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**Bon Secours Virginia Opens St. Francis Watkins Centre
*Comprehensive Emergency and Ambulatory Care Facility to Meet Patient Needs
And Add 100 New Jobs to Chesterfield County***

RICHMOND, Va. - (Oct. 26, 2011) – Bon Secours Virginia Health System is pleased to announce that St. Francis Watkins Centre, Chesterfield’s newest health care facility, will open its doors to the community on Nov. 1. Phase I of the project includes a freestanding emergency department—the first of its kind in Central Virginia—with 16 patient bays and a comprehensive diagnostic imaging center with CT, MRI and ultrasound. Bone density scanning, mammography services and a breast surgery practice will open Dec. 5.

Located in the northwest part of Chesterfield County at the corner of Midlothian Turnpike and Route 288, St. Francis Watkins Centre will serve three large residential and commercial areas of Chesterfield, as well as Powhatan, Amelia, Goochland and Western Henrico counties. The Bon Secours facility will increase access to emergency services for local EMS and residents of these communities. Should advanced care be required, Watkins Centre is prepared to swiftly transfer patients to Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center, less than five miles away.

In addition to emergency services, Watkins Centre’s combination of women’s imaging and breast surgery will provide a coordinated experience of care unparalleled in the Chesterfield area.

“We committed to Southside five years ago when we built St. Francis Medical Center,” said Peter J. Bernard, CEO of Bon Secours Virginia. “As Chesterfield grows, Bon Secours is ready to meet the health care needs of this community. Watkins Centre will serve as an important local center for emergency, ambulatory and preventive care.”

According to Chesterfield County officials, the Midlothian area surrounding Watkins Centre is projected to grow significantly over the next five to 10 years, creating a need for more medical services to accommodate the growing population. Demand for emergency services at St. Francis Medical Center is already nearing capacity.

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Watkins Centre will also make a positive economic impact on the Chesterfield community, creating about 100 new jobs and relocating about 100 employees from other parts of the Richmond metropolitan area.

Construction of Phase I of Watkins Centre began in May and was completed on schedule for the November opening. Phase II is expected to open in February 2012 and will bring the total square feet of medical space at Watkins Centre to 100,000 with an additional building with primary care, obstetrics and gynecology and internal medicine physician practices.

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About Bon Secours Virginia Health System

Bon Secours Virginia provides good help to thousands of Virginians through a network of hospitals, primary and specialty care practices, ambulatory care sites and continuing care facilities across the Commonwealth. The not-for-profit health system employs about 11,000 people, including nearly 300 physicians as part of the Bon Secours Medical Group.

The fourth largest and only faith-based health system in Virginia, Bon Secours Virginia offers a full range of services including cardiac, women's, children's, orthopaedics, oncology, neurosciences and surgery at seven award-winning hospitals.

- Bon Secours Richmond is St. Mary's Hospital, Memorial Regional Medical Center, Richmond Community Hospital and St. Francis Medical Center
- Bon Secours Hampton Roads is Maryview Medical Center, DePaul Medical Center and Mary Immaculate Hospital

About Bon Secours Richmond Foundation

Bon Secours' ministry of providing good help to those in need is supported by the Bon Secours Richmond Foundation, which raises funds to create healthy communities, advance clinical innovation and provide an extraordinary experience of care.