 general acute care hospitals.