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Lofton Tops Denver Business Journal's Annual Power Book Rankings

CHI's CEO Top the List in Health Care Category

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. – Sept. 15, 2014 -- Kevin E. Lofton, the top executive of Catholic Health Initiatives for the last 11 years, has been ranked No. 1 in the health care category in the *Denver Business Journal's* newly released "Power Book" directory, an annual listing of the metropolitan area's top business newsmakers.

The "Power Book" directory is an exclusive ranking of prominent Denver-area business leaders in 14 separate categories -- including health care, architecture, real estate, tourism and communications -- who made a significant impact in their industries over the last year.

Finalists in the health care category included Lofton, the chief executive officer of one of the nation's largest nonprofit health systems, and ten other notable Denver-area health care leaders, including Kent Thiry, chairman and chief executive officer of dialysis giant DaVita Inc.; and Gary Campbell, president and chief executive officer of Centura Health, a joint operating agreement between CHI and the Adventist Health System and Colorado's largest health system.

Last month, Lofton was listed No. 11 in *Modern Healthcare* magazine's annual list of "The 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare." It was the highest ranking ever for Lofton, who has appeared on the national magazine's prestigious listing for 10 consecutive years, including last year, when he was No. 30.

About Catholic Health Initiatives: Catholic Health Initiatives, a nonprofit, faith-based health system formed in 1996 through the consolidation of four Catholic health systems, expresses its

mission each day by creating and nurturing healthy communities in the hundreds of sites across the nation where it provides care. One of the nation's largest health systems, Englewood, Colo.-based CHI operates in 18 states and comprises 93 hospitals, including four academic health centers and teaching hospitals and 24 critical-access facilities; community health-services organizations; accredited nursing colleges; home-health agencies; and other facilities that span the inpatient and outpatient continuum of care. In fiscal year 2013, CHI provided \$762 million in charity care and community benefit, including services for the poor, free clinics, education and research. Learn more at www.catholichealthinitiatives.com