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### **Coral Gables Hospital Celebrates 85 Years of Service to the Coral Gables Community**

**CORAL GABLES, Fla. – July 2011-** When the City of Coral Gables was founded in 1925, the groundwork for Coral Gables Hospital was not long behind. Where Coral Gables Hospital now stands, a two-story, 35-bed facility by the name of Tallman Hospital began serving the health needs of the burgeoning new city on July 28, 1926. Today, 245-bed Coral Gables Hospital proudly celebrates 85 years of high quality service, tremendous change and positive growth.

“It’s remarkable to think that Coral Gables Hospital has been providing healthcare to meet its community’s health needs for 85 years,” said Jay Miranda, chief executive officer. “Celebrating 85 years of service is a monumental event, and while Coral Gables Hospital has grown significantly in its scope of services, size and technological advances, the hospital has kept its roots in the community as an important part of historic Coral Gables.”

The City of Coral Gables was established in 1925 as one of the nation's first fully-planned communities. The city was built by developer and city planner George Merrick, who sought to incorporate secluded residential enclaves and commercial areas inspired by a Mediterranean architectural style. In 1926 Merrick said: "The building of Coral Gables has not been a thing of the moment, but a wonderful monument that will as solidly endure as does the everlasting coral upon which it is founded." And this solid foundation and enduring nature of the city has carried through Coral Gables Hospital’s rich 85-year history.

First known as Tallman Hospital, the facility was operated by two nurses during World War II. For the next several decades, the hospital expanded under the ownership of Health Care, Inc. (HCI), until it was purchased by Hospital Affiliates, Inc. (HAI) in 1971 and became known as Coral Gables Hospital.

As Coral Gables Hospital, the south structure was renovated and new patient wings were constructed in 1974 to meet the rapid population growth of Miami-Dade County. In fact, between 1976 and 1979, the hospital maintained the highest percentage occupancy in south Florida and did so while delivering award-winning care. Coral Gables Hospital received awards for outstanding quality in 1975, 1977, 1978 and 1980 from among the 150 hospitals owned or operated by HAI.

Throughout the 80s and 90s Coral Gables Hospital underwent several more changes in ownership and management; however, the hospital’s commitment to patient care and quality remained as solid as the coral bedrock on which it was founded. As part of the Tenet Healthcare Corporation network of hospitals since 1997, the hospital’s mission to maintain excellence in healthcare delivery and meet the needs of the community remains strong.

Today, the bustling 245-bed acute care hospital located in central Miami-Dade County is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. The community-based hospital serves south Dade County, Latin America and the Caribbean, offering a broad range of high quality and award-winning services from primary care to surgery and specialty programs, including: orthopedics, urology, comprehensive diagnostics services, emergency medicine, outpatient rehabilitation, cardiovascular services and more.

In 2011, Coral Gables Hospital received the American Heart Association *Get With The Guidelines* Heart Failure Gold Quality Achievement Award for successfully implementing evidence-based guidelines and procedures in caring for heart failure patients to prevent future hospitalizations. With one in five Americans suffering from one or more forms of vascular disease, the hospital has also invested in advanced imaging technology to best diagnose and treat vascular-related conditions.

“Celebrating 85 years gives us the opportunity to look at how far the hospital has come, but it also provides a valuable time to envision the Coral Gables Hospital of the future,” continued Miranda. “In another 85 years, I expect Coral Gables Hospital to strongly hold on to its founding community-oriented culture, yet advance to one of south Florida’s leading healthcare delivery organizations.”

### **About Coral Gables Hospital**

Coral Gables Hospital is a 245-bed acute care hospital located at 3100 Douglas Road in the heart of historic Coral Gables. The community-based hospital serves South Dade County, Latin America and the Caribbean. Coral Gables Hospital offers a broad range of services, from primary care to surgery and specialty programs- including: orthopedics, urology, comprehensive diagnostics services, emergency, outpatient rehabilitation and more. In 2011, Coral Gables Hospital received the American Heart Association “Get With The Guidelines” Heart Failure Award. Coral Gables Hospital has also earned CIGNA Quality Designations for Laparoscopic Gall Bladder Removal, Total Hip Replacement and Total Abdominal Hysterectomy. Coral Gables Hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency.

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