A Special Thanks for an Extraordinary Gift

Victor E. Clarke, a great friend and benefactor of Baptist Health Foundation, has donated $10 million to the Foundation. Mr. Clarke is the president and CEO of Gables Engineering, a company founded by his father in 1946 that produces instrumentation for commercial aircraft. About a decade ago, he was invited to join the Foundation Board of Directors. His initial gifts of land and money to the Foundation were valued at nearly $2 million. Those donations assisted in the purchase of an MRA (magnetic resonance angiography) machine for Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute, where he had a vascular procedure. He has also been recognized at the South Miami Hospital campus with the Victor E. Clarke Education Center, which was brought to fruition through his generosity. Everyone associated with Baptist Health owes Mr. Clarke heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Baptist Hospital Ball Raises More than $575,000

More than 900 guests celebrated Festivale Veneziano at the 2005 Baptist Hospital Ball, raising more than $575,000 to benefit Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute at Baptist Hospital. The festivities took place Nov. 12 at the Fontainebleau Resort and Spa on Miami Beach.

Presenting Sponsors for this year’s ball were Boston Scientific, Ocean Bank and honorary chairs Pete and Ginny Nicholas. Other major supporters were Diamond Sponsors Johnson & Johnson, Sedano’s, Susan and James Carr, and Ana and Oscar Barbara; Major Underwriters John and Mary Abele; and Platinum Sponsors Coastal Construction, Agustin and Rosiel Herran, and Radiology Associates of South Florida.

Ball co-chairs Barry Katzen, M.D., and Judith Katzen, and Agustin and Rosiel Herran were delighted with the presentation and praised the ball committee for an extraordinary achievement.

Guests arrived to a reception reminiscent of a Venetian street festival. The ballroom recalled the romantic splendor of Old World Venice, from the Grand Canal to the Piazza of San Marco. Murals of ancient buildings and bridges and gliding gondolas seemed to bask in the warmth of a golden sunset. Venetian-style masks of gold, fuchsia, amethyst and

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New Board Members Named

Kerrin Bermont, Marsh Blackburn, Bonnie Blaire, Ray Castellanos, Pat Dahne, Augusto Gil, Steven Hayworth, Thomas R. Jones Jr., Jo McGregor, M. Johanna Paterson, Betty Anne Schilling, Steve Shiver and William W. Wilson III were recently named to the Baptist Health Foundation Board of Directors. Mr. Gil and Mr. Hayworth will serve on the Baptist Hospital Foundation Board. Mr. Wilson will serve on the Baptist Children’s Hospital Foundation Board. Ms. Bermont and Ms. Dahne will serve on the South Miami Hospital Foundation Board. Ms. Blaire and Mr. Castellanos will serve on the Doctors Hospital Foundation Board. Ms. McGregor, Ms. Schilling and Mr. Blackburn will serve on the Mariners Hospital Foundation Board, and Ms. Paterson, Mr. Jones and Mr. Shiver will serve on the Homestead Hospital Foundation Board.

■ Kerrin Bermont is the community-minded vice president of Bermont Capital, LLC. She is a member of the United Way of Miami-Dade Women’s Division, Florida Historical Museum, Young Patrons of the Opera, Curious Kids Museum, Miami Children’s Museum, New World School of the Arts, Miami Art Museum, and Florida Grand Opera. She is also a supporter of the Miami City Ballet, New World Symphony, the Melissa Institute and Adopt-A-Classroom. Ms. Bermont and her husband, Peter, live in Coconut Grove.

■ Marsh Blackburn is a retired executive in the food service industry. He has received many awards that recognized his leadership and keen ability to execute business strategy. Among those honors were the National Food Bank’s Industry Service Award in 1993 and the Food Marketing Institute’s William H. Albers Award in 1994. In 2005, he was elected to the Upper Keys Aquatic Foundation in Key Largo, where he lives with his wife, Mary. They have three grown children.

■ Bonnie Blaire is an accomplished trial attorney, negotiator, author and lecturer. She is on the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Coral Gables, and a member of the Coral Gables Community Foundation, Coral Gables Garden Club and Junior Orange Bowl Committee. She is also on the board of Directors of the DuMond Conservancy and is serving a two-year appointment on the Disability Affairs Board for the City of Coral Gables. Ms. Blaire is a resident of Coral Gables, a business owner and an active volunteer in the community.

