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Good Shepherd Hospice Philanthropy Group to Hold 3rd Annual Seasons of Service Luncheon

Featuring a Panel of Community Women

TAMPA, FL (September 20, 2018): The Hospice Women of Giving, a philanthropic group that supports Good Shepherd Hospice, will hold its third annual “Seasons of Service” luncheon featuring a panel of community women on Thursday, October 4, 2018. The luncheon is scheduled to take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lone Palm Golf Club, 800 Lone Palm Golf Drive in Lakeland.

Guided by Erica Sirriner, PhD, serving as master of ceremonies, three women will share the extraordinary lessons they have learned as leaders in their field: Donna McWilliams, DVM, owner of My Pet’s Animal Hospital; Susan Roberts, JD, retired Circuit Court Judge; and Seretha Tinsley, owner/CFO of PenGeo, Inc.

The following are the biographies of the master of ceremonies as well as the panelists:

Erica Sirriner, PhD, serves as the Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Southeastern University. Before entering academia, she worked as the clinical manager of Good Shepherd Hospice’s Bethany Center and continues to volunteer at the center and Camp Brave Heart. She is passionate about educating mental health practitioners on bereavement counseling interventions and provides trainings of this type throughout the United States.

Donna McWilliams, DVM, had a childhood dream to become a veterinarian. She graduated with a bachelor’s and master’s degrees in psychology before earning her doctorate in veterinary medicine in 2002, all from Virginia Tech University. Dr. McWilliams married her best friend Kevin, and in 2007, the couple and their pets moved to Lakeland and purchase My Pet’s Animal Hospital. In 2009, Dr. McWilliams added Sarasota Animal Hospital to her practice and welcomed a daughter to her family. She sits on the Board of Directors for the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce and Lakeland Rotary Club, in addition to holding membership in several professional organizations.

Susan Roberts, JD, is a retired circuit court judge and had been a leader among women in the judicial field throughout her career. She was a member of the first class at Florida State University Law School and was the first woman graduate of the program in 1969. After practicing law and serving as a municipal judge, she became the first woman elected as a Polk County judge in 1977. Judge Roberts retired in 2004 but remained in the Circuit Court as a part-time senior judge for several years. She is active in her rotary club and her church. Judge Roberts was married to the late Dan Brawley for 35 years and has one adult son.

Seretha Tinsley has been a trailblazer her entire life. She was the first African American female to attend and graduate from Kentucky Wesleyan College in 1971. In the early 1980s, Mrs. Tinsley became one of the first African American female general managers in radio, and in 2008, she became the first African American president of the Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Mrs. Tinsley is the owner/CFO of the Winter Haven-based family businesses, PenGeo, Inc. (KFC): Tinsley Family Concessions, Inc. (airport concessions); and co-founder/executive director of Chain of Lakers Achievers, Inc. She is a trustee at her church and involved in community service. Mrs. Tinsley and her husband George have two adult children.

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The cost per person is \$40 and includes lunch. Space is limited. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Chapters Health Foundation Office in Lakeland at 863-551-4827 or foundation@chaptershealth.org for more information.

About Good Shepherd Hospice

Good Shepherd Hospice, an affiliate of Chapters Health System, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that supports about 4,000 patients each year in Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties as they face the challenges of advancing age and illness. Since 2008, the organization has been accredited by The Joint Commission, the nation's premier healthcare accrediting body and recently earned deemed status. In 2015, Good Shepherd Hospice was named a Hospice Honors recipient by Deyta, an industry leader in data-driven management. In addition, Good Shepherd Hospice first received accreditation from the National Institute for Jewish Hospice in 2007, which means that the staff has undergone specialized training to better serve the needs of patients and their families across the entire range of faith traditions and observance within the Jewish religion. To learn more, visit www.chaptershealth.org, like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About Chapters Health System

Founded in 1983 as a compassionate not-for-profit organization, Chapters Health System provides choices, education and guidance for those affected by advancing age or advancing illness through its managed affiliates: Good Shepherd Hospice, HPH Hospice, LifePath Hospice, and Chapters Health Palliative Care, located in Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Pasco and Polk counties. In 2018, Chapters Health was certified as a great workplace in the Aging Services category by the independent analysts at the [Great Place to Work® Institute](#). In addition, Chapters Health operates HPH Home Health, which serves the needs of patients in Pasco and Pinellas counties. Learn more at www.chaptershealth.org, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).