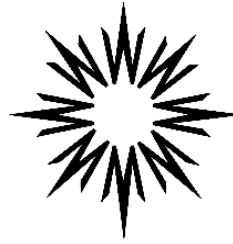


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Mountain Lake will host annual Winter Haven Hospital Foundation tournament for 6th year

Proceeds from the tournament – to be held on May 7 – will benefit the not-for-profit Winter Haven Hospital and the patients it serves.

WINTER HAVEN, FL – (April 28, 2010) – The Winter Haven Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce that the prestigious Mountain Lake community will again serve as the host for the Foundation’s invitational golf classic.

Bright House Networks, Mid-Florida Credit Union and Fields-Huston Cadillac Buick GMC are the main sponsors for the tournament. A “Who’s-Who list” of regional corporate teams from throughout Central Florida will participate.

Proceeds raised at the event will support Winter Haven Hospital’s mission of serving the Ridge Corridor communities with services such as the Regency Center for Women and Infants; the Bostick Heart Center; the Cassidy Cancer Center; six community-based family health centers and support for physicians and professional staff throughout the region.

“This tournament has become one of the premier charitable events in the state of Florida,” said **Eric Adamson**, chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. “The exclusive setting of Mountain Lake is unmatched and chances to play there are extremely limited. It makes for a very special tournament that not only provides our participants with an outstanding experience, but which benefits the provision of healthcare services in our community.”

Lance Anastasio, president and CEO of Winter Haven Hospital, said, “Mountain Lake is truly one of the top golf courses in the nation, and we are so fortunate it is here in our community. We thank the management and staff at Mountain Lake for everything they do to make the Invitational possible.”

Mountain Lake is one of Florida’s best kept secrets, especially for the avid golfer. A private community founded in 1915, Mountain Lake has a top-ranked golf course designed in 1916 by

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Seth Raynor. In 2006 and in 2005, the Mountain Lake golf course was ranked by *Golf Week* magazine as one of America's Top 100 classic golf courses, those developed before 1960.

Anastasio added: "On behalf of our medical staff and our Board of Trustees, our clinical staff and the many members of our professional staff, I would like to add my thanks to everyone involved with the golf tournament. This is an enormous undertaking and it involves the participation of so many people. It is an extraordinary act of dedication and service by many volunteers on behalf of our organization. It's difficult to adequately express our gratitude to each and every one of them."

In addition to Bright House Networks, the golf event has garnered a number of additional sponsors this year. These include: Mid Florida Credit Union and Fields-Huston Cadillac Buick GMC.

Joel Thomas, Vice President Development Marketing Public Relations, Winter Haven Hospital, said: "We would like to express our gratitude and thanks to the Mountain Lake Community for their continuing support of this very important community initiative."

Thomas noted the event is sold out again for the sixth consecutive year.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to be part of a truly amazing event," Thomas said. "Even if you not a golfer, it's a great experience to have the privilege of experiencing the Mountain Lake Community with its historic buildings and Seth Raynor-designed golf course."

About the Winter Haven Hospital Foundation

Winter Haven Hospital Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit charitable institution governed by a board of volunteer trustees who serve without pay. In an effort to meet the continuing needs of our health service organization and the growing communities it serves, the Foundation provides philanthropic support for the very latest in medical care, technology, equipment, facilities, manpower, and education for Winter Haven Hospital, the Regency Medical Center and the many other health services that the Foundation provides in Polk County.

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.