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Fore the Love Event Makes Contribution to Winter Haven Hospital Foundation *Funds to support women and children in the community.*

Winter Haven, Fla., (June 4, 2018) — The Winter Haven Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce a generous \$40,000 contribution from the **Fore the Love** golf and tennis event. All proceeds from the Fore the Love grant will benefit Winter Haven Hospital patients and the Winter Haven Women’s Hospital to help underwrite services to support the care of premature and sick babies cared for at Winter Haven Women’s Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Chaired by Mike & Janine Mahalak and John & Tracy Scheck, the event was held at the Country Club of Winter Haven, the “Fore the Love” event included an 18-hole scramble golf tournament, doubles tennis tournament and a tailgate party.

“We were happy to have the opportunity to participate in such a fun event for a wonderful cause. We had great participation and support from the community. We’d like to give special thanks to all of our fantastic sponsors whose support made this the success that it was. We look forward to continuing to expand the event and continuing to partner with the Winter Haven Hospital Foundation which does so much good in our community” stated **Mike & Janine Mahalak and John & Tracy Scheck**.

Winter Haven Hospital Foundation Chairman **Lance Anastasio** said, “The Winter Haven Hospital Foundation is grateful for the generous support from the Fore the Love event. The event and its supporters are helping to make a major impact in the quality of life we all enjoy in our community. Our heartfelt thanks goes to each and every person and organization that is involved. Please know you are touching the lives of local women and their families through your efforts.”

A special thank you to the event’s key sponsors: The Cassidy Family, The Scheck Family, Morgan Stanley, Mahalak Auto Group, Central Florida Media Group, Wawa, Sun Central Media Group, Crown Information Management, JM & A Group, Max 98.3 and Today & Tonight Magazine.

The 2018 “Fore the Love” event is scheduled for October 13th and will be held at the Country Club of Winter Haven. For information about the “Fore the Love” events, please visit www.whhfoundation.org, email: whhfoundation@baycare.org, or call 863-595-2197.

About the Winter Haven Hospital Foundation

The Winter Haven Hospital Foundation, Inc. is an independent, Winter Haven based, not-for-profit charitable institution governed by a board of volunteer trustees who serve without pay. The Foundation cultivates philanthropic support to provide patients with state-of-the-art medical care, cutting-edge technology and equipment, and the best educated and trained personnel. All funds raised are retained locally and utilized to support the not-for-profit patient care mission of Winter Haven Hospital.

About Winter Haven Hospital

Established in 1926, Winter Haven Hospital is a 529-bed facility accredited by the Joint Commission. On Aug. 30, 2013, Winter Haven Hospital joined the Tampa Bay area-based BayCare Health System to become the system's 11th not-for-profit hospital. More than 300 board-certified physicians comprise the medical staff, covering specialties such as stroke, open heart, obstetrics and gynecology, and emergency services. In addition, the hospital is recognized as a Magnet Nursing Center of Excellence, a prestigious designation held by less than seven percent of hospitals nationwide. Winter Haven Hospital has more than 2,500 employees, making it east Polk County's largest private employer, and has been recognized by Polk Works Workforce 2020 as one of the county's best places to work. Winter Haven Hospital is located at 200 Avenue F NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881 and serves as the major medical center for east Polk County and the U.S. Highway 27/Ridge Corridor. For more information, call (863) 293-1121 or visit WinterHavenHospital.org.

About BayCare Health System

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