

# FoundationFocus

The official publication of the TGH Foundation

Fall 2010

## U.S. News & World Report's 2010-11 Best Hospitals: TGH Ranks in Nation's Top 50 in Six Medical Specialties



Diabetes & Endocrinology



Geriatrics



Heart & Heart Surgery



Kidney Disorders



Orthopedics



Urology

Tampa General Hospital has been ranked as one of the country's Top 50 hospitals in six medical specialties in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2010-11 Best Hospitals issue.

The six medical specialties include: diabetes & endocrinology, geriatrics, heart & heart surgery, kidney disorders, orthopedics, and urology. The rankings are available online at [www.usnews.com/besthospitals](http://www.usnews.com/besthospitals) and are featured in the August print issue of *U.S. News*, available at newsstands now.

TGH first appeared in the national magazine's rankings of America's Best Hospitals in 2005 for its orthopedics program. Orthopedics has been listed every year since. This year's rankings mark the fourth consecutive year for kidney disorders and urology, and the third

consecutive year for heart & heart surgery. Last year, the hospital earned Top 50 honors for diabetes – which the magazine added to the endocrinology specialty – and for geriatrics.

Best Hospitals 2010-11 includes rankings of 152 medical centers nationwide in 16 specialties: cancer; diabetes & endocrinology; ear, nose, & throat; gastroenterology; geriatrics; gynecology; heart & heart surgery; kidney disorders; neurology & neurosurgery; ophthalmology; orthopedics; psychiatry; pulmonology; rehabilitation; rheumatology, and urology.

Ron Hytoff, president and CEO, said the rankings are a product of the teamwork that exists between hospital staff, the University of

*(continues on page 2)*

## Heart Transplant Program Marks 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as One of the Largest in U.S.

In June, Tampa General's heart transplant program turned 25 years old, and during that time it has evolved into one of the largest in the country. Tampa General's program is one of the five-busiest heart transplant programs in the United States and is also the largest among Florida's four adult heart transplant centers.

TGH surgeons performed the first life-saving heart transplant in the state on June 6, 1985. The recipient was Thomas Thrasher, an area businessman who passed away in 1996. Glen Spurlin was just 43 years old when he became TGH's second heart recipient on June 21, 1985. Glen's heart was damaged by cancer medications, and when he arrived at TGH, he had only a short time to live. "His arms and legs were already turning a blackish purple," said his wife, Marie.

This summer, Glen and Marie, who live in Lakeland and in North Carolina, visited TGH for Glen's routine outpatient follow-up appointment and helped mark the program's anniversary.

"I'm here because of the commitment of other people and the sacrifice of other people," Glen told the audience, which included members of the transplant program. "I say 'thank you' from the bottom of my heart."

"The staff has been so supportive of us," Marie said. "Each of you has played a part in our success in our life."

Diane Jimenez, one of TGH's heart transplant coordinators, was a nurse on the cardiac floor when she first took care of Glen 25 years ago. "To see him so well after 25 years is wonderful, and a credit to him, his wife and

the entire transplant team," Diane said. More than 960 patients have undergone heart transplants at TGH, said Angie Korsun, transplant administrator.



Transplant coordinator, Diane Jimenez, left, and Sjonne Mabbott, right, manager of Regulatory Compliance for the transplant programs, reunite with Glen Spurlin, TGH's second heart transplant recipient, and his wife Marie during the 25th anniversary of our heart transplant program. Diane and Sjonne have assisted the Spurlins since Glen's transplant in 1985.

*(continues on page 3)*

## From the Chairman



As the Tampa General Hospital Foundation begins a new fiscal year, I would like to recognize seven community leaders who have provided valuable leadership and wisdom during their tenure on the Foundation Board of Trustees. Phil Dingle, Toni Hoover, John McKibbin, Gene McNichols, Arthur Savage, Catherine Straz and Pat Sullivan have all worked hard to help the Foundation achieve such tremendous success. Phil, John and Gene continue to serve Tampa General as members of its Board

of Directors, a great indication that the partnership between the hospital and its Foundation is stronger than ever.

