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**THE LINCOLN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER**

NAPERVILLE, February 20, 2007 – The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence is pleased to announce that Kathleen Yosko, has been elected to serve on its Board of Trustees.

Kathleen is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of Marianjoy, Inc., Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital and Marianjoy Medical Group. More than 50,000 patients are seen each year within Marionjoy's service network. A \$60 million replacement hospital was recently completed in September 2006. Marianjoy was recently recognized this past December as a 2006 Lincoln Silver Award for Progress Towards Excellence Award.

Kathleen plays a leadership role in numerous professional associations. She currently serves on the Illinois Hospital Association Board, Access DuPage Board, DuPage County Workforce Board, American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association Board, Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence Board, and is also a member of the Chicago Network, the Economic Club of Chicago and the Executives Club of Chicago.

Paul G. Kuchuris, Jr., President and CEO of the Foundation said, "We are delighted to have an individual of Kathleen's background and experience joining the Board. With our increasing activity in the health care sector, her experience and guidance will be a solid asset in driving the Foundation to the next level of contribution to the state of Illinois."

The Lincoln Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting, enabling, and directly organizational growth and continuous performance improvement for all varieties of organizations. In addition to providing training and programs promoting performance excellence. The Lincoln Award for Excellence is the state of Illinois' quality recognition process. The award criteria follow the established, and highly prestigious, Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Program. Each year the Foundation presents awards at three levels for performance excellence. For more information regarding The Lincoln Foundation, visit the Foundation's website at [www.lincolnaward.org](http://www.lincolnaward.org).



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