■ Ray Castellanos is a partner and managing member of G.C. Homes, a developer and home builder in South Florida. He is on the board of directors of both the Latin Builders Association and the Builders Association of South Florida. Married since 1998, Mr. Castellanos, his wife, Michelle, and their two daughters live in the Miami area.

■ Pat Dahne opened her own real estate firm last March, focusing on investment properties. She spent the previous 10 years as regional president for Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate and Arvida Realty Services (acquired by Coldwell Banker in 2002). Ms. Dahne was recognized in 2004 by the SunPost as one of the “Power Women in Real Estate” in Miami-Dade and was honored in 2003 by the American Diabetes Association with its Valor Award for community service. She lives in Coconut Grove.

■ Augusto Gil is president of Gil Development Inc. and Gil Homes. Both companies have received numerous awards from the Latin Builders Association and the Builders Association of South Florida for their community developments and model designs. Mr. Gil is on the board of directors of the Development Process Advisory Committee and the Beacon Council. Mr. Gil lives in Miami-Dade County with his wife, Lisa, and their two-year-old daughter, Andrea.

■ Steven Hayworth moved in 1980 to Miami, where he worked with Southeast Bank for 10 years. In 1990, he accepted a position with BankUnited. Mr. Hayworth founded Gibraltar
Bank in 1994. In just 10 years, Gibraltar Bank has grown to $800 million in assets. The bank has offices in Coral Gables, South Miami, downtown Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Ocean Reef. Mr. Hayworth is a trustee member of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. He enjoys golf, tennis and fishing.

- **Thomas R. Jones Jr.** is president and owner of T.R. Jones & Co., an insurance and financial services firm with offices in Homestead, Ocean Reef, Key Largo, Weston and Winter Park. Under his leadership as owner and manager, the agency has grown exponentially since 1982. Mr. Jones pioneered privately placed crop insurance and has successfully completed eight mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Jones, his wife, Joanne, and their three children live in the Homestead area.

- **Jo McGregor**, a part-time resident of Islamorada in the Upper Keys and Freemont, Ind., keeps community involvement high on her priority list. As co-chair of the Mariners Hospital Bougainvillea Ball for the past 10 years, Ms. McGregor has worked diligently to support Mariners Hospital Foundation, through both her service and financial commitment. She is a member of the Century Club, one of Baptist Health Foundation’s prestigious donor recognition societies. She is also a member of the Mariners Hospital Auxiliary. Ms. McGregor loves to travel and collect Asian artifacts.

- **M. Johanna Paterson** joined SunTrust Bank in Fort Lauderdale in 1986. In 1990, she moved to Atlanta as manager of SunTrust’s international division and in 1992 she was made vice president of SunTrust’s executive banking division. While with SunTrust Bank, she has worked on many fundraising campaigns, including the Atlanta Ballet, Atlanta Zoo and Winn-Dixie Hope Lodge. Ms. Paterson and her six-year old son live in Ocean Reef. She likes to read and enjoys outdoor activities, including golfing and fishing.

- **Betty Anne Schilling** is vice president of I.E. Schilling Co. and IEBA Corp. She is a member of the University Baptist Church, Islamorada Fishing Club and Baptist Health Foundation’s Century Club, a prestigious donor recognition society. She volunteers for the American Heart Association of Greater Miami, is a lifetime member of the Mariners Hospital Auxiliary and a member of the Mariners Hospital Bougainvillea Ball Committee. Ms. Schilling and her husband, I.E. Schilling, are residents of Islamorada and enjoy traveling, boating and tennis.

- **Steve Shiver** is president and CEO of Global Technology Partners. He is a former Miami-Dade County manager and mayor of Homestead. He is president of Homestead’s Main Street program, co-founder of the Miami-Dade County Empowerment Trust and is on the board of the Homestead Foreign Trade Zone and Vision Council. Mr. Shiver was also elected vice chairman of the Educational Facilities Benefit District, one of only two such districts in Florida.

