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## Houston Business Journal's Healthcare Heroes Presents Dr. Brian Parsley with Service Philanthropy Award

**HOUSTON (May 19, 2011)** – Dr. Brian Parsley, Orthopedic Surgeon with Foundation Surgical Hospital, was recently awarded the Service Philanthropy Award by *Houston Business Journal*'s Healthcare Heroes. His outstanding generosity was recognized at an awards ceremony at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18 at the Wortham Theater.

"I am honored to accept HBJ's Healthcare Heroes Award. I want to thank Foundation Surgical Hospital and others for their support and contributions. Having the ability to share the gifts that the Good Lord has given me with those less fortunate is an elixir for my soul. To be recognized like this and be able to share my story with others is an unexpected pleasure and honor," says Dr. Parsley.

Brian Parsley, M.D. is an Orthopedic Surgeon with Foundation Surgical Hospital and an Associate Professor in the Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Orthopedic Surgery. He is Chief of the Adult Reconstruction Section and is the Director of the Total Joint Arthroplasty Fellowship Program for Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Parsley is known in his community for his outstanding philanthropic efforts. He is very active in a number of charities including the Museum of Health and Medical Science, the Arthritis Foundation/ South Texas Chapter, the Faith in Practice Medical Missions Organization and the Houston Haiti Recovery Initiative. He has received the St. Ignatius Loyola Award from Strake Jesuit High School in 2007 for Humanitarian service as well as Texas Monthly Outstanding Physician in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Dr. Parsley has been recognized for 16 years of charitable medical missions work to help those in need. These efforts include:

- Over 30 medical mission trips to Guatemala to serve the poorest of the poor. In addition, Dr. Parsley has facilitated the transportation and treatment for a young Guatemalan mother who needed a tumor excised from her right knee to salvage her leg. These services were unavailable in her country. He will return to Guatemala on May 14 for another medical mission trip with his team and will return May 21.
- Chairman of the Board for Houston Haiti Recovery Initiative, a 501c (3) organization dedicated to relief efforts following the devastating earthquake. Foundation Surgical Hospital as well as other hospitals in the Texas Medical Center donated orthopedic supplies in support of relief efforts to victims of the recent earthquakes in Haiti. Dr. Parsley recently returned from his third trip to Haiti. While no longer in crisis mode, the country is still in need of repair and reconstruction and is in need for long term assistance from generous organizations like HHRI.
- Provided a right total hip replacement procedure for Pastor Zachariah Sserwadda who resides in Uganda. Pastor Zachariah's arthritic right hip was severely damaged in a traumatizing accident that almost cost him his life. Dr. Parsley and Foundation

Surgical Hospital offered to perform Sserwadda's surgery and care on a pro bono basis, as have the implant provider DePuy, in hopes of improving his quality of life. His surgery was a success and he is back to his ministry in Africa.

• Traveled to Guayaquil, Ecuador along with a team of other doctors, anesthesiologists, nurses and therapists to provide free surgical treatment to patients that have no access to life-improving care for arthritis or other debilitating bone and joint conditions. Dr. Parsley and his team provided 6-8 knee or hip replacement surgeries per day and were able to help dozens upon dozens of patients suffering from severe hip and knee pain.

## **About Foundation Surgical Hospital**

Orthopedists and neurosurgeons designed <u>Foundation Surgical Hospital (FSH)</u> to achieve surgical outcomes of the highest quality. Foundation Surgical Hospital is the only specialty orthopedic hospital in Texas to receive the combination of being ranked in the top 5% for Joint Replacement and Outstanding Patient Experience for 2010 and 2011 in a national study released by HealthGrades.

The physician-owned, licensed general hospital provides an extraordinary experience for orthopedic and neuro-spine patients offering 10 operating rooms and 64 spacious private inpatient rooms. The hospital has a convenient on-site radiology department which provides a range of services including MRI, CT scan and x-rays. FSH has specific programs for spine, total joint replacement and sports medicine.

FSH provides a unique patient enabling environment with concierge services to assist patients with referrals, support and information. FSH also has a comprehensive international patient program. For more information about Foundation Surgical Hospital, visit www.surgicalhospital.com or call 1-877-FSH-SURG (374-7874) for physician referrals.

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