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## Joint Township District Hospital Foundation Announces New Executive Director

*Linda Haines to Replace Karen Ryals Following Her Retirement.*

ST MARY'S, Ohio (May 8, 2013)—Grand Lake Health System, a nonprofit health care provider serving residents of the Grand Lake region, announced today that Karen Ryals is retiring from her position as Executive Director of the Joint Township District Hospital Foundation. Ryals will be replaced by Linda Haines who currently serves as Director of Home Health and Hospice Services. Haines will begin her transition and officially assume her new role on May 31 after Ryals's departure.

Ryals served as Executive Director of the Foundation for more than six years. During her tenure, she led efforts to raise more than \$400,000 annually. Each year, she increased the gross amount of funds raised, and in her final capital campaign, Ryals secured more than \$1.2 million for Grand Lake Health System's new surgery center.

"Karen Ryals was a tremendous asset to our team and we wish her all the best, said President and CEO Kevin Harlan. "While we will miss Karen and are grateful for her contributions, we are confident that Linda will provide the same quality leadership the Foundation needs at this time."

Haines started with Grand Lake Health System in 1979 following nursing school. She then moved into the homecare division in 1988 as a staff nurse and assumed her role as Director of Home Health and Hospice Services in 1995. In her new role, Haines will focus on continuing to foster positive relationships with the community while building new ones.

"We are very excited to have Linda on board in this new position," said Harlan. "She not only has a vast amount of experience in health care, but she also has local ties to the community and understands how to cultivate long-lasting relationships."

In addition to her new role, Haines will still oversee the management functions of the home health and hospice services available at Grand Lake Health System.

### About Grand Lake Health System

Grand Lake Health System is a mission-driven, nonprofit healthcare provider serving the Grand Lake Region of West Central Ohio since 1953. Grand Lake Health System includes over 150 physicians and 800 health care professionals who deliver comprehensive, high-quality care to patients from 10 centers of excellence and 13 affiliated practices throughout the region. Grand Lake's largest facility is Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, located in St. Marys, Ohio. Grand Lake Physician Practices includes Grand Lake Family Practice and Pediatrics, Wapakoneta Primary Care, Grand Lake Primary Care at St. Marys, Grand Lake OB/GYN and Miami & Erie Family Practice & Pediatrics. For more information about Grand Lake Health System, visit [www.GrandLakeHealth.org](http://www.GrandLakeHealth.org) and [Facebook.com/GrandLakeHealth](https://www.facebook.com/GrandLakeHealth). — ■