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South Lake Hospital Foundation Invites the Public to Community Garden's First-Planting Celebration

~ Organic garden will highlight Earth Day ~

CLERMONT, FLA. (April 16, 2012) – The South Lake Hospital Foundation invites the public to join in the First Planting Celebration, on Thursday, April 19, at 10 a.m., at the new organic community garden located at Don Wickham Drive on the hospital's campus.

South Lake Hospital CEO John Moore will be joined by Foundation President Debra Hunt and others in planting the first tree in the organic community garden located on the hospital's south campus. Jeanne Martel, head of the hospital's development office, said the timing was chosen to coincide with Earth Day, which is Sunday, April 22.

The organic community garden was created to promote a healthier way of life and sustainable community while raising funds for the hospital. Sponsorships run from \$300 for 4-foot square garden plots to \$5,000 garden sponsorships that include permanent recognition. Martel said that First Green Bank and Becky and Shannon Elswick are the Foundation's first, top-tier sponsors.

Sponsors can tend their own gardens or donate them to youth groups or other organizations. Gardeners can grow produce and herbs through three seasons. They also have access to organic-gardening experts and other professionals.

In addition to planting the first tree, the Foundation also is sponsoring a tour of the garden, while physical therapists will demonstrate stretching and bending techniques for gardeners and hospital nutritionists will offer organic snack options.

Parking will be available at the hospital's overflow parking lot at Don Wickham Drive. People can access the garden by stairs or a ramp.

To find out more about the organic community garden, or the First-Planting Celebration, contact Jeanne Martel at 352.394.4071, ext. 4405 or jeanne.martel@orlandohealth.com.

About the South Lake Hospital Foundation. The South Lake Hospital Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports a healthy South Lake Hospital and a healthy community. For more information, go to www.southlakehospital.com.