Hanger Receives Global Health Care Leadership Award

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Austin, Texas, March 7, 2012 – Hanger Orthopedic Group, Ivan R. Sabel and the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation have been named the inaugural recipients of Catholic Medical Mission Board's (CMMB) Global Health Care Leadership Award in honor of Hanger's 150th Anniversary and its outstanding humanitarian efforts in Haiti. The award was presented to Thomas F. Kirk, Hanger CEO, and Ivan R. Sabel, Chairman of the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation, at a gala dinner culminating Hanger's Annual Education Fair and National Meeting in Las Vegas on Friday, February 3rd.

Established this year, on the occasion of CMMB's100th Anniversary, the award honors individuals and organizations with whom CMMB has close working partnerships that have made a significant impact in the world of global health. In presenting the award, CMMB's Senior Vice President of Programs, Jeffrey Jordan, noted the similarity between the two organizations: "Like Hanger, CMMB was created from personal tragedy. Our founder, in 1912, suffered both the loss of a newborn child from asphyxiation, and the death of his wife. He went on to invent a device that prevents neonatal asphyxiation . . . and to found CMMB. James Edward Hanger was the first amputee of the Civil War. He turned his personal tragedy into an individual service to mankind."



CMMB's Senior Vice President of Programs Jeffrey Jordan discusses the work of the Haitian Amputee Coalition.

"We are honored to receive this award from such a well-respected, far-reaching charitable organization like CMMB," said Ivan R. Sabel, Chairman of the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation. "An invaluable partner within the Haitian Amputee Coalition, CMMB has been instrumental to the success of the Klinik Hanger in Deschapelles. We look forward to continuing our joint efforts to meet the prosthetic needs of those in Haiti."

Hanger and CMMB have worked closely together, as members of the Haitian Amputee Coalition, which was established by Hanger Orthopedic Group in the wake of the Haiti earthquake in 2010. The Coalition created a long-term prosthetic and rehabilitation center on-site at the Hopital Albert Schweitzer in Deschapelles, Haiti, approximately 60 miles from Port-au-Prince. To date, more than 1,200 amputees have received prosthetic care at Klinik Hanger in Haiti. The Coalition also has provided psychosocial support, transportation and physical therapy. Continuing resources are being provided to focus on long-term sustainability and integration of services into existing local organizations.



CMMB's Senior Vice President of Programs Jeffrey Jordan and CMMB's Director Dianne Jean-Francois, MD, MPH present the Global Health Care Leadership Award to Hanger's CEO Tom Kirk and the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation's Chairman Ivan Sabel

About the Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation – The Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation's mission is to enhance the productivity and quality of life for those who face physical challenges due to disease, war, or natural disasters, domestically and abroad, by supporting charitable organizations, programs, and volunteerism that improve human mobility. The Hanger Ivan R. Sabel Foundation is the 501c3 charitable organization of Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc. For more information, visit www.hanger-sabelfoundation.org.



About Hanger – Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc. (NYSE: HGR), headquartered in Austin, Texas, is the world's premier provider for services and products that enhance human physical capability. Founded in 1861 by James Edward Hanger, the first amputee of the Civil War, Hanger provides orthotic and prosthetic patient care services, distributes O&P devices and components, and provides therapeutic solutions to the broader post acute market. After a six-month celebration of its 150th anniversary, on February 1, 2012 Hanger unveiled a comprehensive new brand identity to position the company for the future. Subject to shareholder approval at the Company's annual shareholder meeting in May 2012, the new brand includes renaming the parent company from Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc. to "Hanger", and referring to the patient care business as "Hanger Clinic" (formerly Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics). For more information on Hanger, visit www.hanger.com.

About Catholic Medical Mission Board – CMMB has had major programmatic initiatives in Haiti for nearly one century, with offices and a staff that, today, numbers 54, under the leadership of Dr. Dianne Jean-Francois. This year, the organization will celebrate its heritage with a series of global events culminating with a 100th Anniversary Gala in late 2012. It has also unveiled its plans to move into its second century as a leader in delivering health care to the developing world. The keystone of CMMB's work into the next century is embodied in its Strategic Plan, which has as its ultimate goal the strengthening of health systems in its major countries of operation. CMMB is the leading U.S.-based Catholic charity focused exclusively on global healthcare. CMMB's medical volunteer, donated medicines, HIV/AIDS, child survival and neglected tropical diseases programs and initiatives focus on making healthcare available to all. Last year, the organization recorded revenues of $315 million, of which 97.4% went directly to services.

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