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SOUTH LAKE HOSPITAL HONORS WICKHAM WITH STREET NAME

-- Longtime South Lake Hospital supporter Don Wickham is posthumously honored for his contributions by the naming of Don Wickham Drive --

CLERMONT, Fla. (May 10, 2010) – The late, long-time resident and community philanthropist Don Wickham helped to shape healthcare in South Lake County for nearly 20 years. Today, South Lake Hospital honored his advocacy by naming its campus' central road Don Wickham Drive.

“Don was instrumental in making our hospital what it is today,” said South Lake Hospital CEO Leslie Longacre. “He was a true visionary and driving force in transforming South Lake Hospital into a health, education and wellness resource for our community. This dedication allows us to continue to honor and recognize him for generations to come.”

Wickham, a SunTrust banker, moved to Clermont in 1983 and was appointed by Governor Bob Graham in 1985 to the South Lake Memorial Hospital District Board of Trustees, a position he held until 1996. He then joined the hospital's Board of Directors, where he later served as president, and continued his service to the hospital until his death in 2003.

In addition to the street dedication, South Lake Hospital also maintains a scholarship fund in his name: The Donald C. Wickham Legacy Scholarship Fund. The program awards scholarships to students pursuing a degree in a healthcare profession.

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The naming of Don Wickham Drive officially went into effect on May 1, 2010. Visitors may notice new road signs and updates on the hospital's website. With this announcement, South Lake Hospital has also changed its official street address to 1900 Don Wickham Drive. In addition, The National Training Center and all other campus partners' addresses have been changed to Don Wickham Drive.

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ABOUT SOUTH LAKE HOSPITAL

South Lake Hospital is a not-for-profit acute care community hospital, in partnership with Orlando Health. South Lake Hospital has been providing quality healthcare services to the South Lake County for more than 60 years. For additional information about South Lake Hospital please visit www.southlakehospital.com.

