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**VISTA MARIA AND HOLY CROSS SERVICES
COLLABORATE TO BETTER SERVE MICHIGAN'S
DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

DEARBORN, MI (November 1, 2016) – Vista Maria and Holy Cross Services are combining over 200 years of dedication and commitment to vulnerable children and families by entering into a multi-year partnership.

As Holy Cross Services and Vista Maria currently provide different yet complementary services, effective December 1, 2016, a new collaborative effort for certain programs and services will be in effect. Vista Maria will provide foster care and independent living services to Holy Cross clients in metro Detroit while Holy Cross will provide detoxification and substance abuse treatment services to Vista Maria's residential and community-based clients which also include adolescent and adult victims of human trafficking.

Through the partnership, Vista Maria, one of Michigan's oldest and longest serving child welfare agencies in Michigan, will grow to become one of the largest providers of Foster Care services within Wayne County. In addition, the collaboration will enable Vista Maria to add to its continuum of care day treatment substance abuse services and will have access to best in care, medically monitored detoxification services through Holy Cross.

According to Angela Aufdemberge, Vista Maria President and CEO, "The future of innovative and performance-based service delivery within child welfare is through partnerships and collaborations. The partnership between Vista Maria and Holy Cross will leverage each agency's competencies to improve outcomes for thousands of children and families within the Greater Detroit community."

Vista Maria's foster care program team will diversify with the addition of ten new team members including Manager, Supervisors, Specialists, Therapist, and Care Workers as part of the agreement.

"Senior leaders from both agencies met throughout the negotiation process to develop a quality process plan and engaged licensing and contract leaders at the state level. All partnered to ensure the best of care and a smooth transition for over 50 youth and the foster homes and families that provide daily care and support," adds Aufdemberge.

Holy Cross Services (HCS) is one of the largest, private, not-for-profit human services agencies in Michigan. HCS provides a network of behavioral health and child welfare services across the state

serving abused, neglected, abandoned and addicted children and adults. The substance abuse services that will be provided to Vista Maria clients treats the whole person in a safe, welcoming and secure environment and is individualized to meet the person's specific needs. HCS focuses on the person's overall health and wellness, not just the addiction, providing hope and positive change.

"We are excited to partner with Vista Maria," says John Lynch, Holy Cross Services' President and CEO. "Whether we are caring for children, youth or their families, our mission is to always provide hope and life-changing services that help make people healthy and whole. This collaboration will only strengthen both of our current services and will allow us to deliver even better care for vulnerable youth and families."

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About Vista Maria:

Vista Maria was founded in 1883 with the mission to deliver innovative care, support, treatment and education to vulnerable youth so that they heal, believe in their worth, and build the skills needed to succeed. For more than 133 years the vision of ensuring youth and families are supported, prepared and equipped to achieve lifelong success continues. Today, our 35-acre campus offers therapeutic programming for residential treatment, human trafficking, foster care, transitional living (youth aged out of foster care and/or homeless) and community-based education. Learn more at www.vistamaria.org and "Like" and Follow VistaMariaOrg on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

About Holy Cross Services

Holy Cross Services (HCS) is comprised of four entities: Holy Cross Children's Services, Kairos Healthcare, Holy Cross Counseling and the Samaritan Center. Founded in 1948, HCS is one of the largest, private, not-for-profit human services agencies in Michigan and provides a network of children and family services across the state that include: foster care, supervised independent living, specialized residential and day treatment services, community-based treatment services and neighborhood support centers. Holy Cross Services is a faith-based organization whose mission is to bring hope, promote change, and help children and adults live free, healthy and productive lives. HCS has over 20 facilities across Michigan serving disadvantaged children and adults.

HCS is accredited by CARF International (Commission Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities) which recognizes HCS as having the highest levels of transparency, integrity, and personalized care of at-risk children, adults and families within all HCS programs.

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