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Tampa General Hospital and Health Care District of Palm Beach County Invite Feedback, Outline Vision for Lakeside Medical Center at Community-Wide Town Hall

Belle Glade, FL – Tampa General Hospital and the Health Care District of Palm Beach County will welcome community leaders and residents of the Glades to a town hall discussion at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade on plans to expand access to care at Lakeside Medical Center.

Who:
- John Couris, president and CEO, Tampa General Hospital
- Darcy J. Davis, president and CEO of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County
- Tammy Jackson-Moore, member of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County Board and the Lakeside Health Advisory Board
- Stacey Brandt, executive vice president and chief administrative officer for Tampa General Hospital
- Ron Doncaster, vice president and Lakeside Medical Center administrator

What: Community Town Hall on the Lakeside Medical Center and Tampa General Hospital Partnership

When: Monday, April 28, 2025
5:00 p.m. Media Set Up, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall and Q&A Session

Where: Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center
Palm Beach State College Belle Glade Campus
1977 SW College Drive
Belle Glade, Florida

RSVP: Confirm attendance by responding to Robin Kish, rkish@hcdpbc.org or 561-847-1648.

Tampa General Hospital and the Health Care District of Palm Beach County reached an agreement earlier this year for Tampa General to provide administrative leadership, operational management and strategic support for Lakeside Medical Center, the only rural teaching hospital in Florida. The strategic objectives of the partnership include:

- Enhance quality of care;
- Strengthen clinical training, recruitment and retention; and
- Improve financial status.

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Tampa General's work with Lakeside Medical Center marks an expansion of Tampa General's existing network of providers and services in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast, which already includes primary care, cancer care, digestive health, kidney care, radiation, oncology and general surgery.

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About the Health Care District of Palm Beach County
The Health Care District of Palm Beach County is an independent special taxing district that has served as a healthcare safety net for 36 years to fill in gaps in access to healthcare services. This unique healthcare system covers the entire county with nine community health centers (Federally Qualified Health Centers) which serve everyone regardless of ability to pay; school health teams in 172 public schools; a Trauma Hawk aeromedical helicopter program; a rural, public teaching hospital, Lakeside Medical Center; a skilled nursing center; a ground ambulance program for Health Care District patients needing a higher level of care and the county's Trauma Agency, which ensures quality outcomes within the county's trauma system and leads initiatives to prevent traumatic injury.

About Tampa General Hospital
Tampa General Hospital, a 981-bed, not-for-profit, academic health system, is one of the largest hospitals in America and delivers world-class care as the region's only center for Level I trauma and comprehensive burn care. Tampa General Hospital is the highest-ranked hospital in the market in **U.S. News & World Report's 2024-2025 Best Hospitals**, with two medical specialties ranking among the top 20 in the nation and eight medical specialties ranking among the top 50 best hospital programs in the United States. Tampa General Hospital has been designated as a model of excellence by the **2022 Fortune/Merative 100 Top Hospitals list.** The academic health system's commitment to growing and developing its team members is recognized by three prestigious Forbes magazine rankings – in the top 100 nationally in the **2024 America's Best Large Employers**, the top 50 in Florida in the **2024 America's Best Employers by State** and the **2023 America's Best Employers for Women**. Tampa General is the safety net hospital for the region, caring for everyone regardless of their ability to pay, and in fiscal year 2022, provided a net community benefit of approximately $240.3 million in the form of health care for underinsured patients, community education, and financial support to community health organizations in Tampa Bay. It was the nation's busiest adult solid organ transplant center in 2024 and is the primary teaching hospital for the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine. With five medical helicopters, Tampa General Hospital transports critically injured or ill patients from 23 surrounding counties to receive the advanced care they need. Tampa General houses a nationally accredited comprehensive stroke center, and its 32-bed Neuroscience, Intensive Care Unit is the largest on the West Coast of Florida. It also is home to the Muma Children's Hospital at TGH, the Jennifer Leigh Muma 82-bed neonatal intensive care unit, and a nationally accredited rehabilitation center. Tampa General Hospital's footprint includes TGH North, which is comprised of three hospitals and several outpatient locations in Citrus and Hernando counties, 17 Tampa General Medical Group Primary Care offices, TGH Family Care Center Kennedy, two TGH Outpatient Centers, TGH Virtual Health, and 20 **TGH Imaging** outpatient radiology centers throughout Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas and Palm Beach counties. Tampa Bay area residents also receive world-class care from the TGH Urgent Care powered by the Fast Track network of clinics. To see a medical care professional live anytime, anywhere on a smartphone, tablet or computer, visit **Virtual Health | Tampa General Hospital (tgh.org)**. As one of the largest hospitals in the country, Tampa General Hospital is the first in Florida to partner with GE Healthcare and open a clinical command center that provides real-time situational awareness to improve and better coordinate patient care at a lower cost. For more information, go to **www.tgh.org**.