- **William W. Wilson III** is president and CEO of RefocuX Inc. and CEO of CSFT Holdings Inc. (the successor company to ClientSoft). Mr. Wilson is also on the board of directors of NEON Systems (NASDAQ:NEON), which he joined after NEON’s acquisition of ClientSoft in December 2004. (Mr. Wilson served as president and CEO of ClientSoft for more than four years.) Mr. Wilson is an executive committee member of the Young Presidents’ Organization, a global organization of young business leaders. He and his wife, Samantha, live in Pinecrest with their four children.
Baptist Hospital Ball raises $500,000  
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black, and flower arrangements of roses, Gerber daisies and yellow sprays of orchids adorned each table.

The classic rhythms of Music by Varon wooed patrons to the dance floor. NBC 6 Today in South Florida meteorologist Lonnie Quinn was the evening’s master of ceremonies.

Proceeds from the ball will support the expansion of Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute. When it comes to cutting-edge diagnosis, treatment and technology for cardiovascular disease, Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute is an international leader. To meet the needs of patients, the Institute will add 48 private patient rooms, equipped with the latest technology, and build a new cardiac critical care unit. For more information about supporting the Institute, please call Stephen J. Parsons, CFRE, vice president and chief development officer, at 786-596-5411 or e-mail stephenp@baptisthealth.net.

NASCAR Day Success Benefits Speediatrics at Homestead Hospital

NASCAR Day, NASCAR’s largest annual charitable event, finished first, raising $1 million to benefit the 2005 NASCAR Day designated charities, one of which is Homestead Hospital’s pediatric center, called Speediatrics. Curtis Gray, president of Homestead-Miami Speedway, presented Homestead Hospital CEO Bo Boulenger, with a check for $100,000 at the Pineapple Gala on Nov. 11 at the Speedway. “Homestead Hospital is fortunate to enjoy a close friendship with NASCAR and Homestead-Miami Speedway, and we appreciate how generously NASCAR fans throughout the country participated in NASCAR Day,” said Mr. Boulenger.

Fans and businesspeople across the country, including Homestead Hospital employees, took part in this fundraiser. The City of Homestead proclaimed May 20 NASCAR Day, encouraging the community to join many of NASCAR’s 75 million fans worldwide in celebrating the sport while giving back to the community.

Other beneficiaries are Speediatrics at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Victory Junction Gang Camp founded by Kyle and Pattie Petty in memory of their son, Adam Petty, and Speedway Children’s Charities, which supports organizations that meet the direct needs of children with medical, educational or social challenges.
Pineapple Gala Supports New Homestead Hospital

Supporters of Homestead Hospital and race car enthusiasts revved up their engines to raise a record $286,000 to benefit children’s services at the new Homestead Hospital at the seventh annual Homestead Hospital Pineapple Gala. More than 700 guests attended the Nov. 11 gala hosted by the Homestead-Miami Speedway and sponsored by the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. For a $100 donation, patrons experienced the thrill of speeding around the track for three laps in a professional race car, compliments of the Richard Petty Driving Experience.

The gala opened with a fabulous reception, silent auction and race car rides, followed by dinner, dancing and a special raffle of a pair of pearl and diamond earrings and a NASCAR-decorated golf cart. Guest auctioneer Lonnie Quinn, meteorologist for NBC 6’s Today in South Florida, presided over the lively bidding.

“Thanks to the hard work of the ladies who serve on the gala committee, and the support of the community, the Homestead-Miami Speedway, and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, we have had another outstanding event this year,” said Jerry Case, who co-chaired the Pineapple Gala with his wife, Janet.

Proceeds will benefit children’s services at the new Homestead Hospital, including the Betty Jane France Pediatric Center, called Speediatrics. The new hospital is scheduled to open in late 2006. It’s the first new hospital to be built in Miami-Dade County in 30 years, rising one mile east of the Florida Turnpike, on the north side of Campbell Drive (SW 312 Street). To broaden healthcare services for the growing population of South Miami-Dade County, it will be three times larger than the existing Homestead Hospital.

For more information about the Pineapple Gala or other fundraising opportunities, call Tom Schramm at the Homestead Hospital Foundation office at 786-243-8054 or e-mail thomassc@baptisthealth.net.

A Beam to Build Upon

The last piece of steel to rise to the top of the new Homestead Hospital during a traditional topping-off ceremony at the construction site signified the completion of the building’s concrete slabs and steel work one year after the first foundation was poured. What makes this beam so unique is that it was signed by hospital employees and volunteers, the Homestead Hospital Foundation Board, the Homestead Hospital Board, the Pineapple Gala Committee and the Herman Lucerne Fishing Tournament Committee.