I am also proud to welcome four new trustees to the Foundation board: Charles Funk, Drew Graham, Barbara Hurst and Carin Zwiebel. Each brings talent, energy and dedication to our community and to our hospital, and we are delighted to have them join our board. Please join us at the Foundation's Annual Dinner on October 7, 2010, when we will recognize our new board members.

As a TGH supporter, you recognize the outstanding care that is provided every day. In this issue of *FoundationFocus* you will read about some prominent organizations that have recently bestowed awards on the hospital. *U.S. News & World Report* has named TGH one of the top 50 hospitals in the United States in six medical specialties. The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses has once again given the prestigious Beacon Award to the Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit, and the hospital's recycling efforts have been recognized by the organization Recycle Florida Today.

Given this level of recognition, it is not hard to see that TGH has the best employees in the Bay area. And those employees demonstrated their pride in being a part of the Tampa General family by raising over \$220,000 in the "Help us help each other" employee campaign, plus an additional \$50,000 in the First Annual Employee Golf Tournament. Not only is TGH a great place to be a patient, it is a terrific place to volunteer and work.

I'm also pleased to announce the dates for our major events for the next year. Mark Nouss, Paul Stanley and their Golf Committee are hard at work planning for the annual golf tournament, which will be played at Old Memorial Golf Club on October 25, 2010. Please also save January 6, 2011, for the 20th Annual Night at the Circus, chaired by Andrea Gramling, and May 7, 2011, for the 14th Annual *Moments in Time* Gala, chaired by Dr. and Mrs. Harry van Loveren. We welcome your support and attendance at all of these wonderful events.

If you have not had the opportunity recently to see all of the exciting things happening at Tampa General, I encourage you to call the Foundation at (813) 844-7250 and arrange for a tour so that you can see for yourself why TGH is recognized throughout the United States as one of the top 50 hospitals in the country.

John Touchton  
Chairman, Tampa General Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees

## Upcoming Events

### Annual Dinner Thursday, October 7, 2010

The Tampa General Hospital Foundation's Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2010, at Palma Ceia Golf and Country Club. During the dinner, Foundation Chairman John Touchton will give his report on the accomplishments and activities of the past year, and Jim Warren, Chairman of the Florida Health Sciences Board of Directors will give the hospital report. The prestigious James M. "Red" McEwen and Madeleine P. Gibbons Award recipients will also be announced. Dinner sponsors are **The Bank of Tampa** and **Florida Investment Advisers**.

### Octoberfest Saturday, October 16, 2010

**Datz Delicatessen & Foodies Market** is celebrating Octoberfest on Saturday, October 16, 2010, with proceeds benefitting the Tampa General Hospital Foundation. Visit <http://www.datzdeli.com/> for more information.

### Halloween Friday, October 29, 2010

The **13 Ugly Men Foundation** will be celebrating Halloween at the Sheraton Riverwalk in downtown Tampa on Friday, October 29, 2010. Proceeds will go

towards building a playground for the pediatric patients at Tampa General's Healthpark Pediatrics Clinic. Visit <http://www.13uglymen.com> for more information.

### The Circus is Coming! Thursday, January 6, 2011

The Tampa General Hospital Foundation's 20th Annual Night at the Circus will take place on Thursday, January 6, 2011, at the St. Pete Times Forum. This year's event will be chaired by Andrea Gramling, assisted by vice chairs, April Neil and Janet Stephens. We are pleased that the **Don & Erika Wallace Family Foundation** has again agreed to be our Big Top Sponsor. **SunTrust** will also return as our Three Ring Sponsor and the **Lightning Foundation** will once again be our Patrons' Party Sponsor. This event is a great opportunity for families to spend priceless time together and experience the thrills of the *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Circus – The Greatest Show on Earth*. Proceeds will benefit Tampa General Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

