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### **Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center awards LifePath Hospice \$100,000 challenge grant**

**TAMPA** – LifePath Hospice is pleased to announce that it has completed a Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center \$100,000 challenge grant to help fund residential hospice care in the community. The Foundation presented LifePath Hospice a \$50,000 check on December 15, with the remaining amount to be distributed in 2009.

To qualify for the grant, LifePath Hospice successfully raised more than \$149,000 in current and planned gifts to support the organization's residential services; an amount well exceeding the donations and pledges needed to meet the challenge. The Foundation announced the challenge grant last March, and LifePath Hospice raised the funds well within the required 12-month time frame. "We had no doubt that LifePath Hospice would qualify for this challenge grant, and the Foundation is thrilled to have helped attract even more support for care that is so important for our community," said Evelyn Lunsford, Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center chairman.

The Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center has a long history of supporting charities and causes important to Sun City Center residents, including LifePath Hospice. In 2006, the Foundation awarded LifePath Hospice a \$75,000 challenge grant to support the construction of the organization's 24-bed Sun City Center Hospice House.

LifePath Hospice will place plaques outside two patient rooms at the Sun City Center Hospice House in honor of the Foundation and its generous gift. "The donors who make up the Community Foundation, along with their officers and board members, want to make a difference in our community, and they do so on a regular basis," said John Wilbur, LifePath Hospice major gifts officer. "LifePath Hospice is honored and proud that the Foundation continues to value hospice care. Their generosity will provide comfort and an enhanced quality of life to a great many people for years to come."

### **About LifePath Hospice**

*LifePath Hospice is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that supports and serves nearly 1,700 patients each day in Hillsborough County as they face the challenges of life-limiting illnesses. Healthcare professionals and trained volunteers embrace the LifePath Hospice mission to make the most of life by relieving the suffering of patients and their families affected by end-of-life issues. The organization is a 2008 recipient of a Circle of Life Citation of Honor, which celebrates innovation in palliative and end-of-life care. LifePath Hospice is accredited by the Joint Commission, the nation's premier healthcare accrediting agency. For more information, visit the LifePath Hospice website at [www.lifepath-hospice.org](http://www.lifepath-hospice.org)*

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**Photo caption:** Representatives from the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center gathered December 15 at the Sun City Center Hospice House to award LifePath Hospice a \$100,000 challenge grant. The grant will go to fund residential hospice care in the community. Pictured from left: John Wilbur, LifePath Hospice major gifts officer; Rosalie Hennessey, Community Foundation grants committee chair; Evelyn Lunsford, Community Foundation chairman; and June White, Sun City Center Hospice House manager.