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Maristhill Nursing & Rehab Center Recognized for Environmental Programs through Partnership Award

WALTHAM, MA – (May 20, 2009) **Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**, a non-profit provider of rehabilitative services, short-term and long-term care located in Waltham Massachusetts, was honored today with a “Partner Recognition Award” by **Practice Greenhealth**, a national membership organization for health care facilities committed to environmentally responsible operations.

The award is one of the organization’s Environmental Excellence Awards given each year to honor outstanding environmental achievements in the health care industry.

“Maristhill has been singled out for their efforts to protect patient health and preserve the environment,” said **Bob Jarboe**, Executive Director of Practice Greenhealth. Their approach to health care demonstrates a keen understanding of the impact our activities have on the environment and a commitment to build on the achievements they have made so far.”

“All of us at Maristhill are proud of this award and appreciate being recognized by Practice Greenhealth,” said **Carolyn Fenn**, Maristhill’s Administrator. “We have always been respectful of the environment and will continue to work on making improvements in support of green initiatives.”

Practice Greenhealth is the nation’s leading membership and networking organization for institutions in the healthcare community that have made a commitment to sustainable, eco-friendly practices. Additional information can be found at www.practicegreenhealth.org.

Originally founded in 1969 by the Marist Missionary Sisters, Maristhill is a licensed skilled-nursing and rehabilitation center with a highly-recognized performance record for clinical excellence and quality care. People of all faiths and denominations are welcomed at the 123-bed facility, which is a member of **Covenant Health Systems**, a Catholic health care system sponsoring hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living residences and other health and elder services throughout New England. For additional information please contact Ms. Carolyn Fenn, Administrator, at (781) 893-0240 or visit

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