### Moments In Time Gala Saturday, May 7, 2011

Save the date! The TGH Foundation's 14th Annual *Moments In Time* Gala,

chaired by Dr. and Mrs. Harry van Loveren, will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011. The location has yet to be determined. The Gala benefits Tampa General Hospital's Fund for the Future, helping TGH achieve its vision of being the leading medical center in West Central Florida. Contributions ensure that our dedicated physicians and patient care staff have all the necessary tools to provide excellent medical care and to advance teaching, research and service in our community. It will surely be an event to remember.

Call (813) 844-7273 for more information.

*(continued from page 1)*

South Florida College of Medicine, and community medical providers.

"Quality patient care is a product of this teamwork," Ron said. "When you have doctors working hand-in-hand with nurses and other clinical specialists, you provide better outcomes for sick patients."

The rankings in 12 of the 16 specialties were driven by hard data such as death rates, procedure volume, and balance of nurses and patients. In the four remaining specialties – ophthalmology, psychiatry, rehabilitation and rheumatology – hospitals were ranked on reputation alone.

# Help us help each other



## Employees Support One Another In Record Numbers

When Tampa General's 2010 Employee Campaign was launched last February, employees took the campaign's slogan, "Help us help each other," to heart.

They had a chance to make contributions to the Employee Emergency Fund that directly benefits co-workers who face unexpected financial hardships.

They showed support for their fellow employees in record numbers, making it the hospital's most successful single-year employee fundraising campaign ever. The campaign's goal was set at \$175,000 – but TGH employees surpassed that goal by more than \$46,000 and contributed \$221,154.

"It's the largest amount we've raised in a single-year employee campaign," said Robin DeLaVergne, senior vice president and Foundation executive director.

With more than 1,500 employees making contributions, this year's campaign also had the largest number of donors of any employee campaign, said Robin.

Overall, 25 percent of the hospital's employees made contributions to the campaign, and more than 36 percent of those were contributing to the employee campaign for the first time.



Chris Roederer, senior vice president of Human Resources, far right, and volunteer Employee Ambassadors present the check from the proceeds of the 2010 Employee Campaign to Robin DeLaVergne, executive director of the TGH Foundation.

Total department participation was also at an all-time high. Sixteen departments had 100 percent of their employees who contributed; 25 departments had 75 percent employee participation; 45 departments had 50 percent employee participation; 70 departments had 25 percent of their employees who contributed. With 249 employees, Environmental Services is one of the largest departments in the hospital, and it consistently has had a high level of participation in employee campaigns, said John Scolaro, director of Environmental Services. During this year's campaign, the department again had a very high level of contributions from its employees.

"It demonstrates the kindness and goodness of the Environmental Services staff," said John. With this year's campaign directly benefitting employees who are in need, the staff realized it was an opportunity to help many of their peers who may need help from the fund, he said.

The outpouring of support for others is a testament to the family-like attitude among the hospital's employees. "Part of our culture is that we care for our patients, and we care for each other," Robin said.

While the Employee Emergency Fund was the primary focus of the campaign, employees could also contribute to other Foundation funds, including the NICU campaign, or the Fund for the Future. Donations to the NICU campaign were nearly \$14,500, and a little more than \$8,000 was contributed to the Fund for the Future.

## Employees Hold Golf Tournament; Raise \$50,000

A group of employees coordinated the first TGH Employee Golf Tournament to benefit the Employee Emergency Fund. Employees and their guests attended the June 13 event at the Bay Palms Golf Complex at MacDill Air Force Base, and it was a tremendous success. Nearly 60 employees and their guests, totaling close to 140 people, participated. Tournament coordinators hoped to raise \$20,000 for the Emergency Fund, and they exceeded that goal by raising \$50,000. "We were really amazed and really proud of the amount we raised in such a short time," said Patty Conze, manager of Human Resources, who helped organize the event. The tournament was so well received, another is already being planned for next March, said Chris Roederer, senior vice president of Human Resources.