“Building a new hospital is a special honor for all of us,” said Homestead Hospital CEO Bo Boulenger. “A hospital is not just another commercial building. It’s a fundamental building block upon which a healthy community stands. When this new hospital opens, it will be a beacon of hope for generations to come.”

Tom Jones, chairman of the new Homestead Hospital capital campaign, with wife Joanne, left, and daughter Margaret, right, members of the Pineapple Gala committee.

Left to right: Pineapple Gala Co-chairs Jerry and Janet Case; Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida Chairman Billy Cypress; Jill and Bo Boulenger, CEO of Homestead Hospital.

From front to back: Pineapple Gala Committee members Doylene Losner, Barbara Hanck, Lori Losner, Barbara Norland, Janet Ivy, Janet Case, Michele Pedersen, Debbie Bishop, Joanne Jones, Cire Andino, Cheryl Carpenter, Shannan Finocchiaro and Denise Berry.
Golf Tournament Benefits South Miami Hospital’s Child Development Center

The name has changed, but the spirit of giving remains very much alive. South Miami Hospital Foundation’s annual golf tournament, formerly Halloween on the Green, now is known as the South Miami Hospital Golf Classic. On Oct. 19, over 200 golfers, representing 50 companies, took on the Red, Gold and Blue Monster courses at the Doral Golf Resort and Spa, raising more than $150,000 for South Miami Hospital’s Child Development Center.

“We’re grateful to have this tournament supporting our initiatives at the Center,” said Carmen de Lerma, M.D., medical director of the Child Development Center. “Every dollar raised from the tournament goes toward helping the children being treated at the Center reach their fullest potential, and that’s the reason we exist.”

As a longtime supporter but first-time chair of the tournament, Billy Baldwin, president of Pro Golf of Miami, knows the investment of time and money for the event is a sound business decision. “Whenever children are benefiting from a service, the entire community wins,” he said. “All the companies and individuals that participate can feel good knowing they are contributing to a reputable cause.”

This year’s tournament was presented by AIG VALIC. Other major sponsors included Pharmed Group, Cardinal Health Medical Products & Services, Eastern Medical Courier and Sodexho Healthcare Services.

Since 1993, South Miami Hospital’s Child Development Center has treated infants and children who have or are at risk for developmental or physical challenges. The Center provides quality pediatric development assessment, intervention and care.

For more information about South Miami Hospital Foundation, call Karl Cetta at 786-662-8206.

Left to right: Billy Baldwin, tournament chair and Pro Golf of Miami president, presented South Miami Hospital CEO Wayne Brackin with a pumpkin in honor of the tournament’s former name.

Left to right: Shawn Casey, John Kubs and Tom Blake from AIG VALIC.

In recognition of Homestead Hospital Auxiliary’s generous gift to the new Homestead Hospital and for its continued support, the Auxiliary is pictured in front of the new Victory Lane recognition wall in the Betty Jane France Pediatric Center, called Speediatrics. Front row, left to right: Rose Kutsen and Louise Stinnett. Middle row, left to right: Elaine Morgan, Bobbie Jackson, Marie Mazzini and Charlotte Schmunk. Back row, left to right: Richard Murray, Alice Wilburn, Alice Benson, Grace Kelly, Val Janik, Ruth Peebles and Emily Anderson.
**MARK THESE DATES**

**January 18**  
Baptist Health Foundation  
Donor Appreciation Dinner – by invitation only.  
(For more information, call Michelle Ramkissoon at 786-596-8954.)

**January 28**  
Mariners Hospital  
Bougainvillea Ball.  
(For more information, call Amy Garcia at 305-434-1665.)

**March 4**  
46th Annual South Miami Hospital Mercury Ball.  
(For more information, call Sheila Banks at 786-662-8126.)

**March 16-18**  
11th Annual Miami Wine and Food Festival.  
(For more information, call 786-596-WINE.)

**March 19**  
CATS, performed by the Miami Stage Company at Coral Shores Performing Arts Center, to Benefit Mariners Hospital.  
(For more information, call Amy Garcia at 305-434-1665.)

**April 12**  
Doctors Hospital Luncheon.  
(For more information, call Virginia Uchello at 786-308-3578.)

**April 21-23**  
Homestead Hospital Herman Lucerne Memorial Backcountry Fishing Competition.  
(For more information, call Kelly Quartermaine at 786-243-8054.)

