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Anonymous donor contributes grand piano for Winter Haven Hospital's 'Grande Lobby'

Local pianists are invited to volunteer their time and talent toward creating a healing environment in the hospital's main lobby.

WINTER HAVEN, FL – (August 6, 2010) – The Winter Haven Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce a generous contribution – a grand piano – from a donor in Winter Haven who has requested anonymity. The piano recently was installed in the hospital's Volunteer Auxiliary Grande Lobby.

The donor, who has been associated with the hospital's volunteer auxiliary for many years in a volunteer capacity, chose to make the gift after deciding that "some additional ambience would make the Grand Lobby even more welcoming and inviting," said **Fran Hoskins**, director of volunteer services and gift shops at Winter Haven Hospital.

The donor, according to Hoskins, believes that the gift is a way of demonstrating a "love of volunteering ... and wanted to give something back to their hospital family, who care so much about the patients we serve and about the community that we call home."

The piano, manufactured by Conover Cable, can be played manually or automatically in player-piano mode. Hoskins said she is inviting musicians in the community to volunteer to play the new piano for up to a few hours per week. Anyone interested in volunteering can register with her office by calling (863) 291-6750.

Eric Adamson, chairman of the Foundation's board of trustees, expressed gratitude for the donation. "It's an extraordinarily generous gift; an act of philanthropy that will have a long-lasting effect on the thousands of patients and families that pass through the lobby every year. I can't help but think that their spirits will be lifted by this remarkable investment in Winter Haven Hospital."

Lance Anastasio, president and CEO of Winter Haven Hospital, said: "In every area of our organization, we seek to implement the concept of a healing environment. A grand piano in

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our Volunteer Auxiliary Grande Lobby is the perfect element for the kind of setting that we're trying to create. We're very grateful for this gesture.”

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 and brightest personnel. The funds benefit the patients of Winter Haven Hospital, the Regency Center for Women & Infants, and many other health services of our growing community.

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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