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HIALEAH HOSPITAL CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Hialeah Hospital Celebrates 60 Years of Providing Excellence in Healthcare Services to the Community

MIAMI- May , 2011 - When Hialeah Hospital opened its doors 60 years ago on April 15, 1951, there were just 16 beds two registered nurses, two medical doctors and a handful of volunteers. Today, the hospital proudly celebrates its 60th anniversary of providing quality medical care to Hialeah and south Florida communities. With more than 900 employees and over 400 physicians on staff, the 378-bed acute care facility has become a fabric of the community as a hospital, employer and place where people truly feel like “Familia.”

“The Hialeah Hospital family is proud to celebrate 60 years of service,” said Ralph Aleman, chief executive officer, Hialeah Hospital. “This is an exciting time to acknowledge our humble past and recognize our growth and significant accomplishments that have contributed to the major medical center that stands today.”

The 60th anniversary of Hialeah Hospital marks a time to reflect on the considerable changes to medicine, the hospital and the community. As the City of Hialeah has expanded, so has the Hialeah Hospital’s role in keeping this growing community healthy. In fact, the City of Hialeah has grown at a rate faster than most of the ten largest cities in the State of Florida since the 1960’s. Today, it is Florida’s fifth-largest city with more than 236,000 residents.

“It gives me great honor to celebrate Hialeah Hospital’s 60th Anniversary serving the South Florida Community with excellence in the heart of Hialeah. Hialeah Hospital has had a longstanding partnership with City of Hialeah Fire Rescue, and has served this community offering high quality and accessible care to all patients, improving the quality of life for our residents,” said Mayor Julio Robaina, City of Hialeah.

The hospital opened in 1951 with a handful of community members and two doctors, who used their own funds to purchase four buildings, one of which became the 16-bed hospital

that was staffed by part-time employees and volunteers. By the end of the 50's, the hospital added a wing called the Main Hall, a surgical unit, central supply, a few doctor's offices and increased its number of beds to more than 100.

As the population of Hialeah surged, the 60's brought new life into Hialeah Hospital. The hospital became a flagship of Associated Medical Institutions, later known as Versacare, an organization that supports the principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. By the end of the 60s, the hospital expanded to open its first maternity services, operating rooms, nuclear-medicine, laboratory, pathology, hemodialysis, emergency, pediatrics and intensive care units. With the booming population and expanded list of services, the 70s marked continued building expansion with a six-story tower wing, which brought the hospital up to 411 beds and 1,000 employees.

Throughout the 80's and 90's Hialeah Hospital continued to grow in services and as an important thread interwoven into fabric of the City of Hialeah and its people. And without its longstanding and dedicated employees throughout the last 60 years, the hospital's rich history would not be what it is today. As part of the Tenet Healthcare network in South Florida, Hialeah Hospital now offers a broad range of health care services, including: 24-hour emergency care; cardiology; neurosurgery; obstetrics; a Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; laboratory; a surgical weight loss program that has been designated a Center of Excellence by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery; a sleep disorders program; and a complement of imaging services.

ABOUT HIALEAH HOSPITAL

Hialeah Hospital, part of Tenet's Florida region, is located at 651 East 25th Street in Hialeah. The hospital has been serving the medical and health care needs of central to north Miami-Dade County since 1951. Hialeah Hospital offers a broad range of health care services, including 24-hour emergency care, cardiology, neurosurgery, obstetrics, a Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, laboratory, a surgical weight loss program that has been designated a Center of Excellence by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery, a sleep disorders program, and a complement of imaging services. Hialeah Hospital has consistently earned a five-star rating and is ranked among the top five percent of hospitals in the nation for maternity care by HealthGrades, a health care quality ratings company. In addition, Hialeah Hospital received the Get With The Guidelines[®]-Heart Failure Gold Performance Achievement Award from the American Heart Association, which signifies that Hialeah Hospital has reached an aggressive goal of treating heart failure patients with 85% compliance for at least 24 months to core standard levels of care as outlined by the American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology secondary prevention guidelines for heart failure patients. Hialeah Hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. To learn more about Hialeah Hospital, visit www.hialeahhosp.com.

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