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Hospice Women of Giving to Host 7th Annual Seasons of Service Luncheon

Best-selling Author, Mitch Albom, to Attend to Event Benefitting Patients of Good Shepherd Hospice

LAKELAND, FL (April 19, 2022) – The Chapters Health Foundation and The Hospice Women of Giving today announced plans to host to the 7th Annual Seasons of Service Luncheon on Wednesday, May 12th from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lake Mirror Auditorium at 121 S. Lake Avenue in Downtown Lakeland. The theme of the event is “The Power of Hope and Healing.”

During the luncheon, internationally renowned author, Mitch Albom, will provide insights on his new book “The Stranger in the Lifeboat,” a fast-paced novel telling the story of a group of shipwrecked passengers who are forced to ponder their deepest religious beliefs after pulling a strange man from the sea. Albom is the author of seven number-one New York Times bestsellers, including “Tuesdays with Morrie”, “The Five People You Meet in Heaven” and most recently, “Finding Chika.”

“I am very happy to be visiting Lakeland to be with the Hospice Women of Giving who do such important work and help so many families with loving kindness,” said Albom.

“We are so thrilled to have Mitch join us this year,” explains Hospice Women of Giving Founding Member, Cindy Sternlicht. “Our annual event was previously held in the Fall, but we are moving to late Spring for future events and selected a larger venue to accommodate more guests. Mitch has a way of helping you see loss and heartache through a lens of gratitude and hope, sprinkled with a little bit of humor. I am confident his words will have a lasting impact for our guests.”

This event would not be possible without the support of our community sponsors – Watson Clinic, LLP – The Misch Family, in memory of Dr. Robert Cassell – Dr. Anna Clare Green & Clare Green Wilson – Law Offices of James T. Joiner – Polk State College – Maryann Cassell – Putnam, Creighton & Airth, P.A.

Admission, which costs \$75 includes a catered lunch and a signed copy of Albom’s book. Seating is limited. Go to www.seasonsofservicetickets.com to purchase a ticket. Sponsorships available until April 30. Call 863-559-2944 for more details.

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About Hospice Women of Giving

The Hospice Women of Giving two-part mission is simple: to combine the philanthropic strength of women in supporting unfunded programs and services for Good Shepherd Hospice, and to build awareness of the organization's value in bringing dignity and compassion to those facing life-limiting illness.

About Good Shepherd Hospice

Good Shepherd Hospice, an affiliate of Chapters Health System, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that supports more than 4,200 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 in 2017 was awarded deemed status.

About Chapters Health Foundation

Chapters Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization committed to supporting Chapters Health System, a progressive leader in home health, palliative care, hospice, and grief support. Chapters Health Foundation provides more than \$7.4 million annually to help offset the accumulated costs of unfunded and underfunded programming including but not limited to charity care, helping to meet the needs of patients and families who cannot afford hospice services. Chapters Health Foundation also provides \$1.3 million in funding for the provision of grief support across Chapters Health and in 2020, provided more than \$1 million to assist with underfunded pediatric and adult palliative care services.