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### **Chapters Health System Providing \$30,000 Grant to Santa Fe College** *Grant Supports Scholarships for Medical Students Focusing on Hospice Care*

**GAINESVILLE, FL (January 26, 2022)** – Chapters Health System, one of the nation’s premier not-for-profit, community-based healthcare organizations headquartered in Temple Terrace, today announced it will award a grant of \$30,000 to Santa Fe College. The grant, paid out over three years, will support scholarship programs for nursing students seeking careers focused on hospice and end-of-life care. Chapters Health team members will present a check on the Santa Fe College campus located at 3000 NW 83<sup>rd</sup> St. Gainesville, FL on Friday, January 28, 2022, at 11 a.m.

The grant was a promise stated within Chapters Health’s application for its Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) certificate of need (CON) application for Service Area 3A, which includes Alachua County. Chapters Health operates presently in the county as Chapters Health Hospice but is licensed in all of Service Area 3-A counties, i.e., Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Putnam, Suwannee, and Union.

"At Chapters, it’s our mission to provide the best care for those who need it most in our community," said Rhonda Brooks, executive director of Chapters Health Hospice in Alachua County. "That mission depends on the talents of gifted nursing students who have a passion for the hospice philosophy of care. We’re happy to support those students at Santa Fe College."

"Within all of our nursing students, we see a strong desire to help others and provide excellent care," said John Hooker, deputy executive director for the Santa Fe College Foundation. "This grant means more of those students can achieve their dreams and thrive. For that, we say thank you to Chapters Health."

As part of its expansion into service area 3A, Chapters Health is also providing \$75,000 to the Florida Council on Aging to support community-based programs that combat social isolation and support social, mental and physical well-being among elderly residents residing in Service Area 3A. The Chapters Health Valor Program, bereavement services, children’s bereavement camps, pediatric hospice care and many other levels of service and support will also become available to communities in Service Area 3A.

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**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. All offerings are provided in order to improve the patient/family experience well in advance of end-of-life needs. Chapters Health was named a Top Workplace by the *Tampa Bay Times* and certified for the fourth consecutive year as a great workplace in the Aging Services category by the independent analysts at the Great Place to Work<sup>®</sup> Institute. To learn more, visit [www.chaptershealth.org](http://www.chaptershealth.org), like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

**About Chapters Health Hospice**

Formed in 2020, Chapters Health Hospice, an affiliate of Chapters Health System, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that supports patients in Alachua, Martin, Monroe and St. Lucie counties as they face the challenges of advancing age and illness.