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C.A.R.E to Dine Raises Nearly $30,000 - Doubles Last Year's Results

St. Mary Board Member Rocky Suares dines out with family and friends at La Strada in Belmont Shore.

Long Beach, CA – October 10, 2012 – Nearly $30,000 was raised at the annual St. Mary Medical Center **C.A.R.E. to Dine** Event held on Thursday, September 27, doubling last year's efforts. There were 28 Long Beach restaurants that participated by donating 20% of their proceeds for the day.

"We would like to thank the Long Beach area restaurants who participated in this event, as well as everyone who dined out," said Miguel Gutierrez, C.A.R.E. Program director. "Thank you for caring!"

Over 60 community groups and many more individuals throughout the city participated in C.A.R.E. to Dine including The Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Center, Long Beach Front Runners, St. Matthew's Church, Long Beach Pride, Out & About, CSULB students and St. Mary Medical Center employees.

The event's official after party was hosted by C.A.R.E. to Dine Honorary Chair, Vice Mayor Robert Garcia, at participating restaurant The Sky Room. Around 100 guests enjoyed live music and had the opportunity to participate in a drawing to win 2 round-trip tickets anywhere in the U.S., generously donated by **Jet Blue Airways**.

Money raised from the C.A.R.E. to Dine event will be used to fund the C.A.R.E food pantry and to provide nutrition services for clients.

About St. Mary Medical Center
Founded by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in 1923, St. Mary Medical Center, a member of Dignity Health, offers a full continuum of primary and secondary acute care services to the Greater Long Beach community. With more than 600 physicians, 1,456 employees and 389 private rooms, St. Mary is committed to providing a unique balance of leading edge technology, while ensuring dignity and compassionate care of body, mind and spirit to the community it serves. For more information, please visit us at http://www.stmarymedicalcenter.org.