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Richard C. Watts Named Chair of California Pacific Medical Center Foundation

(San Francisco, February 11, 2009) Richard C. Watts has been named as the new Chair of the Board of Trustees of the California Pacific Medical Center Foundation, the philanthropic arm of CPMC.

“This is a tremendous honor” says Watts. “The work of the Foundation is vital to the overall health of California Pacific and to the health of San Francisco as a whole. With the economy in such distress, with people losing their jobs and their health care, the work that we do at the Foundation in helping provide a safety net for those most in need has become ever more important.”

Watts is a long-time supporter of CPMC and its newest campus, St. Luke’s. He was the Chair of the Board of Trustees at St. Luke’s while it was an independent hospital, and also served on the St. Luke’s Board. He says that experience will prove invaluable in his new role. “CPMC has an outstanding reputation for providing high-quality services and some of the most advanced medical and surgical procedures in the world. The merger of St. Luke’s into CPMC sends a clear, tangible message that the same quality and experience is available to all patients, regardless of their financial situation.”

“We are delighted to have Dick join us as Chair of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees” says Martin Brotman, M.D., President and CEO of California Pacific Medical Center. “The passion and experience he brings to the role are going to be vital in helping the Foundation, as it goes through a period of transition.”

Watts succeeds Gail Glasser, who is stepping down after serving as Chair for three years. Glasser, who will continue to serve on the Board, says she considers one of her most important achievements was getting Watts to agree to take over the Chair.

“I feel I am entrusting my ‘family’ to Dick’s experienced and capable leadership,” says Glasser. “I can’t wait to continue working for him and I wish him the same pleasure I have had as we both carry on this essential work.”

Watts brings more than four decades of management experience in the business and technology world to the Foundation. He worked at Hewlett Packard for many years, holding the post of Vice President of Global Sales before moving into the venture capital and high tech worlds where he served as President and CEO of ConvergeNet Technologies, a data storage company, and Scale Eight, an internet storage services firm.

Watts says he hopes his years of experience will help him develop new philanthropic partnerships with the business community. “We have to reach out to everyone, from individuals to corporations, to show that the health of the City depends on the health of the hospitals serving them, from the richest to the poorest.”

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At San Francisco’s California Pacific Medical Center, we believe in the power of medicine. We research the most up-to-date treatments, hire the most qualified individuals, and practice the most modern, innovative medicine available. We deliver the highest quality expert care, with kindness and compassion, in acute, post-acute and outpatient services, as well as preventive and complementary medicine. But we also believe that medicine alone is only part of the solution. That’s why we look intently at each individual case and treat the whole person, not just the illness. It’s why we go beyond medical care and provide our patients with things like disease counseling, family support and wellness treatments. As one of California’s largest private, community-based, not-for-profit, teaching medical centers, and a Sutter Health affiliate, we are able to reach deep into our community to provide education, screening and financial support in some of the city’s most underserved neighborhoods. Medicine can transform a body. But going beyond medicine can transform a life. www.cpmc.org

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