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Lynn Britton is the president and CEO of Mercy, the 5th largest Catholic health care system in the country.

Covering over 120,000 square miles, the growing ministry of Mercy serves millions of patients a year across Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, with outreach ministries in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. It supports 46 acute care and specialty hospitals and more than 700 clinic and outpatient facilities. Mercy’s staff of over 5,000 physicians and nurse practitioners partner with 40,000 co-workers, and together, faithfully carry on the mission of the Sisters of Mercy who founded it.

Since assuming the role of CEO in 2009, Mr. Britton has encouraged a culture of innovation within Mercy. This includes a fully staffed research department and the pursuit of new advances in critical care that promise to transform the industry. As an internationally recognized leader in telehealth, Mercy is using its physical and technological infrastructure to bring care to patients regardless of where they live…and this year, will open the country’s first virtual care center in Chesterfield, Missouri.

As a result of his bold use of technology to improve health care delivery, Mr. Britton was honored as one of three recipients of the CEO I.T. Achievement Award, an annual honor co-sponsored by Modern Healthcare magazine and the Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS). He has also been recognized by the Wall Street Journal as a member of their 2013 CEO Council, and by US News and World Report as a contributor to “The Hospital of Tomorrow” summit.

Mr. Britton is active in a wide range of civic and charitable causes. He serves on the board of the St. Louis Science Center, the United Way of Greater St. Louis, the Boy Scouts of America of Greater St. Louis and Webster University. He is also a member of Civic Progress.
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