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**Vicki Romero Briggs, FACHE, Joins Provident Resources Group's National Consultants Council**

BATON ROUGE, La.-(Business Wire)-March 27, 2008 - Provident Resources Group, a nonprofit organization that assists in the development, ownership and operation of healthcare, housing and education facilities and public facilities and projects to lessen the burdens of state and local governments, announced Vicki Romero Briggs, FACHE, (1) has joined their National Consultants Council. Briggs brings more than thirty years of healthcare experience overseeing strategic, financial and managerial activities for medical centers.

"Vicki is a valuable addition to our National Consultants Council," said Steve Hicks, President and CEO of Provident Resources Group. "Her experience and expertise with major hospitals and regional medical systems will further advance Provident's mission of supporting quality healthcare. With her guidance, we plan to expand our efforts to help deliver more affordable healthcare services to the public." In addition to serving on the National Consultants Council, Briggs will provide consulting services to Provident in connection with its planned acquisition in late 2008 of a portfolio of more than 25 community hospitals in 10 states.

Briggs previously served as CEO of Birmingham, Ala.-based Trinity Medical Center (Triad Hospitals, Inc.). Before that, she served from 1980-1996 as member of the senior management team at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge, La., serving as its CEO for the last 10 years. Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge, La., specializes in OB/Gyn services and offers a level III regional neonatal intensive care unit. Briggs is expert in strategic planning, communication, facility management, issues management and product line management.

"Vicki has extensive knowledge of the expense and revenue challenges hospitals face every day," said Debra Lockwood, Executive Vice President and CFO of Provident Resources Group. "As a hospital executive, she brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding of how best to manage the financial resources in a variety of healthcare environments to deliver the best service."

Provident Resources Group is a nonprofit corporation that pursues a broad range of charitable activities and programs that serve to: promote healthcare; advance education; meet the special needs of the elderly; provide safe, decent and affordable housing to low-income families; lessen the burdens of government; promote economic development; and preserve and protect the natural environment for the benefit of the public.

**About Provident Resources Group**

Based in Baton Rouge, La., Provident Resources Group is a not-for-profit organization with the mission of serving the needs of the elderly; promoting and advancing health care; assisting the poor by providing affordable housing; lessening the burdens of government; promoting and advancing education; and preserving the environment. In order to fulfill its mission, the organization is involved in the development, construction, acquisition, ownership, management, maintenance and operation of public facilities. For more information on Provident Resources Group, visit [www.provident.org](http://www.provident.org).

(1) Note: FACHE is an accreditation from Fellow of American College of Healthcare Executives.

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