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**Mercy Hospital Inc. Recognized as a Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital
by The Chartis Center for Rural Health**

February 15, 2023 – Mercy Hospital Inc. in Moundridge, KS, today announced it has been recognized as a 2023 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital. Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, this annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation’s rural hospitals based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX™.

“This acknowledgement reflects the tremendous effort and commitment demonstrated by our staff through caring every day. Mercy employees do more than show up, they exemplify our mission, vision, and values through compassionate care. Special recognition goes to Verla Friesen, RN, who has led our Quality Department for many years, ensuring that the focus is always on the best outcome for the patient.” said Aaron Herbel, Mercy Hospital Administrator.

“Across the nation, top 100 rural providers continue to serve as a source of inspiration for hospital leadership teams and staff working diligently every day to improve the delivery of care within their local communities,” said Michael Topchik, National Leader, the Chartis Center for Rural Health. “The list of award winners in each category is as geographically diverse as we’ve seen in some time, which is wonderful to see. We’re thrilled to be able to honor the outstanding efforts of these top performing rural hospitals.”

Now in its 13th year, the INDEX has established itself as the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging publicly available data, the INDEX is trusted by rural hospitals, health systems with rural affiliates, hospital associations and state offices of rural health across the country to measure and monitor performance across a variety of areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

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