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Joy-Fuller Rehabilitation Center earns seventh consecutive 3-year CARF accreditation

WINTER HAVEN, FL – (December 10, 2010) – Winter Haven Hospital’s Joy-Fuller Rehabilitation Center has earned its seventh consecutive three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). The recognition means that the Joy-Fuller Center continues to be the only CARF-accredited inpatient rehabilitation center in Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties.

The Joy-Fuller Rehabilitation Center is a 24-bed rehabilitation facility on the seventh floor of Winter Haven Hospital. It supports and cares for patients recovering from a variety of medical conditions, including stroke and neurological disorders, orthopedic procedures such as hip and knee replacement; traumatic brain injury; multiple traumas and neuromuscular disorders. The Joy-Fuller Rehabilitation Center is dedicated to restoring persons with rehabilitation potential to the highest level of functioning possible, following illness or injury.

Among the services offered by Joy-Fuller are: neuropsychological assessments; nutrition counseling; family/patient support groups; speech-language pathology; occupational therapy; physical therapy; therapeutic recreation; social work services and rehabilitative nursing.

CARF, established in 1966, is headquartered in Tucson, Ariz., and is the nation’s leading accreditation body for facilities that provide rehabilitation services.

James McEwen, Ph.D., ABDA, program director of the Joy-Fuller Center, said: “We are very gratified that CARF has granted a seventh consecutive three-year accreditation. We believe that it represents the standard of care for rehabilitation facilities.”

Lance Anastasio, president and CEO of Winter Haven Hospital, said: “The clinicians, therapists and staff of the Joy-Fuller ought to take a great deal of pride in this accomplishment. Their commitment to providing outstanding care to patients in recovery is

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long-standing and has been a mainstay of our community hospital for many years.”

About Winter Haven Hospital

Established in 1926, Winter Haven Hospital serves as the major medical center for east Polk and Highlands counties and the U.S. Highway 27 / Ridge Corridor. The 527-bed hospital is a locally owned and operated not-for-profit organization. The hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on accreditation for Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and has more than 300 board-certified physicians on its medical staff representing every major specialty.

Affiliated with the University of Florida College of Medicine/Shands Healthcare, Winter Haven Hospital also is the home of **Bostick Heart Center**, the **Cassidy Cancer Center**, the **Regency Center for Women and Infants**, a nationally accredited **Stroke Center** and the nationally accredited **Joy-Fuller Rehab Center**. In January, the hospital was recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) with the prestigious designation of Magnet status, recognition granted to only 5 percent of the nation’s hospitals. With more than 2,500 employees, Winter Haven Hospital is east Polk County’s largest private employer and has been recognized for three consecutive years by Polk Works Workforce 2020 as one of the county’s best places to work. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.winterhavenhospital.org.

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