The tournament's winning team, from left: guests J.W. Thomas, Mark Royals, Mark Hofferberth and Chris Bechwith with senior vice president of Human Resources, Chris Roederer.

(continued from page 1)

The long-term survival of patients has improved over the years thanks to new drugs and technology. There were limited medications available 25 years ago to prevent patient's bodies from rejecting transplanted hearts, said Debbie Rinde-Hoffman, MD, medical director of the heart transplant program.

In addition to improved anti-rejection medications available today, there are now new antibiotics and antiviral drugs that also increase the survival rates of transplant patients, she said.

Some patients, who may not have survived while waiting for donor hearts in the past, now have the ability of ventricular assist device (VAD) placement, which can keep them alive until donor hearts become available. VADs are also used as long-term therapy for patients who are not candidates for heart transplants, she said.

"Our survivals continue to improve as time goes on, and patients get a second lease on life... that's the important thing," said Dr. Rinde-Hoffman. "Our program is one of the best that Tampa General has. We have a very dedicated team and every department

of the hospital has an important role. This is a program that the whole hospital should be proud of."

After receiving his new heart, Glen said he gained a new perspective about life. "I pay attention to the birds... the flowers... the little things. You realize that you're at death's door, and you are given a second look at life and what really means the most to you," he said. The gift of a new heart also gave him time to spend with his four grandchildren. "The most precious thing I got in life is to be able to play with them and read to them; to get those hugs and kisses... I can't put it into words," he said.

## Recipe for Summer Fun?

Take a hot summer day here in Florida, add a happy group of youngsters on summer break from school and some gallons of freshly made lemonade. In the case of 12-year-old South Tampa sixth-grader Ryan McNulty, you'll end up with a money-making lemonade stand. A sure-fire recipe for fun and a youthful enterprise, right? Factor in a strong family commitment to giving back to the community and a spark of creativity on the part of this young lady, her friends and siblings, and like us, you are overwhelmed that even at such a tender age, our children find ways to turn their "industry" into a heartwarming gesture of compassion and generosity towards others!

Ryan organized a charity neighborhood lemonade stand in June, assisted by her sister Grace, her younger brother Jack, and friends Hannah and Katherine. Inspired by a close neighbor who is a member of Tampa General Hospital's Aeromed team, these young people decided to donate the day's proceeds to TGH. The group marketed their wares to thirsty neighbors, and at the end of their efforts, Ryan quietly tucked their earnings into an envelope and delivered the donation to their TGH neighbor, Kathy Koch. This very special gift from Ryan and her fellow "lemonaders" will be directed to the TGH Foundation's Fund for the Future, where it will help meet the hospital's greatest needs.

We had a chance to meet Ryan McNulty in person recently, accompanied by her brothers and sister, her parents, and her visiting cousin who will begin pre-med studies at Baylor University in Texas.

The family toured the Tampa General Hospital facilities, and one of the highlights of their tour was a visit to the Aeromed helipad where they even got a chance to see what it's like to be an airborne patient inside a helicopter.

Our thanks to Ryan McNulty and her industrious helpers for their fundraising efforts on behalf of TGH!



(L to R): Kathy Koch, flight nurse, the McNulty Family: Bill, Grace, Rhett (in lap), Brandon Stormes, Jack, Ryan and Jennifer.

## Cardiothoracic ICU Receives Prestigious Beacon Award



Tampa General's Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit (CTICU) has received the fall 2010-2011 Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN).

This is the second time TGH's CTICU has earned the prestigious Beacon Award. It received its first award for fall 2008-2009.

The AACN is the largest specialty nursing organization in the world

and represents more than 500,000 nurses. The organization presents the Beacon Award in the spring and fall each year to honor the nation's top critical care units.