**April 26**  
Venus Golf Classic.  
(For more information, call Julie Hays at 786-662-7353.)

**May 13**  
Baptist Children’s Hospital  
Once Upon a Time Ball.  
(For more information, call Michelle Ramkissoon at 786-596-8954.)

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**Congratulations, Corporate Partners**

The Corporate Partners program is a cooperative effort of community leaders and businesses dedicated to helping Baptist Health South Florida provide personalized healthcare with the latest medical technology and finest staff. Through the generous contributions of these companies, Baptist Health can continue to improve medical services in our community.

**Titanium $50,000+**  
- Bovis Lend Lease  
- Critical Care Newborn Services  
- Pharmed Group  
- Siemens Health Services/Med-Lab/Siemens Enterprise Networks

**Platinum $30,000-$49,999**  
- AIG VALIC Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies  
- Turner Construction

**Gold $25,000-$29,999**  
- Bank of America  
- Cardinal Health  
- MGE Architects  
- Pollack & Rosen, P.A.  
- Sodexo Healthcare Services  
- SunTrust

**Silver $15,000-$24,999**  
- Bayshore Dura Medical Equipment  
- Brandes Investment Partners, L.P.  
- Countrywide Home Loans  
- Eastern Medical Courier  
- Guidant  
- Parenti, Falk, Waas, Hernandez & Cortina, P.A.  
- ProNational Insurance Company  
- Royal Caribbean International  
- Tri-City Electric Co., Inc.  
- Regions Bank  
- Wicker, Smith, O’Hara, McCoy, Graham, & Ford, P.A.

**Bronze $10,000-$14,999**  
- American Medical Response  
- AT&T  
- Bank United  
- BellSouth Telecommunications  
- Bridgewater Associates, Inc.  
- Clean Image Corporation  
- First National Bank of South Miami  
- Hill-Rom  
- J. & W. Seligman & Co.  
- Lanier Healthcare  
- Nicholas-Applegate Capital Management Co.  
- Roche Labs, Inc.  
- Skanska, USA  
- Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.  
- Trane  

For more information, contact Nancy Cedeño, corporate relations manager, at 786-662-4846.
Founders Society Event

Baptist Health Honors Founders Class of 2005

Baptist Health South Florida Foundation recently expressed thanks and appreciation to its Founders Class of 2005. One hundred new Founders enjoyed a private reception and a 16th century royal table presentation with dinner served in the Biltmore Hotel’s Granada Room. The evening’s Presenting Sponsor was Pollack & Rosen. Supporting Sponsors were Nicholas Applegate and Bovis Lend Lease.

The Founders Society is Baptist Health Foundation’s prestigious donor recognition society, which recognizes donors who have given $50,000 or more. Its members include friends, grateful patients, philanthropists, physicians and community leaders.

“Our goal is to provide philanthropic support to Baptist Health hospitals and ensure that they maintain a “margin of excellence” in providing the best healthcare to our community,” commented Founders Society Chair Philip Wolman.

Gifts from Founders have totaled over $51 million. This past year has been a record year of growth for the Founders Society, and the evening was a celebration of that success.

For more information about the Founders Society, please contact Stephen J. Parsons, CFRE, vice president and chief development officer, at 786-596-5411.

Left to right: New Founders Society members Bob Berrin, Donald and B. Carlin, Joseph and Peggy Armaly, Kerrin and Peter Bermont, Alison Miller and Joseph Bolton, Tom Carlos, Ricardo and Maria Carbonell, and Shannan and Salvatore Finocchiaro.

Left to right: New Founders Society members Larry and Susan Kahn, George and Bibiana Lopez, Paige Lattner, Charlen Regan, Cathryn Roth, Arturo Sesana and William W. Wilson III.

Congratulations, New Founders

Founders are benefactors whose cumulative gifts or pledges to Baptist Health South Florida Foundation have reached $50,000. With a pledge of $50,000 or more, individuals join the Founders Society and fellow philanthropists in helping to advance medical excellence at Baptist, Baptist Children’s, South Miami, Doctors, Homestead and Mariners Hospitals, Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute and Baptist Outpatient Services.

