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Winter Haven Hospital Foundation will unveil Philanthropy Center in hospital lobby

WINTER HAVEN, FL – (January 12, 2012) – On January 26, the Winter Haven Hospital Foundation will unveil a permanent memorial to the philanthropy that built and sustains the hospital. The **Philanthropy Center** contains the names of the individuals, families and organizations who over the years have contributed the resources necessary to make health care available in our community.

The public is invited to join in the celebration of the unveiling at 5:30 p.m. in the hospital's Volunteer Auxiliary Grande Lobby. A reception will follow.

“The unveiling of the Philanthropy Center will be a special day in the history of our organization,” said **Eric Adamson**, chairman of the Winter Haven Hospital Foundation.

“As a not-for-profit healthcare institution, this organization would not exist without the generous philanthropic support of successful individuals, families and businesses who live here and who’ve dedicated their lives to the advancement of our community,” Adamson added. “The Philanthropy Center will record those names for posterity so that no one will ever forget who helped make this outstanding hospital possible.”

The Philanthropy Center will recognize individuals and organizations under three headings: **Founder’s Society**, **Chairman’s Society** and **1926 Society**. The plaques for each grouping read as follows:

- “**Founder’s Society** members are pillars of our community. Highly respected in all circles, their bold dreams and transformational vision has created a bright healthcare future for our community.”
- “**Chairman’s Society** members lead by example. Investing in the enhancement of our local quality of life, their energy is a driving force of Winter Haven Hospital’s patient-care mission.”

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- “**1926 Society** members are the cornerstone of our community. Champions and advocates for patients and families in their time of need, they represent the true spirit of philanthropy.”

Lance Anastasio, president and CEO of Winter Haven Hospital, said: “Among the key things to remember is that philanthropy lies at the heart of what keeps our not-for-profit healthcare organization on the cutting edge of medical care. We can cite example after example, from the **Bostick Heart Center** to the **Cassidy Cancer Center** to the **Regency Center for Women & Infants**, where philanthropic contributions have provided both seed money to get programs off the ground and sustaining funds to ensure their success. And it cannot be understated how many lives in our community have been positively affected by those programs.”

Joel Thomas, vice president, Development, Marketing & Public Relations for Winter Haven Hospital, said the Philanthropy Center has plenty of room to add more names in the future.

“Our intention is to ensure that the Philanthropy Center continues to thank and recognized the philanthropic leaders of our community,” Thomas said. “We know that the need for state-of-the-art medical care continues to grow, which means that the need for visionary philanthropic-minded individuals and organizations continues to grow as well.”

About the Winter Haven Hospital Foundation

The Winter Haven Hospital Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit charitable institution governed by a board of volunteer trustees who serve without pay. The Foundation cultivates philanthropic support to provide patients with state-of-the-art medical care, cutting-edge technology and equipment, top quality education, and the best educated and trained personnel. Funds raised support the not-for-profit patient care mission of Winter Haven Hospital.

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 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 & Infants**, the **Center for Urology** and the **Robotics Institute**, a nationally accredited **Stroke Center** and the nationally accredited **Joy-Fuller Rehab Center**. The hospital has been 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 by Polk Works Workforce 2020 as one of the county’s best places to work.

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