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GLADES GENERAL HOSPITAL STEPS INTO SPRING WITH NEW COLORFUL UNIFORMS

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Belle Glade, FL. May 12, 2008 – As spring arrives, so do new colors at Glades General Hospital (GGH.) To help patients more easily recognize their caregivers, GGH staff began wearing color-coded uniforms on May 1st. The Clinical Departments' Apparel Program helps patients distinguish staff by department during their hospital stay.

The new colors were chosen by managers with input from staff members to represent their departments. Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses wear navy blue; certified nursing assistants wear khaki; registered and certified respiratory therapists wear royal blue; pharmacy technicians wear chocolate brown; radiology technicians wear hunter green; operating room staff wear ceil blue; the laboratory staff wear Caribbean blue; and physical therapy staff wear burgundy.

Terri Calsetta, Director of Patient Advocacy and Community Health at GGH says she thinks that the uniform program will contribute to better patient service. "The new dress code is a means for patients and families to know their care giver. It also provides a uniform look to each department." Signs will be posted throughout the hospital to provide a description of the colors.

Mary Weeks, Chief Nursing Officer at GGH commented: "We are striving to provide innovative healthcare programs to the local community. The new uniform colors are just one more way that GGH continues to provide improved services."

The new regional hospital currently under construction by the Health Care District of Palm Beach County is expected to open in the Glades in 2010 and will continue exemplary care to the community with 70 single occupancy rooms, private patient elevators, and a new emergency room with twice the treatment areas and three fast track exam areas.

About Glades General Hospital:

Glades General Hospital, Palm Beach County's only public hospital, is a JCAHO accredited 73- bed acute-care facility located in the heart of a large agricultural belt on the southern shores of Lake Okeechobee. Operated by the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, GGH is one of the largest employers in the Glades with just over 300 employees. The Health Care District is currently constructing a new regional hospital and medical campus that will open in 2010. Glades Healthcare Foundation is leading the fund raising campaign for this \$73 million facility that will feature all-private patient rooms. The new 70-bed hospital hopes to attract physicians and patients from all over Palm Beach County with services including: a Trauma Hawk air landing pad; a 24-hour physician staffed emergency room; obstetrics with advanced diagnostic testing; general surgery; social services; radiology and nuclear medicine.