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**A PUBLIC PROGRAM ON “FRANCISCAN HISTORY” TO BE
PRESENTED OCTOBER 5 BY ST. ELIZABETH’S HOSPITAL CEO**

Belleville – In 1875, three sisters of the religious order The Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis traveled from their Motherhouse in Muenster, Germany to begin a healthcare mission in Belleville. They were following the example set by St. Francis of Assisi, who dedicated his life to caring for those who were poor and rejected by society. It is these missions of caring that guide St. Elizabeth’s Hospital to this day.

On **Monday, October 5, 2009**, St. Elizabeth’s Hospital President and CEO Kevin Shrake, along with his wife Kathy, will present a pictorial program on “An Evening of Franciscan History.” They will recount their recent pilgrimage following in the footsteps of the founding sisters. The evening starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Centennial Room of the hospital with refreshments followed by the presentation, which begins at 7:00pm.

The Shrakes visited Telgte and Muenster, Germany, and Assisi and Rome in Italy. Seating is limited. Registration is requested by calling 234-2120, ext. 1594.