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DELRAY MEDICAL CENTER CELEBRATES FOURTH QUARTER DAISY AWARD NOMINEES AND WINNER

DAISY award recognizes extraordinary nurses

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. – March 22, 2011- To recognize nurses that provide extraordinary nursing care, Delray Medical Center announced its fourth quarter DAISY award finalists and winner. Five nurses were selected as finalists and one winner was chosen.

Karen Foss, Trauma Intensive Care Unit; Julie Knichel, Critical Care Unit; Theodore Theme, Surgical/Orthopedics; and Edwina Silvey, Med/Telemetry were among the top five finalists. Eileen Winn from the Trauma Intensive Care Unit was named the winner. All of these nurses were recognized for their education, training, skill, judgment and compassionate care, which truly make a difference in the lives of so many people.

For the DAISY Award, numerous hospitals and medical facilities around the country select award recipients each quarter. Recipients are chosen by their nurse administrators, peers, physicians and patients. As of July, 2009, over 4,500 nurses have received The DAISY Award.

Since it takes a team to provide great patient care, physicians, nurses, and staff at Delray Medical Center were treated to Cinnabon® cinnamon rolls during the DAISY Award presentation. Delray Medical Center also received a banner to hang in the hospital to celebrate The DAISY Award honors and the nursing profession.

“Delray Medical Center is proud to celebrate our DAISY Award finalists and winner, Eileen Winn,” said Delray Medical Center chief nursing officer, Audrey Gregory. “We always strive to recognize our nurses who take pride in the nursing profession and work very hard to provide quality care to our patients.”

The DAISY award is sponsored by Cinnabon's franchisees and parent company, FOCUS Brands as the Premier Sponsor. It is co-sponsored in several hospitals by families and companies, including the Angels Baseball Foundation; Hill-Rom; Johnson & Johnson's Campaign For Nursing's Future; NovaVine; Sam's Club; UnitedHealthcare; U.S. Airways; Wells Fargo; and Wellington Vineyards.

ABOUT DELRAY MEDICAL CENTER

For more than 25 years, Delray Medical Center, a 493-bed acute care hospital, has served the communities of South Palm Beach County. As both a community hospital and Level II Trauma Center located on a 42-acre medical plaza, Delray Medical Center has the ability to offer several specialized services including Cardiac Care, Orthopedics, Rehabilitation, Neurosciences, Emergency/Trauma Care, Behavioral Health, and more.

For the past five years, Delray Medical Center has been named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals by HealthGrades, a leading independent healthcare ratings organization. Delray Medical Center is one of only 269 hospitals ranked in the top 5% in the nation for patient outcomes according to HealthGrades, achieving the HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence Award™. Delray Medical Center was one of just 13 hospitals in South Florida- and one of five in Palm Beach County- that received this recognition for its clinical performance.

Several specialized services lines have also earned high achievements. Delray Medical Center's designation as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) confirms that the hospital's care programs follow national standards and guidelines that can significantly improve the outcomes for stroke patients. This designation followed Delray Medical Center's accreditation by the Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Center.

For its orthopedics, Delray Medical Center is a Blue Distinction Center for Spine Surgery and Knee and Hip Replacement by Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Delray Medical Center's cardiovascular care has also been the recipient of several awards. The hospital was featured in a special advertisement in the "America's Best Hospitals" 2010 issue of US News & World Report to commemorate their receipt of the *Get With the Guidelines* Coronary Artery Disease GOLD Award, GOLD Heart Failure Award, and GOLD Plus Stroke Award. In addition, Delray Medical Center was recently named one of America's "Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals" by a Thomson Reuters. Selected from more than 1,000 U.S. hospitals, Delray Medical Center was chosen based on its record of providing high-quality and effective cardiovascular care.

Delray Medical Center is actively involved in community outreach, sponsoring many events, community lectures and fundraisers. The hospital is also a smoke free campus. For more information or a physician referral, please call 1-800-897-9789 or visit the website at www.delraymedicalctr.com

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