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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **PinnacleHealth Provides Central Dauphin School District Panther Ram Foundation Funding for Power Pack Program**

HARRISBURG, Pa. (July 25, 2013) – PinnacleHealth recently donated \$36,400 to the Central Dauphin School District Panther Ram Foundation to expand their Power Pack Program in order to help provide food to students during the weekends and holidays.

According to the 2013 report on the State of Hunger in Pennsylvania issued by the Coalition Against Hunger, 18% of the children in Dauphin County, where the Central Dauphin School District is located, are considered food insecure with hunger which means that they experience multiple instances of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake. Through the Power Pack Program, students in need are given backpacks filled with nutritious foods. The goal of the program is ensure children return to school, well-fed and ready to learn. Power Packs provide long-term solutions to end childhood hunger

“Hunger creates problems for children on many levels,” explained Barbara Terry, vice president of Mission Effectiveness at PinnacleHealth. For PinnacleHealth, expanding the Power Pack Program to our most needy students is one of the many ways PinnacleHealth invests in the health and wellness of our youth. Food and nutrition is a basic need for all of us and one of the most important factors in enabling students to attend school, ready and able to learn.

”Good nutrition helps them succeed in school and in life.”

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#### **About PinnacleHealth System**

PinnacleHealth is a pioneer not-for-profit healthcare system dedicated to providing and improving the health and quality of life for the people of Central Pennsylvania since 1873. A proven leader in medical innovation, PinnacleHealth offers a wide range of services from primary care to the most complex surgeries and Magnet recognition for nursing excellence. The healthcare network includes four campuses (Community, West Shore, Harrisburg and Polyclinic) and medical services, including family practice, imaging, outpatient surgery and oncology, at multiple locations throughout the region. For a complete list of services, visit our website at [www.pinnaclehealth.org](http://www.pinnaclehealth.org).