



The Foster G. McGaw Prize

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**MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA
RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS FOSTER G. MCGAW AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
IN COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Finalists from Bronx, N.Y., Springfield, Mass., and Lewiston, Maine
Also Recognized*

CHICAGO, January 24, 2007 – Honoring their outstanding leadership, unwavering spirit of excellence and remarkable achievements in the community they serve, Memorial Healthcare System (MHS) of Hollywood, Fla., is the recipient of the prestigious 2006 Foster G. McGaw Award. This is one of the most esteemed honors for excellence in community service in health care.

Each year, this \$100,000 award is presented to a health care organization that provides innovative programs that significantly improve the health and well-being of the community. The Foster G. McGaw Prize is sponsored by the American Hospital Association (AHA), The Baxter International Foundation and the Cardinal Health Foundation.

Named as finalists and receiving \$10,000 each are Baystate Health in Springfield, Mass., Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, N.Y. and Sisters of Charity Health System in Lewiston, Maine.

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Memorial Healthcare System is a national role model for improving the health and well-being of the community it serves. In addition to receiving this most recent award, Memorial was the first recipient of the AHA's "Living the Vision" award in 1997.

"The Foster G. McGaw Award acknowledges health care organizations that go the extra mile and beyond to improve the lives of the people in their communities," said Susan Manilow, chair of the Foster G. McGaw Prize Committee. "This year's winner and finalists are models of innovative leadership and partnership, sustained commitment and wide-ranging initiatives that achieve striking results in the health and vitality of their communities. In line with its philosophy that public health and quality of life are inseparable, Memorial Healthcare System has built strong partnerships with other community organizations and community leaders to create a wide spectrum of impressive and effective community initiatives. From providing programs that significantly help delinquent and at-risk youths, to the homeless, the seniors, the chronically ill and many, many more, Memorial Healthcare System consistently demonstrates how deeply and compassionately they care about all the people of their community."

"With a remarkable history of community outreach, and with open arms and compassionate hearts, we embrace the community in which we live. It is a privilege to be able to save lives, lift spirits and heal the human body," said Frank V. Sacco, President and Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Healthcare System. "Together, we will stay as dedicated and focused as ever in our passion to help our fellow man."

2006 Finalists

The Foster G. McGaw Prize finalists were also recognized for their significant accomplishments in community service:

- **Baystate Health** in Springfield, Mass., for its broad-based community collaboration to address the diverse and challenging needs for the most vulnerable individuals – including the poor, uninsured, refugees, immigrants and disabled.
- **Montefiore Medical Center** in Bronx, N.Y., for forging strong community relationships and meeting both the medical needs of the underserved and their social, economic and environmental needs, as well.

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- **Sisters of Charity Health System** in Lewiston, Maine for its unique initiatives to meet the needs of its community, whether those needs are health-care services, housing or academic.

About Memorial Healthcare System

Memorial Healthcare System, a non-profit healthcare organization, is also known as the South Broward Hospital District. It is governed by a seven-member Board of Commissioners who are appointed by the Governor of Florida. The Healthcare System consists of Memorial Regional Hospital, Memorial Regional Hospital South, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, Memorial Hospital West, Memorial Hospital Miramar, Memorial Hospital Pembroke and numerous ancillary facilities. For more information, visit www.mhs.net.

About The Foster G. McGaw Prize

The Foster G. McGaw Prize, first awarded in 1986, recognizes health care organizations that demonstrate commitment to community service through a range of programs that demonstrate a passion for making communities healthier and more vital. This honor inspires hospitals and health systems to implement programs that significantly improve their communities.

About The Foster G. McGaw Prize Sponsors

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are dedicated to improving the health of their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, that include almost 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 37,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information, visit the AHA Web site at www.aha.org.

The Baxter International Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Baxter International Inc., helps organizations increase access to healthcare in the United States

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and around the world. The foundation, established in 1981, began to focus exclusively on increasing access to healthcare in 2002 -- particularly for the disadvantaged and underserved -- in and near communities where Baxter employees live and work.

Baxter International Inc., through its subsidiaries, assists healthcare professionals and their patients with the treatment of complex medical conditions, including hemophilia, immune disorders, cancer, infectious diseases, kidney disease, trauma, and other conditions. The company applies its expertise in medical devices, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology to make a meaningful difference in patients' lives. For more information, visit www.baxter.com.

Supported by the global resources of Cardinal Health (www.cardinalhealth.com), including more than 55,000 employees around the world, the Cardinal Health Foundation is the focal point of the company's community relations' efforts. The Foundation's mission is to advance and fund regional and national programs that improve access to and delivery of quality health care services. With annual revenues of nearly \$81 billion and operations on six continents, Cardinal Health is the leading provider of products and services supporting the health care industry.

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