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Chapters Health System Launches Expansion of Services into Martin and St. Lucie Counties
Not-for-Profit Services Will Include Hospice, Palliative Care and Home Health

TAMPA, FL (AUGUST 19, 2020): [Chapters Health System](http://www.chaptershealth.org), one of the nation's premier not-for-profit, community-based healthcare organizations, today announced the launch of its expansion of services into Martin and St. Lucie counties. When all phases are completed, Chapters Health will offer a full continuum of care including hospice, palliative care, home health and other community-based care models to area residents.

“At Chapters Health, we’re always looking for opportunities to increase access to quality healthcare for a greater number of individuals in our communities who are faced with advancing age, complex medical conditions and end-of-life issues,” said Andrew Molosky, MBA, FACHE, CHPCA, president and chief executive officer at Chapters Health. “We’re now in a position to offer the communities we serve unique solutions and top-notch clinical services from hospice to palliative care to home health and so much more. The future of Chapters Health is very bright, and changing the way community-based care is delivered.”

Hospice care services will move forward in Martin and St. Lucie counties as Chapters Health Hospice. Hospice of Okeechobee Executive Director Gail Gertrup will oversee Chapters Health's newest service line in these two counties. In the next phase of the plan, palliative care services will launch sometime in the fall, which will be followed by home care in 2021 pending licensure.

“Hospice of Okeechobee was formed to meet the needs of local people. We know and understand the needs in Martin and St. Lucie counties just as well,” Gertrup said. “We’re thrilled to be able to expand our award-winning hospice services and continue our tradition of exceptional care.”

In the first phase of the launch, Chapters Health Hospice will care for patients with a six month or less prognosis with an interdisciplinary team approach. Hospice services also include durable medical equipment, medical supplies and medication, as well as bereavement support for individuals and families.

About Chapters Health System

As a progressive leader and premier health system, Chapters Health System is dedicated to delivering innovative home health, palliative and hospice care along with durable medical equipment and pharmacy services. Since 1983 as a community-based, not-for-profit organization, Chapters Health has provided choices, education and guidance through its managed affiliates: Chapters Health Home Care, Chapters Health Palliative Care, Good Shepherd Hospice, Hospice of Okeechobee, HPH Hospice and LifePath Hospice, located in Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Martin, Okeechobee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and St. Lucie counties. All offerings are provided in order to improve the patient/family experience well in advance of end-of-life needs. Chapters Health was certified for the third consecutive year as a great workplace in the Aging Services category by the independent analysts at the Great Place to Work® Institute. To learn more, visit www.chaptershealth.org, like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/chaptershealth) or follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/chaptershealth) and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/chaptershealth).

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