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Covenant Medical Center CEO Spencer Maidlow is Named Michigan's Top Hospital and Patient Care Advocate for 2009

LANSING — Covenant Medical Center Inc. Chief Executive Officer Spencer Maidlow today was recognized as Michigan's top hospital and patient grassroots advocate at the Michigan Health & Hospital Association's (MHA) annual meeting.

Maidlow was honored as Michigan's 2009 Grassroots Champion, an award granted annually by the American Hospital Association (AHA), for "effectively delivering the hospital message to elected officials, broadening the base of community support for hospitals, and working tirelessly on behalf of patients, hospitals and health systems."

"Mr. Maidlow is more than a hospital grassroots advocacy champion," said MHA President Spencer Johnson. "Covenant Medical Center and its staff, led by Spencer Maidlow, are true professionals dedicated to delivering high-quality, cost-effective care to their community."

Johnson said that patients and their families across the Saginaw region and all of Michigan benefit from Covenant's advocacy efforts. He added that Maidlow continually builds strong relationships with state and federal officials and delivers straightforward and compelling messages on the importance of protecting critically needed Medicaid and Medicare funding.

"I am honored to accept the 2009 Grassroots Champion award on behalf of Covenant Medical Center. My dedicated staff works tirelessly to care for our community, while also educating our elected leaders in Lansing and Washington, D.C., about the fragile state of health care and the dire need for adequate funding for those serve patients across Michigan," Maidlow stated. "I would also like to express gratitude to, during these difficult economic times, those legislators that have recognized the needs of our state's most vulnerable citizens and worked to protect health care funding from massive cuts."

Based in Lansing, the MHA represents all 144 nonprofit community hospitals in the state and successfully advocates on behalf of hospitals and the patients they serve. The MHA addresses key issues in the legislative and regulatory arenas to advance initiatives that protect quality, cost-effective and accessible care. To learn more, visit www.MHA.org.

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