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**HCA MIDWEST HEALTH SYSTEM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER SARAH RICHARDSON
NAMED AS A KANSAS CITY BUSINESS JOURNAL 25 WOMEN WHO MEAN BUSINESS**

*Dedicated professional receives prestigious recognition as a result of dynamic, results-oriented leadership
and community service.*

KANSAS CITY, MO.—(Sept. 3, 2013) — Sarah Richardson means business. Serving as Chief Information Officer for HCA Midwest Health System since 2010, Richardson is a dynamic and results-oriented leader who has enhanced the strong patient care tradition of Kansas City’s largest healthcare provider.

Richardson began her HCA career in 2005 in the Far West Division in Las Vegas, Nev. She moved to the healthcare leader’s corporate headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. in 2007 and relocated to Kansas City in 2010 when she assumed the role of CIO.

When Richardson was named to the *Kansas City Business Journal* prestigious annual 25 Women Who Mean Business list earlier this summer, it came as no surprise to the HCA Midwest Health System executives who work alongside her.

“Sarah Richardson is an exemplary employee who personifies the excellence of HCA Midwest Health System,” says M.L. Lagarde, President, HCA Midwest Health System. “Anyone who has worked with Sarah can tell you she is very driven and passionate — not just about work, but also about her community. That is a key value for HCA Midwest Health System as we build our future leaders.”

In her current role Richardson has helped HCA Midwest Health System attain criteria-driven objective measures. Richardson previously served as Director of Field Operations at HCA corporate headquarters in Nashville where she implemented models that helped strengthen the customer service experience and demographic-driven business needs fulfillment. In addition, Richardson has worked as Division Information Security Official for the Far West Division of HCA, Henderson, Nev.; and Director, Information Services & Technology, HCA’s Mountain View Hospital, Las Vegas, Nev.

“Sarah’s 19 years of experience in managing teams through complex challenges with proven leadership illustrates her passion about adding value to an organization through strategic vision and operational excellence,” says Clifton Mills, Chief Financial Officer, HCA Midwest Health System. “We are proud that Sarah’s efforts not only in the business arena but in community service have been recognized with this well-deserved honor.”

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**SARAH RICHARDSON, HCA MIDWEST HEALTH SYSTEM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER,
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Community service is an important element in Richardson's life. She was Vice President Membership for the not-for-profit HIMSS Heart of America (2011-2012); Board Member for Happy Tales Humane (2010; Franklin, Tenn.); and Board Member for Monroe Harding Inc. (2009-2010; Nashville). She chaired the HCA Hope Fund (2010); was a team leader of Caring for the Community Campaign (HCA-sponsored, 2009); and served as Area Governor of Toastmasters International (2011-2012), founding the MidAmerica Division Chapter in 2011. Currently Richardson is a Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City.

Richardson completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the MBA program through the University of Phoenix. In 2010 she also attended the Scarlett Leadership Institute Executive Program.

"I am thrilled for this recognition of my work with HCA Midwest Health System and in the community and honored to be named among this group of such highly accomplished women," Richardson says.

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About HCA Midwest Health System

HCA Midwest Health System is the Kansas City area's largest healthcare provider consisting of 10 hospitals, outpatient centers, clinics, physician practices, surgery centers and an array of other services to meet the healthcare needs of the greater Kansas City area. HCA Midwest Health System is also the area's largest private sector employer with more than 9,000 employees, the largest provider of charity and uncompensated care, and annually donates more than \$1.2 million to local charities. Since April 2003, HCA Midwest Health System has invested more than \$845 million to enhance and expand patient services and has paid more than \$216 million in taxes to local communities. HCA Midwest Health System facilities serving the Kansas City area include Allen County Regional Hospital, Belton Regional Medical Center, Cass Regional Medical Center, Centerpoint Medical Center, Lafayette Regional Health Center, Lee's Summit Medical Center, Menorah Medical Center, Overland Park Regional Medical Center, Research Medical Center and Research Psychiatric Center. Midwest Physicians, which is part of HCA Midwest Health System, is a network of experienced, multi-specialty physicians located throughout the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area. Midwest Physicians currently represents 344 physicians, including 142 primary care providers and 197 specialists with 80 physician practices providing care in 146 locations to serve the community. The physicians, licensed professionals and support staff who comprise the HCA Midwest Health System team are dedicated to improving healthcare in the Greater Kansas City and outlying areas. For more information, visit hcamidwest.com.