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SAINT CATHERINE MEDICAL CENTER NAMED Y.E.S. SERVICE PROVIDER

POTTSVILLE, Pa.—Saint Catherine Medical Center Fountain Springs has been named as a service provider for the Y.E.S. (Your Employability Skills) Certificate Program and will be one of the administrators for the program's mandatory drug test. All students enrolled in the Y.E.S. program must pass a 6-panel drug screening in order to graduate from the program.

“Saint Catherine Medical Center Fountain Springs is committed to not only the physical health of area residents, but also the overall well-being of the communities we serve. The Y.E.S. Program serves to help students gain and improve their employability skills, allowing more people to obtain meaningful employment. We at Saint Catherine Medical Center Fountain Springs are pleased to offer our assistance to this program and help students start down their career path on the right foot,” said Craig A. Hoover, President/CEO.

Y.E.S. is a 120-hour, 1 credit elective job skill enhancement course targeted at high school seniors, designed to bridge the worlds of education and work. Students hear from speakers in a wide range of businesses and industries, tour local manufacturing and non-manufacturing facilities, and receive 120 hours of study on topics such as time management, problem solving, conflict resolution, interviewing skills, and resume writing. The program is currently offered at Schuylkill Haven Area High School, with Pottsville Area and Mahanoy Area High Schools on board for the 2007-08 school year. Schuylkill County is the third region in the state to offer Y.E.S., behind York and Erie counties. Y.E.S. graduates are seen as “preferred applicants” in areas where the program is offered, as the graduates are qualified, drug free job applicants.

Y.E.S. is an initiative of the Schuylkill Workforce Partnership, comprised of the Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Association (MAEA), Pennsylvania Career

Link, PPL Corp., Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce, Schuylkill County Commissioners, Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO), and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit No. 29.

For more information on the Y.E.S. program, contact Sara Hodon, Director of Workforce Development, at 570-622-0940, by email at shodon@schuylkillworkforce.com, or online at www.schuylkillworkforce.com.

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