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HEART OF FLORIDA, LAKE WALES MEDICAL CENTER AID B STREET CENTER

Lake Wales, FL – Continuing a longstanding tradition of being good community partners, Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center and Lake Wales Medical Center recently donated \$5,000 to the B Street Community Center in Lake Wales to assist them with the aid they provided to the community in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

Lake Wales Medical Center CEO Rebecca Brewer presented the check in October. In total, the two sister hospitals donated \$35,000 to community agencies in East Polk to assist with hurricane relief.

“As large organizations, it’s important to us to partner with our community to assist those who were on the front lines of hurricane cleanup and restoration,” said Heart of Florida CEO Ann Barnhart said. “Our hospitals sheltered large numbers of special



needs evacuees, and we know that there were many in the community who were helping get the damage cleared and making people's homes safe for them to return."

Brewer added, "Right after the storm, the hospitals were the only places that had hot food, so we set up and served our community until power began being restored at area restaurants and in neighborhoods. We also had lobbies full of people charging their cell phones and other devices so they could stay in communication with family members."

"We are proud of our tradition of always being a good community partner, and we are appreciative of the support of our corporate office that enables us to continue giving back to the communities we serve," Brewer said.

Lake Wales Medical Center is a 160-bed acute care hospital accredited by the Joint Commission. With more than 500 employees and 60+ active staff physicians, the hospital has been serving the medical needs of the community since 1928.

Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center is a 193-bed acute care hospital accredited by the Joint Commission and an accredited Chest Pain Center by the Society for Cardiovascular Patient Care, Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center puts quality health care front and center.

Photo Info: Lake Wales Medical Center and Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center presented the B Street Community Center in Lake Wales with \$5,000 to support the hurricane relief efforts they performed in the wake of Hurricane Irma. Pictured from left are: Delton Hayes, Janice Snell, Clinton Horne, Lake Wales Medical Center CEO Rebecca Brewer, Roscoe Williams, Narvell Peterson, Jerome Mack and Alice Sanders.