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White Memorial Medical Center donates \$10,000 to Kongju National University in South Korea

Los Angeles, CA, August 4, 2014 – To better meet the health care needs of the Korean population in Southern California, White Memorial Medical Center leadership with COPE Health Solutions, took a trip to South Korea to understand the culture and health care system. Part of the trip was dedicated to meeting with faculty from Kongju National University’s College of Nursing and Health. The goal was to develop partnerships to help educate future health care providers in cultural competency.

The non-profit organizations share the mission to teach and continue excellent medical education, not just limited to clinical studies. The funds will be put toward Kongju University’s HCP PLUS Program which stands for Health Care Provider with Professionalism, Leadership, Upgrade of International Ability and Service. The program subsidizes travel for students to the US with the objective to learn about the health care system and cultural differences. Two groups will visit White Memorial Medical Center in early August and spend a day to learn about hospital operations and United States health care.

White Memorial’s Regional Senior Vice President Roland Fargo says, “We are dedicated to becoming culturally sensitive in providing health care and we recognize the importance of this skill not just in our facility; we hope the funds enable more students to learn about health care in the United States. There is also tremendous opportunity for us to learn from the Korean health care system.”

COPE Health Solutions partners with White Memorial Medical Center and 13 other hospital sites throughout Southern California and Seattle, Washington to provide unparalleled educational experiences for international students and health care professionals. The experiences include customized didactic education coupled with integration into a patient care team and cross-cultural engagement with US and other global health care students and professionals. Participants are provided with an invaluable experience to explore, engage, and understand the U.S. health care system providing them with an understanding of how people in the US experience health care and an introduction to best practices that they may find useful throughout their careers.

“We are very proud to partner with White Memorial Medical Center and look forward to working closely with Mr. Fargo, his team and Kongju University and other Korean universities, hospitals and professional organizations to cultivate a global health workforce that is diverse and culturally competent. COPE Health Solutions has trained over 25,000 US and global pre-health and health care professionals over the past 12 years and we are committed to providing both US and international health care students and professionals with experiences that will train them as global practitioners well prepared to care for diverse populations and cultures. ” Allen Miller, Chief Executive Officer of COPE Health Solutions

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About White Memorial Medical Center

White Memorial Medical Center is a 353-bed not-for-profit, faith-based, teaching hospital, which provides a full range of inpatient, outpatient, emergency and diagnostic services to communities in and near downtown Los Angeles.

About COPE Health Solutions

COPE Health Solutions is a leading health care corporation based in Los Angeles, California which partners with hospitals, physician groups, health plans, clinics and other health care organizations to help them achieve visionary, market relevant health care solutions. For more information on COPE Health Solutions and the Global Health Experiences visit our website at www.copehealthsolutions.org or contact Vanessa Alvarez at valvarez@copehealthsolutions.org or (213)542-2233.

About Kongju National University

Kongju National University was originally established as a Provincial Teachers College in 1948, but quickly grew after it was designated as a university in 1991. The University now consists of three specialized campuses in Gongju, Yesan and Cheonan, which together are referred to as KNU Tri-Campus, and it has seven colleges and a graduate school, and six professional schools, comprising more than 22,000 students in total.