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***AcuityHealthcare* Announces Plans to Expand Into Wichita Market**

(Austin, TX) *AcuityHealthcare*, LP, a privately held company specializing in Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) specialty hospitals, has signed a Letter of Intent to purchase the Wichita Specialty Hospital from Fundamental Healthcare, headquartered in Sparks, MD.

The Wichita Specialty Hospital is a 26 bed, LTAC facility located in southeast Wichita at 8080 E. Pawnee Street. The hospital, which opened in 1993, is one of two LTAC facilities in Wichita and was the first specialty hospital of its kind in the state of Kansas

“This is an exciting development for our hospital,” noted Phyllis Williams, CEO of the Wichita Specialty Hospital. “We are thrilled by *Acuity’s* focus on quality, which has proven to be so effective in delivering improved patient outcomes and outstanding patient, family, physician and employee satisfaction.”

Upon the closing of the transaction, which is expected to occur within 60 days, the hospital will be renamed the *Acuity* Hospital of Kansas.

“Wichita is a great city with a wonderful medical community. Through our plans for this fine hospital, we hope to contribute to the high quality care provided by the area’s physicians and hospitals,” said Ed Cooper, President and CEO of *AcuityHealthcare*. “This is a unique opportunity for *Acuity* and for me personally, it is something of a homecoming as I am a WSU graduate.”

Within 18 months of the purchase, *Acuity* will relocate the current hospital to a new, expanded facility designed and constructed to meet the unique needs and specialized care requirements of high acuity, medically complex patients who need intensive hospitalization for extended time periods. – The new facility will be located in a centralized Wichita location which will be more convenient for patients, families, physicians and the referring hospitals.

“We are very supportive of the expansion plans of *AcuityHealthcare*,” said Sam Serrill, FACHE, Chief Operating Officer, at Wesley Medical Center. “*Acuity* is a highly respected company with an outstanding national reputation for providing high quality LTAC services. We are particularly delighted by the convenience and enhanced continuity of care *Acuity* will bring to patients, families and physicians.”

“With *Acuity’s* expertise the expanded hospital will offer much-needed services to area patients and their families,” said Mark Bowles, MD.

ABOUT ACUITYHEALTHCARE, LP

AcuityHealthcare, based in Austin, TX, owns and manages 11 LTAC hospitals in New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Arizona. In addition, Acuity is currently developing a 40-bed LTAC hospital in collaboration with the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, VA, a 30-bed LTAC hospital with the AtlantiCare Health System in Atlantic City, NJ and is acquiring a 35-bed LTAC hospital in San Antonio, TX.

Acuity is one of the fastest growing companies in its field. For further information on Acuity Healthcare visit <http://www.acuityhealthcare.net/>.