



## **United Medical Center Culminates Award Winning Year With Appointment of Frank Delisi as Chief Executive Officer**

**Washington, DC (November 20, 2008)** – United Medical Center (UMC) announced today the formal appointment of Frank G. DeLisi, III as their Chief Executive Officer. DeLisi is an accomplished Healthcare Executive with over 20 years of experience in strategic leadership.

“When the need for a new CEO arose at UMC, we knew we needed someone with a vast amount of experience; who could come in and instantly set a course for the direction of the hospital,” said Eric Rieseberg, who serves as both the President of Specialty Hospitals of America (SHA), and Chairman and President of UMC. “Frank embodied all of the characteristics we were looking for in a CEO and we’re thankful to have him at our institution.”

Most recently, DeLisi served at Lincoln Park Hospital in Chicago, where he acted as President and CEO. While there, he created and instilled a vision for the hospital to distinguish itself based on quality, service and efficiency, while providing a positive and accountable experience. Prior to his work at Lincoln Park Hospital, DeLisi had two stints in Pittsburgh, PA—3 years as Senior Vice President and COO at Allegheny General Hospital and 3 years as President and CEO at Suburban General Hospital, both part of the West Pennsylvania Allegheny Health System and as CEO and Regional Administrator with HealthSouth Harmarville Rehabilitation Hospital.

“I’ve always been fascinated and inspired by the medical community and the hospital environment and its collective mission to care for the sick and promote wellness,” DeLisi said. “Patients are not just patients – they are our community, our neighbors, friends and family.” United Medical Center exists today, through a partnership with the District of Columbia and a result of the visionary leadership of the Mayor and City Council. As the only DC Hospital east of the Anacostia River, UMC holds dear its responsibility to cater to the healthcare of our 140,000 neighbors and residents of the adjoining Maryland and Virginia communities.

DeLisi expressed that the most important challenge will be restoring the community’s trust after failing to demonstrate high quality in the past. “In years past, there was such a disengagement and separation of the hospital from its local community,” DeLisi states. “With the current capital investment in facility upgrades and equipment, a fully committed and competent medical staff, support of District Leadership and a growing confidence within the community, we are seeing this trust being regained.”

Although DeLisi is a recent DC transplant, he foresees a smooth transition from Chicago to the Nation’s Capital due to the nature of UMC. “The not-so-hidden asset of UMC is the passion, dedication and enthusiasm of the hospital staff. I remember feeling instantly energized the first time I walked through the doors at UMC. Each day, our staff provides that same sense of energy, compassion and caring to our patients, families and visitors,” DeLisi said. “United Medical Center has established a strong foundation over its first year and I feel privileged to join a team committed to further strengthening UMC and solidifying its status as a tremendous asset within this community.”



About United Medical Center

United Medical Center (formerly known as Greater Southeast Community Hospital) has provided medical and community services to residents of the Washington metropolitan area since 1965. Under the leadership of Specialty Hospitals of America, LLC, United Medical Center is committed to its evolution into a full-service, state-of-the-art facility where physicians and staff provide expertise in medical and surgical specialties with the combined results of improved patient care and a sustainable business model.

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