The Beacon Award recognizes adult critical care, adult progressive care and pediatric critical care units that meet standards of excellence in recruitment and retention, education, training and mentoring, research and evidence-based practice, patient outcomes, leadership and organizational ethics, and creation of a healthy work environment.

"Receiving the Beacon Award is very significant. Since we're a CTICU, we're treating very ill patients, and we are very proud of the work we do," said Julie Wilkinson, the unit's nurse manager.

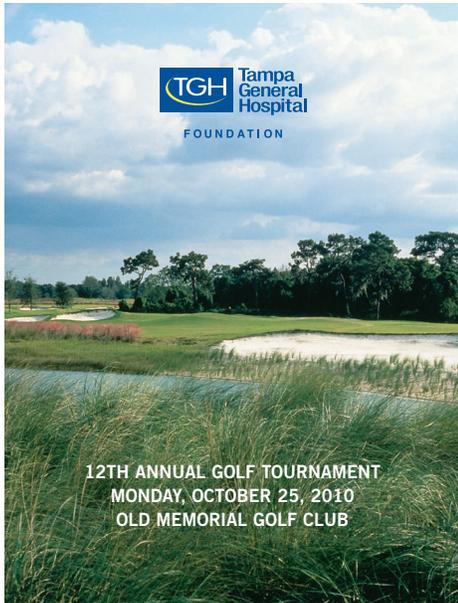
About 80 nurses on the 18-bed unit provide care for heart and lung transplant patients, open heart surgery patients, patients with ventricular assist devices and those who are on cardiopulmonary bypass support.

Since receiving its last Beacon Award, the unit has concentrated on developing new comprehensive orientation and training programs for its staff.

"In addition, we have worked on reducing our catheter-associated blood stream infections," Julie said. "We initiated the use of a securing device to keep the dressing and tubing in place, and have decreased our infection rates significantly. This initiative is being carried out hospital-wide," she said.

Earlier this year, TGH's Neuroscience ICU also received its second Beacon Award.

## 12th Annual TGH Foundation Golf Tournament



Please join us for the 12th Annual TGH Foundation Golf Tournament on Monday, October 25, 2010, at Old Memorial Golf Club. Mark Nouss and Paul Stanley will chair the

event this year, and the format for the tournament will be a shamble.

The Baldwin Connelly Group returns as our Presenting Partner, and The Yerrid Foundation returns as our Title Sponsor.

The goal of this event is to raise awareness about Tampa General Hospital's many programs and services. Proceeds will benefit both the Tampa General Hospital Foundation and MORE HEALTH, Inc. – Tampa General's innovative health education and injury prevention program which provides a variety of health lessons to more than 185,000 students in Hillsborough and Pinellas County public and private schools.

Lunch will be provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill before the Shot Gun Start at 1:00 p.m., and Datz Delicatessen & Foodies Market will provide tasty appetizers and specialty beers during the cocktail hour following the tournament. After dinner is served, a live auction will be held with very special prizes for the winners.



**2009 1st place winners – Gross:**  
Gary Harrod, Steve Stagg (left to right) and Chad Harrod and Greg Iglehart (not pictured).



**2009 1st place winners – Net:**  
Ryan Lee, Steve Yerrid, Jim Warren and Bryan Guyton (left to right).

## 2010 Golf Committee

Bob Ball

Mclver Berner

Amina El-Yousef

David Garbarino

Andy Grim

Jim Henning

Brad Johnson, MD

Will Krusen

Janice Lackey

Ryan Lee

Karen Pesce

Brian Smith

Alex Sullivan

Craig Urquhart

Robert Walter

Mark Nouss and Paul Stanley  
Golf Committee Chairs

For additional information, please call Lynn Fluharty, special events manager at (813) 844-7273.

## Camp Hopetáke Celebrated its 20th Anniversary this June!

Camp Hopetáke (pronounced hope' e' tock-ee) is not an ordinary camp; it is a special camp for a special group of approximately 40 children who have survived a burn injury. This year, the weeklong camp, which is offered free of charge, celebrated 20 years.

