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Lewis Family Cancer Fund Makes Sixth Donation to Winter Haven Hospital Foundation

Funds to support local cancer prevention and care in our community.

Winter Haven, Fla., (March 3, 2017) — The Winter Haven Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce a new \$20,000 contribution from the **Lewis Family Cancer Fund (LFCF)** within the GiveWell Community Foundation. With this recent donation, the LFCF has granted a total of \$145,000 over the past seven years to the Foundation. Part of this year's grant will go directly to support the Winter Haven Hospital Cassidy Cancer Center with the remaining dollars of the grant to be utilized to underwrite a Winter Haven Hospital Foundation feasibility study that is examining the establishment of a Family Medicine Residency program. This residency program will help improve and aide in the local quality of healthcare and early diagnosis and treatment of cancer and other chronic illness for the citizens of Polk County.

The Lewis Family Cancer Fund within the GiveWell Community Foundation was founded by brothers Josh and Geoff Lewis. The Fund was established to help promote public awareness and assist in funding research development in the prevention and cure of cancer. The LFCF is committed to facilitating further advances in research, patient care and to alert the public of the importance of early detection and diagnosis.

Josh Lewis states, "Much of the success of the LFCF can be attributed to my brother Geoff, who lost his battle with cancer two years ago. Geoff's vision and strong desire was to help make a difference in the fight against cancer. We are particularly excited about the opportunity to help fund the Winter Haven Hospital Foundation's Family Medicine Residency study since the first line of cancer detection and prevention usually occurs in our family doctor offices. Thank you to everyone involved in the LFCF and our local communities for being so supportive."

Previous donations from the LFCF have been utilized to help purchase the new state-of-the-art 3-D mammography technology located at the Winter Haven Women's Hospital Breast and Imaging Center.

Winter Haven Hospital Foundation Chairman **Lance Anastasio** states, "The Winter Haven Hospital Foundation is grateful for the ongoing strategic partnership it has with the Lewis Family Cancer Fund. The LFCF and its supporters are making a major impact in the quality of life we all enjoy in our community. Our heartfelt thanks goes to each and every person and organization that is involved with the LFCF, you are touching the lives of local cancer patients and their families.

The 2017 Lewis Family Cancer Fund "Swing for the Cure" event is scheduled for April 28-29 with a Friday cocktail party at the Lake Eva Banquet Hall in Haines City. A golf tournament will be held on the 29th at Southern Dunes Golf and Country Club. For information about the Lewis Family Cancer Fund or "Swing for the Cure" events, contact Josh Lewis at 863-287-2106.

About the Lewis Family Cancer Fund

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About the Winter Haven Hospital Foundation

The Winter Haven Hospital Foundation, Inc. is an independent, Winter Haven based, 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, and the best educated and trained personnel. All funds raised are retained locally and utilized to support the not-for-profit patient care mission of Winter Haven Hospital.

About Winter Haven Hospital

Established in 1926, Winter Haven Hospital is a 529-bed facility accredited by the Joint Commission. On Aug. 30, 2013, Winter Haven Hospital joined the Tampa Bay area-based BayCare Health System to become the system's 11th not-for-profit hospital. More than 300 board-certified physicians comprise the medical staff, covering specialties such as stroke, open heart, obstetrics and gynecology, and emergency services. In addition, the hospital is recognized as a Magnet Nursing Center of Excellence, a prestigious designation held by less than seven percent of hospitals nationwide. Winter Haven Hospital has more than 2,500 employees, making it 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. Winter Haven Hospital is located at 200 Avenue F NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881 and serves as the major medical center for east Polk County and the U.S. Highway 27/Ridge Corridor. For more information, call (863) 293-1121 or visit WinterHavenHospital.org.

About BayCare Health System

BayCare Health System is a leading community-based health system in the Tampa Bay area. Composed of a network of 11 not-for-profit hospitals, outpatient facilities and services such as imaging, lab, behavioral health and home health care, BayCare provides expert medical care throughout a patient's lifetime. With more than 200 access points conveniently located throughout Tampa Bay, BayCare connects patients to a complete range of preventive, diagnostic and treatment services for any health care need. For more information, visit BayCare on the Web at BayCare.org.

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