Cira & Mario Almeida, M.D.  Lissette & Orlando Garcia Jr.  Gloria & Alfredo Sesana
Fran & Robert Berrin  Elizabeth & Augusto Gil  Michelle & Tommy Torbert
B. & Donald Carlin  Pam & Barry MacEwan  Julie & Jose Valle
Nancy L. & David M. Cohn  Patricia & Lewis Peters  Samantha & William W.
Arlyn & Stephen Cypen  Jose Portuondo, M.D.  Wilson III
Samantha & James Dorsy  Linda & Eduardo Rodriguez  Samantha & James Dorsy

For additional information on membership or a brochure, contact Stephen J. Parsons, CFRE, vice president and chief development officer, at 786-596-5411.
Fundraising Programs

Baptist Health South Florida Foundation raises funds to help maintain and improve the quality of healthcare in the communities served by our hospitals. Listed below are several fundraising projects. If you would like to help, please call Christopher Kraus or Stephen J. Parsons, CFRE, at the Foundation office at 786-596-6535.

Center for Excellence in Nursing – Baptist Health South Florida
The Center for Excellence in Nursing includes all Baptist Health South Florida hospitals and facilities. Donations help educate, train and develop the nursing staff, support nursing scholarships and improve patient care with nurse-approved equipment and programs.

Cancer Treatment with Tomotherapy – South Miami Hospital
The Tomotherapy Hi-Art System is the most advanced cancer radiation treatment available, delivering precise radiation to tumors while minimizing damage to surrounding tissues. It is the only radiation system with an onboard CT scanner that takes three-dimensional images of the treatment site. For more information, contact Karl Cetta at South Miami Hospital Foundation at 786-662-8206, or e-mail karlc@baptisthealth.net.

Baptist and South Miami Hospital Emergency Center Expansions
Bigger, better emergency centers streamlined for the 21st century, featuring swift, high-tech care and state-of-the-art technology, will be built at Baptist Hospital and South Miami Hospital. Construction on Baptist Hospital’s multimillion-dollar ER and hospital expansion is expected to begin in late 2005, with a projected opening in late 2007. South Miami Hospital is in the planning stage of this major expansion to its emergency department.

Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute
The Institute has built a neurointerventional angiography suite to treat stroke and other neurological conditions. This suite was needed to support the Stroke Program that Baptist Hospital’s Neuroscience Center is developing. The $3 million cost includes equipment such as biplane neuroangiography and computerized patient-monitoring equipment. Naming opportunities are available.

Baptist Children’s Hospital
Baptist Children’s Hospital provides children and their families the best care possible in a child- and family-friendly environment. Funds raised help the hospital maintain high standards of quality service to the children in our community.

Child Development Center – South Miami Hospital
The Child Development Center at South Miami Hospital provides multidisciplinary diagnostic evaluations and treatment to premature infants born with complications, and to children who have, or are at high risk for, developmental disabilities and delays. For more information, contact Karl Cetta at South Miami Hospital Foundation at 786-662-8206, or e-mail karlc@baptisthealth.net.

Doctors Hospital
The latest addition to the Baptist Health network, Doctors Hospital, has reintroduced itself as the premier, not-for-profit hospital in Coral Gables. Doctors’ all-star roster of physicians includes specialists in sports medicine, orthopedics, neurosurgery and women’s gynecologic oncology. For more information, contact Stephen J. Parsons, CFRE, at Doctors Hospital Foundation at 786-596-5411, or e-mail stephenp@baptisthealth.net.

Mariners Hospital – The William E. Chasteen Scholarship Fund
The William E. Chasteen Scholarship Fund was created in 2000 by Tom and Dale Chasteen, of Tavernier in the Upper Keys, in memory of their father. This scholarship supports continuing professional education and training for Mariners Hospital employees. The Chasteens continue to match funds that are donated to the scholarship fund. If you would like more information, contact Amy Garcia at Mariners Hospital Foundation at 305-434-1665, or e-mail amyog@baptisthealth.net.