The camp was created to be a safe haven for children ages 5 through 17 who cope with the social and emotional scars of living with burn injuries. This wonderful camp provides a safe, comfortable, supportive environment for the kids to share their feelings and experiences with others that truly understand what they have been through. It also provides a support system for them for the rest of their lives.

Camp Hopetáke has taken place on the campus of USF for three consecutive years. The camp's counselors are TGH nurses, therapists, firefighters and paramedics who volunteer to provide a safe and supportive environment for these young survivors. It is paid for by the Tampa Firefighters and Paramedics, IAFF 754, and the Tampa General Hospital Foundation. This summer the Give Hope at Camp Hopetáke online fundraising campaign raised almost \$1,500.

It costs about \$1,000 per child to send the children to camp, which includes their accommodations at USF for the week, all their activities, recreation, entertainment, transportation and food. Their week includes a



A group of campers and counselors enjoying the day at Adventure Island.

wide variety of activities: fireman's games on the ladder truck and water games, movie night, special trips to Walt Disney World, Adventure Island, the Florida Aquarium and Busch Gardens, and this year's "Super Hero" Party.

## Using Appreciated Assets to Gift in 2010 and Beyond

*By: Kimberly D. Overman, CFP, TGH  
Foundation Planned Giving Committee  
and President of The Financial Well, Inc.*

The year 2010 may prove to be an important year for many individuals that have concerns about the prospect of rising taxes in the near future. The rules of thumb used to guide taxpayers planning to reduce taxes at year-end have changed, and those reasons give individuals that have the desire to make a difference in their community, such as supporting Tampa General Hospital Foundation, an opportunity to do that with some financial planning before December 31, 2010.

An outright gift of appreciated property or investments to a charity is one of the best ways to benefit a charity and reduce your taxable income or estate taxes. This strategy takes advantage of the deductions the tax code allows for such gifts.

It is a well-established rule of charitable giving that when you contribute appreciated property (property that has gone up in value) to a charity, you do not incur taxes on the gain. You can donate any type of property to charity (assuming the charity will accept it), such as cash, securities, real property, life insurance, or rare collectible items.

You enjoy a triple advantage when you donate appreciated long-term capital gain property (property held more than one year), like stock or real property. You avoid capital gains taxes that otherwise would have been incurred on the potential profit upon sale of the property. You receive a deduction for the full fair market value of the gift. Lastly, you avoid using cash that may be needed for other purposes.

To illustrate the appreciated property strategy, let's meet Samantha, whose family benefited from the services of Tampa General Hospital several years ago and who wants to make a difference in her community. Samantha reviews her investments with her advisor and finds that several of her investments need to be sold to meet her investment objectives, but to do so would mean she would owe

long term capital gains taxes, currently at a taxable rate of 15% with the prospect of going higher in future years. One of her large company stocks worth \$25,000 cost her \$12,000 when she purchased it over 18 months ago. Instead of using \$20,000 of her cash, Samantha donates stock worth \$25,000 this year. By donating the stock to charity, Samantha uses an asset that cost her \$12,000, she avoids the tax on the \$13,000 capital gain, and, she receives a potential income tax deduction of \$25,000, the full market value of the gift. Moreover, she was able to gift an asset to charity that no longer served her investment objectives while preserving her liquid cash reserves.

### **Tax rules that impact decisions this year and next**

Recently passed legislation targets high-income earners as well their estates. Increased marginal tax rates, capital gains rates, and decreases in deductions and adjustments to adjusted gross income may very well result in effective tax rate increases beginning in 2011. In our example above, an increase in tax rates would reduce the cost of giving even more. So careful consideration with your tax advisor's assistance may help you plan for now and the future.

