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**UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP WITH GILLETTE CHILDREN'S SPECIALTY
HEALTHCARE ENABLES REGIONS HOSPITAL VERIFICATION AS LEVEL I
PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTER**

St. Paul, Minn. [June 17, 2009] – A collaborative effort between Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare and Regions Hospital has resulted in a major milestone for pediatric trauma care in Minnesota: The American College of Surgeons has recognized Regions as the state's only Level I Pediatric Trauma Center.

“Medical care for children in our community has been enhanced with the verification of the state's first Level I Pediatric Trauma Center,” said Margaret Perryman, Gillette's CEO and President. “We extend our congratulations to Regions Hospital and look forward to continuing our long-standing partnership in providing seamless pediatric critical care across our organizations.”

Gillette has been co-located on the Regions Hospital campus since 1977 and the two organizations work together to provide pediatric critical care services. While adult patients are cared for at Regions, injured children are transferred to Gillette's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), where a team of Gillette and Regions specialists provide critical care and medical intervention. Following their PICU stay, many patients transfer to inpatient rehabilitation services in Gillette's Center for Pediatric Rehabilitation, which is one of only three pediatric programs in the region accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

The unique nature of the Gillette-Regions partnership, including support of the pediatric trauma program by both organizations and excellence in care provided by a combined team of staff and departments, was cited by the American College of Surgeons verification team as a major strength in providing pediatric trauma care.

“Our collaborative relationship has played a critical role in the verification process,” says Perryman. “But children will be the true beneficiaries. We look forward to providing life-saving critical care to greater number of patients in the future — and continuing to expand our services for seriously-injured children and their families.”

To be certified as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center, Regions Hospital in collaboration with Gillette needed to meet the requirements of adult trauma centers while also fulfilling pediatric guidelines, including additional specialists and critical care patient volumes greater than 200 each year. In 2007 and 2008, Gillette and Regions saw enough patients to earn a Level I designation. Subspecialty physicians, including Gillette’s pediatric intensivists, pediatric neurosurgeons, pediatric orthopaedic surgeons and pediatric rehabilitation physicians also aided verification.

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About Gillette Children’s Specialty Healthcare

Gillette, an independent, not-for-profit hospital and clinics, is internationally recognized for its work in the diagnosis and treatment of children and young adults who have disabilities or complex medical needs, such as cerebral palsy, complex orthopaedic conditions, craniofacial anomalies, neurological conditions, brain and spinal-cord injuries, spina bifida and juvenile arthritis.

Since 1897, Gillette has been at the forefront of medical treatment, technology, education and research for children with disabilities. Gillette’s mission is to help children, adults and their families improve their health, achieve greater well-being, and enjoy life.