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## **Hansen Neuroscience Resource Center**

SARASOTA – On Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, Poul Hansen and his family will officially open the Hansen Neuroscience Resource Center at the Sarasota Memorial Neuroscience Center of Excellence located at the Sarasota Memorial Institute for Advanced Medicine at 5880 Rand Blvd. The ribbon-cutting dedication will be held at noon, following the 2008 International Parkinson Symposium, an educational event for patients, caregivers, healthcare providers and the community.

Poul Hansen and his family donated \$200,000 to Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. to establish the Hansen Neuroscience Resource Center in association with the Sarasota Memorial Health Care System's (SMHCS) Bishopric Medical Library, the community's only public medical library. As part-time residents of Casey Key, the Hansens felt this was an important way to support healthcare for the Sarasota community.

The Hansen family made this gift to the Healthcare Foundation in appreciation of the excellent care Mr. Hansen received during deep brain stimulation (DBS) surgery performed by James M. Schumacher, M.D., director of the Parkinson's program at SMHCS, an internationally known expert in the field of neurosurgical treatment of Parkinson's disease and movement disorders, and a pioneer in the development of DBS.

The Hansen Neurological Resource Center provides access to the most current electronic and printed literature—including information about ongoing support and community groups—available for seven neurological disorders: Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Epilepsy. Physicians are now able to refer their patients to the Center knowing it will provide them with accurate and appropriate information regarding their neurological disorders, which will help them cope with the challenge of their diseases.

Since 1976, Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. has provided grants of more than \$1 million for Parkinson's disease technology, research and education.

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