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#### NATIONAL HEALING CORPORATION SUPPORTS BETHESDA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

*Industry leader recognizes the site of its first wound care center with \$50,000 donation*

BOCA RATON, Fla. (October 2, 2009) – In 1996, Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach and Boca Raton-based National Healing Corporation (NHC) established a state-of-the-art wound healing center recognizing that rising rates of diabetes and vascular disease as well as an aging population would result in an increased need in the community for advanced therapies and treatments to heal chronic wounds.

NHC now accounts for 30 percent of all managed and outsourced wound centers in the nation and Bethesda's Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Program has two locations from which it sees more than 1,600 patients a year for wound care and an additional 125 patients for hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

As Bethesda Memorial Hospital celebrates its 50th anniversary, NHC has donated \$50,000 to the Bethesda Hospital Foundation's corporate partnership program.

"Immediately after World War II, Bethesda Memorial Hospital was envisioned as an area hospital which would not only serve the rapidly growing community, but also one that could be a showcase for hospitals all over the world," said NHC CEO James E. Patrick. "It has more than fulfilled that dream and National Healing Corporation is proud to have played a part. With this donation, we commit ourselves to its future as well."

With a distinguished medical staff of 500 physicians in more than 40 areas of specialty, Bethesda Memorial Hospital and its affiliates offer a full array of healthcare services, including the new, state-of-the-art Driskill Endovascular Center, general and specialized

surgery, maternity, neonatal and pediatric intensive care services, the Bethesda Comprehensive Cancer Center, an Affiliate of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute and the new Bethesda Heart Institute, a 39-bed, comprehensive cardiovascular hospital within a hospital at Bethesda Memorial Hospital.

Bethesda Hospital Foundation Executive Director Kay Harvey said “With the support of National Healing Corporation, we launched our corporate partnership program six years ago which helps the hospital grow through the purchase of new equipment and underwriting of expanded services. The company’s continued support shows continued leadership in our community.”

NHC provides management services and the latest technology and expertise in wound healing to its client hospitals to establish quality wound healing programs. The Joint Commission has awarded National Healing the Disease-Specific Care Certification for wound care.

The Bethesda Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Program has two locations, one on the campus of Bethesda Memorial Hospital in eastern Boynton Beach and another at Bethesda Health City in western Boynton Beach.

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