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## **Stottlemeyer Mosaic Mural to be unveiled in SMH Emergency Center Triage**

SARASOTA – On May 22, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., a ribbon-cutting dedication will be held to introduce the new mosaic art in the renovated Emergency Care Center (ECC) Triage at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. A generous gift made by **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stottlemeyer** to Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. provided the funding for the scenic and colorful wall. The Stottlemeyers were recently recognized as “Doctors of Philanthropy” for their contributions. A former Foundation trustee, Mr. Stottlemeyer served as board chair from 1984 – 1986.

“On behalf of the board of trustees, I want to thank Charlie and Dee Stottlemeyer for their ongoing commitment and contributions to the foundation and the hospital. The Stottlemeyer Mosaic Mural will provide visitors and patients with serene surroundings calming an otherwise stressful experience,” stated Alexandra Quarles, CFRE, Healthcare Foundation president, CEO and trustee.

The concept of the mural—designed by Aubrey Pendleton, Walker Storey Starling, and Elizabeth Langford, students at Ringling College of Art and Design—was inspired by the importance the hospital staff places on community connections. It features mosaic portholes, representing Sarasota’s historical, cultural and environmental elements, such as the Ringling Bridge, Sarasota Memorial Hospital, manatees, flamingos, sailboats, and the statue of David at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art. The mural is harmonious with the ECC’s concept, curvilinear forms, and color palette and connects the viewer to their surrounding community.

The 3,500 square-foot triage area, where emergency patients enter and are registered and assessed by staff, officially opened Nov. 7, 2006. Other local highlights include soothing classical music is provided by the Florida West Coast Symphony; an 800-gallon aquarium with tropical fish from Mote Marine Laboratory; interactive, rotating exhibits from the G.Wiz Hands-On Science Museum; and plants from Marie Selby Botanical Gardens.

The Healthcare Foundation contributed \$7.5 million dollars for the construction and renovation of Sarasota Memorial’s Emergency Care Center through its EMERGENCY CARE 24/7 *We’re Always Here* capital campaign.

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