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NEWS RELEASE

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FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER RECOGNIZED AS THE NUMBER ONE CPR TRAINING FACILITY IN THE COUNTRY

LANCASTER, Ohio (December 31, 2007) – Fairfield Medical Center (FMC) has been rated as the number one CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training center for ASHI (American Safety and Health Institute) among over 5,000 independent training centers around the country. FMC's CPR training site director, Sheila Seymour, works in conjunction with ASHI on a frequent basis. Such a relationship involves help with training instructors and with much needed materials used to teach CPR classes. FMC has three instructor trainers who teach others to become CPR instructors, Sheila Seymour, Resa Tobin, and Becky DeVoss.

FMC currently has 53 CPR instructors. Most are FMC employees; but some are physicians, EMTs (emergency medical technicians), and paramedics who have taken the instructor course offered at FMC. After taking the instructor class, CPR instructors then have the skills needed to teach FMC staff, physicians, and the community as a whole. FMC has taught, so far this year, close to 1,000 people for full provider and refresher CPR in 2007.

Each time an instructor teaches a course, the students are required to submit an evaluation to ASHI about program material, program content, the physical facility, and the professionalism of the teaching staff. Then ASHI evaluates these surveys and then chooses a facility out of all the training centers that they have each month to be rated as number one for that month. ASHI publishes this in their newsletter so all other training sites see this throughout the country. ASHI also posts it on their website for instructors to view.

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After evaluating the surveys for the month of November FMC was rated as the #1 facility to take a CPR professional course out of 5,000 training facilities across the country.

FMC posts CPR classes on the ASHI website so that anyone can come and take a CPR course at FMC. FMC has also received 10 free CPR professional books because of our accomplishment.

FMC would like to thank all of the 53 CPR instructors who have made this possible. It is quite an accomplishment!

In addition to CPR classes, FMC offers a wide array of classes throughout the year, such as: First Aid, CABS (Childcare and Safety Babysitting Cass), How to Drug Proof Your Kids, Blood Bourne Pathogens, and Wilderness Training. If you would like more information about CPR training or other classes provided by FMC, please call (740) 687-8007.

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