A New Homestead Hospital
The “hospital of the future,” opening in late 2006, will bring the latest equipment and services — including high-speed, wireless Internet technology — to the growing south Miami-Dade community. Baptist Health is building the 120-bed hospital and an adjacent medical office building just east of the Florida Turnpike on the north side of Campbell Drive. The 300,000-square-foot, $100-million-plus hospital will feature private patient rooms, an Emergency Center triple the size of the existing one, including Speediatrics, the Betty Jane France Pediatric Emergency Room, and an urgent care center. The hospital also will offer expanded outpatient diagnostic and surgery services. For information about donor opportunities at the new Homestead Hospital, contact Tom Schramm at 786-243-8531, or e-mail thomassc@baptisthealth.net.
Make Your Donations Count Before Waiver of Deduction Limitations Ends

As the end of the year draws near, we reflect on our many blessings and make plans for the future. Thoughtfully addressing charitable giving priorities can help assure maximum benefits for you and your charitable interests. A gift to Baptist Health Foundation, a public charity, supports not only our mission to provide excellence in healthcare, but also makes a difference in our community. A number of options exists for fulfilling your charitable goals in ways that feature significant tax savings.

The easiest way to obtain a charitable deduction for 2005 — and support Baptist Health Foundation at the same time — is simply by writing a check. This year, giving cash can be very beneficial because of the Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act and its temporary waiver of deduction limitations for any purpose, beyond Katrina relief. According to the new law, qualifying cash gifts by an individual to a public charity (private foundations, supporting organizations and donor advised funds do not qualify) can be used to offset up to 100 percent of an individual’s gross income, instead of the usual 50 percent limitation. This will apply only to donations made from Aug. 28 through Dec. 31. In addition, those cash donations will be exempt from the application of the phase-out of itemized deductions for high-AGI taxpayers. It is important to remember that the public charity must actually receive the cash in 2005. Transfers of cash to a trust, in which a public charity is a future beneficiary, do not qualify.

Gifts of appreciated securities or stock can be one of the most advantageous ways of giving. If you have owned stock for more than one year, donating it to Baptist Health Foundation offers you a two-fold tax saving. First, you avoid any capital gains tax on the increase in value of your stock. Second, you receive a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift, up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income, with an additional five-year carry forward.

Charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts allow you to receive lifetime income when donating to the Foundation. You can transfer cash or securities now and receive an immediate income tax deduction and a guaranteed lifetime income. This income would be paid to you and/or a loved one for life, or a specified length of time, after which the assets would be distributed to Baptist Health Foundation to benefit our hospitals.

The sale of a residence, vacation home, farm, vacant lot or other real estate holding that has appreciated in value through the years would mean a sizable capital gains tax. By making a year-end gift of this property to Baptist Health Foundation, you avoid the tax and, at the same time, realize a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the real estate. It is also possible to make a gift of your property to the Foundation so that you and your spouse can continue to use it for your lifetimes — and still receive an immediate income tax deduction for a portion of the fair market value of the property.

There are many ways to fulfill your charitable intentions. We at Baptist Health Foundation would be pleased to provide you with additional information on gifts you may be considering. Please contact Christopher Kraus, assistant vice president of operations and gift planning officer, at 786-596-6776, or by e-mail at giving@baptisthealth.net.

Ferguson Wows Them in the Keys

World-renowned trumpeter and master showman Maynard Ferguson blew up a storm before an appreciative audience Nov. 3 at the Coral Shores Performing Arts Center in Tavernier. Playing “God’s instrument,” as he calls it, Mr. Ferguson sent notes vibrating to the heavens. He and his Big Bop Nouveau Band thrilled the audience with his double-high Cs and great jazz. Proceeds from the concert benefited Mariners Hospital and the South Florida Center for the Arts.

Maynard Ferguson
’Tis better to give and receive

Looking for a gift that keeps on giving? You can support Baptist Health’s mission of providing excellent healthcare to our community — and make a great investment at the same time — with a charitable gift annuity from Baptist Health Foundation.

When you transfer cash or securities to the Foundation, you receive an immediate income tax deduction and a guaranteed fixed lifetime income. And when the annuity ends, the remaining principal passes to the Foundation. Not only is a portion of these payments income tax-free, but you may even save on capital gains tax. Plus, your charitable gift annuity is backed by the full financial strength of Baptist Health.

So lock in your rate now — and get a tax deduction for 2005.

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*Two-life rates are also available.

To calculate the benefits of a charitable gift to Baptist Health, visit the Baptist Health website at www.baptisthealth.net, click on Foundation, click on Planned Giving Calculator. This handy tool allows you to calculate the benefits of a planned gift of your choice at your convenience.

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