In many ways, 2010 is a unique year that will require more planning than usual given the nature of many current tax strategies and the prospect of higher effective tax rates. Traditional tax planning rules of thumb that accelerate deductions in the current year and delay income to later years may not make sense. Due to the uncertainties of tax legislation for 2011, there are a number of reasons to consider charitable gifting in 2010.

Anyone considering charitable gifting, or other tax strategies such as Roth IRA conversions or appreciated investment gifting, should consult with their tax and financial advisors concerning the use of various deductions and filing options to reduce tax liability and to make gifts.

Proper execution can help reduce taxes for the individual and allow appreciated assets to help a charity meet its mission.

If you are interested in making a difference in our community by gifting to the TGH Foundation, please contact a member of the Foundation's staff at (813) 844-7560. They would be happy to talk with you on a confidential basis about how the Foundation can be part of your overall financial plan, and they can thank you in person for your thoughtful support of the Foundation!

### **Inaugural Planned Giving Advisory Council Coffee & Conversation Series at TGH**

Are you an estate planning attorney, CPA, financial advisor or planner, life insurance professional or trust officer? Tampa General Hospital will be hosting its inaugural coffee and conversation series for planned giving professionals this fall!

**Thursday, October 14, 2010**

**Speaker**

**Cynthia Schaal**

**Executive Director,  
Philanthropy Leadership Council**

**State of the Industry:  
Philanthropy & Healthcare Reform**

**Coffee and Conversation..... 8:00 a.m.**

**Program..... 8:30 a.m.**

**Optional Tour..... 10:00 a.m.**

**Please valet at the  
Tampa General Hospital  
Rehabilitation Center,  
6 Tampa General Circle,  
Tampa, FL 33601.**

**Please RSVP by October 1 to  
(813) 844-3528 or  
kwierzbowski@tgh.org.**

## Teen Volunteers Gain Insight into Healthcare Careers

As one of Tampa General's volunteers this past summer, 15-year-old Hayden Harvey received an early education about what it might be like to pursue his dream of becoming a cardiovascular surgeon.

The Newsome High School junior volunteered in the cardiac OR, where he had the chance to suit in scrubs and watch several open heart operations.

"I've seen three surgeries so far and hopefully one more today," Hayden said during his volunteering. "I definitely wanted to volunteer at Tampa General; it's the best in Tampa."

The first was a four-hour open heart surgery. "I was paying attention and got a chance to look at the heart," he said. "You learn a lot, and they explain why they're doing certain things."

Hayden is one of about 300 teens who participated in the hospital's Summer Teen Volunteer program this year. The annual program exposes teenagers, who are between 14-18 years old, to all areas of

a large hospital, both on the business side and the medical side, said Paula Jurgenson, auxiliary coordinator in Volunteer Services.

The teens performed various tasks, including clerical work, data entry, making deliveries, stocking items, passing water and snacks to patients, and helping with events for departments. They also attended physician lectures and went on tours, including the morgue, Aeromed and the emergency department.

"They are like little sponges," said Angelique Scott, director of Volunteer Services. "They take in knowledge, and when they come back they light up because they've learned something new," she said. "We're hoping to spark an interest in them to pursue health care."

Instead of staying home and relaxing, Danielle Natale, a 16-year-old Tampa Catholic High School junior, decided to volunteer for the second year in a row at TGH.

Three days a week, she accompanied her mother, Kathy Natale, manager of the EPIC team, to TGH where she was assigned to assist in various departments.

The experience helped her learn about the inner workings of a hospital and the medical field, which is valuable to her since she plans to become a pediatric surgeon.

It also helped her develop better social skills. "I'm better at talking to people when I need help or run into a problem," she said.

"She's gained more confidence, and that's important," said her mother.

Bianca Dominguez, a 17-year-old Henry B. Plant High School senior, has volunteered at TGH for the past three summers.

"It's a good way to get service hours and to look at healthcare professions," Bianca said. "It gives me an idea of what I want to do in the future. I know I want to do something in health care. It exposes me to different things at the hospital."



