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## Bridge Organizations Donate \$5,000 to Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc.

SARASOTA – The Suncoast Bridge Association, a unit of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), serves more than 1,000 Sarasota area bridge players. With more than 160,000 members throughout North America, including the United States, Canada, Mexico and Bermuda, the ACBL is divided into 25 districts, of which the Florida district is the largest.

The ACBL Charity Foundation annually designates five or six of its districts through which to distribute grants totaling more than \$100,000 to selected charities within their areas. This year, Florida was one of the districts to receive a grant and each local unit was asked to select a charity. The Sarasota unit named Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. to receive a grant of \$4,000.

Of the five units within the Florida district, Sarasota's is the newest. One of its objectives is to cooperate with the ACBL's charity program and to sponsor and conduct charity events to realize funds to be devoted to worthy humanitarian causes. In addition to the \$4,000 grant from the ACBL Charity Foundation, the board of directors of the Sarasota unit chose to add the proceeds of \$1,000 from its annual charity event for a total of \$5,000. One hundred and sixty area bridge players participated in the local event.

"The Suncoast Bridge Association chose Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation to be the beneficiary of our charitable grant because we felt that contributing to the improvement of healthcare in the area is a very worthy cause, and that assisting Sarasota Memorial Hospital in this effort is particularly important for the overall wellbeing of the community, states Carol Hamilton, Suncoast Bridge Association president.

**Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc.** is a not-for-profit organization with the mission to improve the delivery of healthcare for the Sarasota area through the acquisition and utilization of philanthropic funds. Since 1976, the Foundation has awarded more than **\$32 million** to support state-of-the-art medical technology, education, facilities and research.

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