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**VIVIAN TORRES-SUAREZ NAMED SR. VP COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS
OF ELIZABETH SETON PEDIATRIC CENTER**

(New York, NY) Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center announces the appointment of Ms. Vivian Torres-Suarez, BSN, MBA, to the position of Senior Vice President Community Based Programs. In this newly formed position, Ms. Torres-Suarez is responsible for the Pediatric Center's home and community-based programs and services. Her responsibilities include planning, directing and administering home care, clinic-based and school-based services.

Ms. Torres-Suarez comes to the Pediatric Center from Lighthouse International where she held the position of Senior Vice President for Services. In this position she was responsible for the oversight of all health related services, career and youth services, child development center and music school. She was also responsible for development, implementation and evaluation of Lighthouse International's programs for quality improvement.

Ms. Torres-Suarez was honored with the 2007 Excellence in Health Care Award from the Home Care Association of New York State. Her extensive background in community healthcare programs includes serving as Chief Operating Officer for Selfhelp Community Services providing home and community services to seniors residing in New York City. Throughout her career she has served as a clinician, an advocate, an innovator, a manager, and a top level executive in a variety of healthcare and social service organizations.

Ms. Torres-Suarez was also instrumental in the development and implementation of the first pediatric long term home health care program in New York State. In her role as an advocate for community based health care, she serves as a board member of the Home Care Association of New York State. She is also a member of the Policy Committee of the Home Care Association and is a member of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.

Ms. Torres-Suarez earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Wagner College and Masters in Business Administration degree from Dowling College. Ms. Torres-Suarez resides in Bayside, New York.

The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and John A. Coleman School are committed to changing the lives of medically fragile children, one child at a time. The Center serves children from infancy through age 21 from the Boroughs of New York and Westchester and Putnam Counties who suffer from premature birth complications, cerebral palsy, congenital heart disease, chronic lung disease, chromosome disorders, metabolic disorders, respiratory disorders, muscular and neurological diseases, and immunodeficiency syndromes. The majority cannot walk, eat or breathe independently. 75% require long-term care; 40% receive palliative care. To learn more please visit www.setonpediatric.org.

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