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**Children's Garden Funded by Dalbeck Foundation Grant**

SARASOTA – On May 14, 2009, a dedication was held for the new Linne E. Dalbeck Memorial Children's Garden adjacent to the child/adolescent unit at Sarasota Memorial Health Care System's (SMHCS) Bayside Center for Behavioral Health. A \$25,000 grant made to the Healthcare Foundation by the Linnie E. Dalbeck Foundation funded this project.

The garden—which includes colorful fairytale murals painted by Jessica Smith, a member of Bayside Center's food and nutrition staff—will be a special place for parents, grandparents and guardians to visit their children who are in-patients. In addition to being able to grow plants and vegetables, the children can play basketball, badminton and other games.

“The garden will be a place where children can get outside for fresh air, be surrounded by lovely images that stir the imagination and become participants in the amazing cycle of life and growth by learning how to raise and grow plants and flowers,” states Diane McMahon, RN, MSN, ARNP-C, director of nursing at Bayside Center. “The staff at Bayside is truly grateful for this miraculous garden.”

“Linnie Dalbeck was a very dedicated member of the Sarasota community. She never sought the limelight, but appreciated all that our community offered and continues to offer,” explains Pamela K. Peelor, J.D., Linnie E. Dalbeck Memorial Foundation trustee and vice president and regional trust advisor at SunTrust. “Her donation continues her commitment to Sarasota – she would have appreciated the tranquility and peace that the garden offers to these very special patients.”

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