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New Nursing Education Fund Established at Healthcare Foundation

SARASOTA – The **Daniel R. Long Foundation Fund for Nursing Education** has been established at Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. Nursing education is one of the most frequent requests from Sarasota Memorial Health Care System (SMHCS) staff. On a monthly basis, the Healthcare Foundation receives grant applications from various SMHCS departments to send nurses and other clinical staff to educational conferences to receive ongoing certifications and other education in their particular field of expertise.

In over a period of a year, the Healthcare Foundation granted \$118,000 to 37 nurses to further their education to provide better patient care. The \$20,000 donation from the Daniel R. Long Foundation to establish this new fund will assist in fulfilling future requests to further advance nursing education.

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Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization with the mission to improve the delivery of healthcare for the Sarasota area through the acquisition and utilization of philanthropic funds. Since 1976, the Foundation has awarded **\$33 million** to support patient care, research, education, technology and facilities.

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