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Judi Peacock, MPH, RN, WCC, Named Chief Nursing Officer

VALHALLA, NY (February 2011) – Judi Peacock, MPH, RN, WCC, has been named Chief Nursing Officer at Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla, NY.

Ms. Peacock's career spans more than 30 years in nursing, with extensive pediatric and pediatric critical care expertise, as well as a broad managerial background. She served as Director of Patient Services for Pediatric Critical Care at Children's Hospital of New York Presbyterian where she led several expansions within that department and played a key role in the planning, construction and reorganization of a new Children's Hospital.

She has served as a consultant for a variety of hospital systems, and as a nurse legal expert. She has presented at multiple professional conferences, and collaborated with many colleagues over the years on pediatric research projects and scholarly papers. In addition, Ms. Peacock has held multiple adjunct clinical faculty positions at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

"Judi Peacock brings a wealth of experience to this position, and we are delighted to welcome her to Blythedale," said Larry Levine, President and CEO of Blythedale Children's Hospital. "Her expertise in pediatric nursing will be a great asset to Blythedale in continuing our mission of providing the highest quality care to infants, children and adolescents with complex healthcare needs."

Ms. Peacock earned her B.S. in Nursing from Boston University, and received her M.P.H. from Columbia University School of Public Health.

After a rewarding venture into gerontological nursing where Ms. Peacock was the Director of Nursing at The Osborn in Rye, she reports that she is thrilled to be back in pediatrics at such a renowned and unique hospital as Blythedale.

"There is a big difference between a hospital that sometimes takes care of children, and a children's hospital," she said. "I look forward to facilitating the work redesign process that will move us into Blythedale's new inpatient facility later this year. The staff at Blythedale truly partner with the children and families we serve. It is an honor to be part of a team in such a supportive environment where growth is the expectation, and excellence is the standard."

Ms. Peacock and her husband, David, reside in Nyack, N.Y. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Rivertown Film.

About Blythedale Children's Hospital

As New York's only freestanding, specialty children's hospital, Blythedale Children's Hospital is dedicated to improving the health status and quality of life of children with complex medical illnesses and disabling conditions through superb multi-disciplinary patient care, teaching, research, and advocacy programs. Blythedale's board-certified physicians, nurses, clinical staff (social workers, respiratory therapists, clinical pharmacists, Child Life specialists, etc.) and New York State's largest hospital-based pediatric therapy department (PT, OT and Speech) work together to provide intensive and innovative multi-disciplinary clinical and therapeutic care to help children achieve their medical and rehabilitative goals for independent living, and return to their communities. Blythedale is also the only Hospital in New York State with its own on-site public school district, the Mount Pleasant-Blythedale Union Free School District. For more information about Blythedale Children's Hospital, visit www.blythedale.org

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