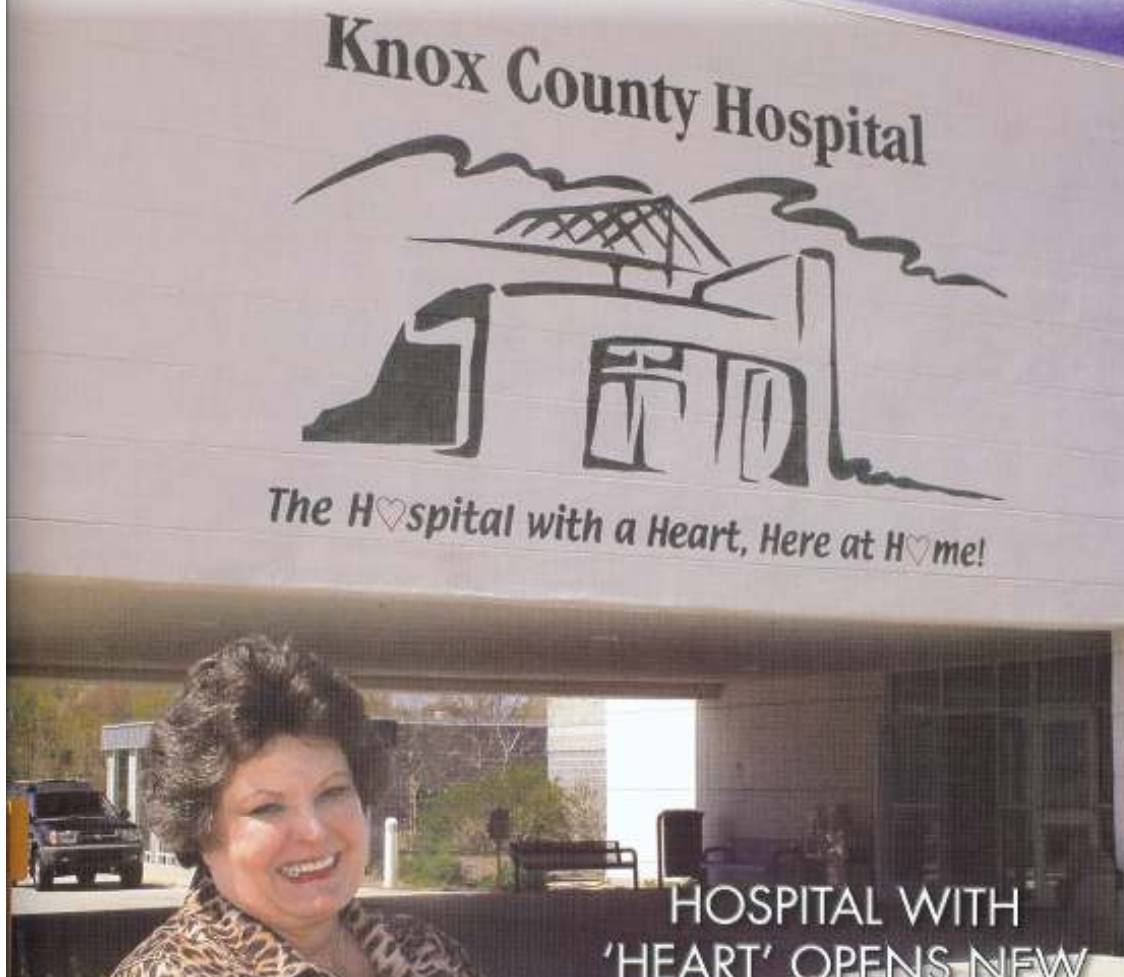


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Rainier "Ray" Gonzalez

Pacer CEO named among Top 25 elite healthcare execs

Pacer Health also ranks 185 of Top 500 Hispanic businesses

Pacer Health Corporation Chief Executive Officer Rainier "Ray" Gonzalez was named among an elite group of healthcare executives recently honored as "The Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare," according to a national healthcare magazine.

The Chicago-based "Modern Healthcare" Magazine, a weekly magazine written for hospital and health system executives, featured Gonzalez as part of a cover story in their April 7 issue.

The story features Gonzalez and



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24 other top healthcare professionals in the nation who were selected from 89 nominations received by the magazine. Gonzalez was chosen for his excellence in mentoring, management and his ability to effectively turn around several healthcare facilities in less than five years.

Gonzalez was a Cuban native, who immigrated to the United States in 1980 at age seven during the Marielito exodus. He attended high school at Hialeah Miami Lakes and obtained a bachelors degree in political science from Florida International University. He earned a law degree, magna cum laude, from the Indiana University School of Law and worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Federal Judge Denny Chin on the Southern Dis-

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Gonzalez starts 'Pacer' at 30

trict of New York.

At age 30, Mr. Gonzalez was approached about acquiring the hospital in Cameron, Louisiana. "They were about a week away from bouncing their payroll checks," said Rainier "Ray" Gonzalez. Within a month, the deal was complete and Pacer Health Management was born in May 2003.

An expert in turning around financially distressed hospitals, Gonzalez has successfully directed the turnaround of all acquired hospitals totaling 178 licensed beds and approximately \$50 million in net revenues. During Mr. Gonzalez' tenure, Pacer Health was ranked 185 out of the Top 500 Hispanic owned businesses by Hispanic Business Magazine. The magazine also awarded Gonzalez with the Entrepreneur of the Year "Rising Star"

award in January 2007 for his accomplishments in turning around financially distressed hospitals.

Commission Accreditation, new Information System/ EMR Installation scheduled for April 2008.

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Since taking over the hospital, Pacer has made many improvements in facilities and services at the hospital, including a new CT machine, new laboratory system, new Group Purchasing Organization, staff salary increases for the first time since bankruptcy, installation of PACS System, expanded Physical Therapy Dept with Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehab, Joint

Commenting on the honor, Gonzalez said, "Leveraging diversity is important in accomplishing growth," said Gonzalez. "I am proud to have been editorially selected from such a diverse community of executives in this category. To be among the Top 25 in the Nation is truly an honor that fully represents Pacer Health Corporation as a whole." ■