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Grants Totaling \$781,080 Approved by Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation Board

On May 23, 2007, the Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. board of trustees approved eight grants totaling **\$751,480** to Sarasota Memorial Health Care System (SMHCS) a grant of **\$29,600** to the Mental Health Community Centers, Inc.

Grants to SMHCS include:

- (1) **\$79,000** for two Giraffe Omnibeds—state-of-the-art combination isolettes for premature babies weighing less than three pounds or those born with major health problems—for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).
- (2) **\$20,000** for a nursing research resident—an innovative concept to bring academic research to transform clinical practice at the point of bedside care, as well as a resource for staff nurses for evidence-based practice.
- (3) **\$183,000** for a centralized cardiac monitoring system for the Emergency Care Center (ECC).
- (4) **\$299,661** for a new fluoroscopy machine for the Endoscopy Department.
- (5) **\$32,400** for “CE Direct”—an internet-based online continuing education program for staff nurses.
- (6) **\$75,000** for an “IVent” compact breathing device to be used by the Rapid Response Team in emergency situations to support a patient’s breathing without intubation.
- (7) **\$46,460** for upgraded ultra-sound probes to support urology and neurology services.
- (8) **\$15,959** for an audio-visual system for the hospital’s “old board room,” used frequently for community events and leadership meetings.

The **\$29,600** grant to the Mental Health Community Centers, Inc. is for “Project Safety Net”—to assist with hiring a Licensed Clinical Social Worker to join the staff at Prospect House, extending a cost-efficient continuum of care, intervention and prevention.

From the beginning of the fiscal year, October 1, 2006, Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. has granted **\$1,114, 563**, bringing the total grants to more than **\$32 million** since its incorporation in 1976.

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