Teen volunteers Bianca Dominguez, Hayden Harvey and Danielle Natale (left to right) were among the nearly 300 teens participating in the hospital's Summer Teen Volunteer Program.

## Breast Center Awarded Center of Excellence Accreditation



Tampa General's Breast Center has received the Breast Imaging Center of Excellence accreditation from the American College of Radiology (ACR).

It is ACR's highest level of accreditation for breast imaging services.

According to the ACR's website, currently only 35 Florida radiology facilities have received

the Breast Imaging Center of Excellence accreditation.

To achieve this accreditation, a radiology facility must first earn individual ACR accreditations in mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, breast ultrasound and ultrasound-guided breast biopsy. Accreditation in each of these procedures must be maintained to keep the Center of Excellence accreditation.

TGH previously was awarded ACR accreditations in mammography, breast ultrasound and ultrasound-guided breast biopsy, but did not offer the stereotactic breast biopsy procedure until two years ago, said Patty Frederick, manager of TGH's main radiology services. The service was accredited this year. In recent years, the center also began offering breast MRIs and added a breast health navigator to its staff to assist patients

with all aspects of their procedures, Patty said.

"We have worked very hard building up our breast imaging services," said Patty. "We are ecstatic to achieve this award in such a short period of time," she said.

The accreditation is a very intensive process and requires a great deal of documentation, said Sherri Jones, an x-ray technician and mammography coordinator. "We've been working on this for about a year," she said.

TGH performs more than 5,000 breast procedures each year. "We are now delighted that we are able to provide all the imaging services for breast health," Patty said.

"Patients can get anything from a screening mammogram to the most complex breast biopsy, and all procedures are done with the highest standards and the highest quality of care."

facebook

The Tampa General Hospital Foundation is now on Facebook! Learn more about TGH, the Foundation's events, support the Foundation as a cause and more by liking our page! The October White Coat Intern Experience is coming soon to Facebook, and you don't want to miss it. Interviews with interns and physicians, photos, an online discussion forum and more bring the White Coat Intern Experience to Facebook.  
[www.tgh.org/foundation.htm](http://www.tgh.org/foundation.htm)



*FoundationFocus* is the quarterly newsletter published by the Tampa General Hospital Foundation, One Tampa General Circle, Room H-149, Tampa, FL 33606. Additional copies may be obtained by calling (813) 844-7250. The Foundation's mission is to support and promote the programs and services of Tampa General Hospital. Tampa General Hospital's mission is to provide the residents of West Central Florida with excellent and compassionate health care ranging from the simplest to the most complex medical services. As a teaching facility, Tampa General partners with academic and community institutions to support both their teaching and research missions. As the region's leading safety net hospital, we reaffirm our commitment to providing high quality health services to all residents.

## 2010-2011 Board of Trustees

### Officers

John T. Touchton, Jr.  
Chairman

Richard L. Kouwe  
Vice Chairman

Mclver Berner  
Secretary

Douglas J. Dieck  
Assistant Treasurer

Stephen G. Brantley, MD  
Member at Large

Henry Gonzalez, III  
Member at Large

Pamela S. Muma  
Member at Large

Holly Tomlin  
Member at Large

### Trustees

Ron K. Bailey  
Mary Jane Campbell

Blake J. Casper  
Richard Dobkin

C. Samuel Ellison  
Anthony M. Everett

Charles B. Funk  
Drew A. Graham

Andrea Gramling  
Barbara Hurst

Ronald A. Hytoff  
John Leone, MD

Cleveland A. McInnis  
Michael S. Murray

Charles N. Paidas, MD  
Steve L. Short

John T. Sinnott, MD

Paul Stanley

J. Eric Taylor

Robert A. Walter

Julie C. Wooley

Carin Zwiebel

(813) 844-7250



FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 1289 • Tampa, Florida 33601-1289