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STAR AND BARRY TOBIAS HEALTH AWARENESS CENTER ACHIEVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION STATUS

MILWAUKEE, WI – The National Association of Health Education Centers is honored to award accreditation status to CentraState Healthcare System’s Star and Barry Tobias Health Awareness Center. Located in Freehold, New Jersey, the Health Awareness Center includes the Student Health Awareness Center, the Michelle and Jennifer Tobias Adventure to Health interactive learning experience, and the Novo Nordisk Diabetes Center. The Center offers a wide range of health-education and lifestyle-management programs that empower children and adults to take control of their health and improve their well-being.

In response to achieving accreditation, Executive Director Maryann Roper, RN, MA said, “It is an honor and privilege to be recognized by the prestigious National Association of Health Education Centers. The award validates the efforts put forth by our highly qualified team of nurses, dietitians, and educators who strive to provide quality health education programs to our schools, community, and businesses. “

National Association of Health Education Center accreditation brings national recognition to a health education program for its commitment to excellence, accountability, high professional standards, and continued institutional improvement. The NAHEC Accreditation Program serves as the field's primary vehicle for quality assurance, self-regulation, and public accountability. Developed and sustained by health education professionals, the program reflects, reinforces, and promotes best practices, institutional ethics, and the highest standards of health education program operations.

The Accreditation process, which includes an extensive self-study and peer review process, ensures that accredited members are credible and accountable in their educational programming and delivery. The process certifies that both institutions have undergone a rigorous process of self-assessment as well as review by its peers and they fulfill their obligations to the public as set forth in their individual missions.

For more information about NAHEC or its Accreditation Program, visit www.nahec.org.

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About the National Association of Health Education Centers (NAHEC)

Established in 1989, the National Association of Health Education Centers (NAHEC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting a national network of organizations that provide health education programs. Through this network, over 3.7 million children and adults receive health education that empowers them to actively participate in creating healthier communities.

For more information about the National Association of Health Education Centers, please visit www.nahec.org.

About the Star and Barry Tobias Health Awareness Center

CentraState Health Care System's award-winning Star and Barry Tobias Health Awareness Center (HAC) , located at the Star and Barry Tobias Ambulatory Campus in Freehold, NJ, includes the Student Health Awareness Center, the Michelle and Jennifer Tobias Adventure to Health interactive learning experience, and the Novo Nordisk Diabetes Center. The Health Awareness Center offers a wide range of health-education and lifestyle-management programs to the community, schools and businesses that empower individuals of all ages to take control of their health and improve their well-being.

For more information about the Star and Barry Tobias Health Awareness Center, please visit www.centrastate.com

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