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Ms. Florida Senior America Pageant makes donation to LifePath Hospice

TAMPA – Since 1991, the Ms. Florida Senior America Pageant has hosted its yearly competition in Sun City Center. Over the years, LifePath Hospice has generously benefited from donations from the pageant’s various state contests and fund-raising activities. With the organization moving its operation to Fort Lauderdale, Ms. Florida Senior America representatives made a final donation to LifePath Hospice on June 12: a check in the amount of \$1,636 to support the LifePath Hospice’s programs and services for seniors in the Sun City Center community.

Pageant organizers made the presentation at the LifePath Hospice Sun City Center Hospice House.

The Ms. Florida Senior America Pageant was formed to recognize women who have reached the “Age of Elegance” and honor the belief that seniors are American’s foundation and one its most valuable treasures.

“We are sad to see the pageant move from Sun City Center, but we had a marvelous run for many years,” said Enid Clouse, Ms. Florida Senior America state director and Ms. Sun City Center 1994. “It was a privilege to be able to highlight so many wonderful ladies and to support worthy causes, such as LifePath Hospice.”

LifePath Hospice will recognize the Ms. Florida Senior America Pageant with an inscribed leaf on its Sun City Center Hospice House Tree of Life.

About LifePath Hospice

LifePath Hospice is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that supports and approximately 1,200 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 Award, 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

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Photo Caption: The Ms. Florida Senior America Pageant made a final donation of \$1,636 to LifePath Hospice on June 12 at the LifePath Hospice Sun City Center Hospice House. After hosting its contest in Sun City Center since its creation in 1991, the pageant organization will move the event to Fort Lauderdale for the 2009 ceremony. The Ms. Florida Senior America Pageant has recognized LifePath Hospice over the years with donations from its contests and fund-raising activities. From left: John Wilbur, LifePath Hospice major gifts officer; Enid Clouse, pageant state director; Janis Tucci, LifePath Hospice Sun City Center Hospice House manager; and Rita Gray, Ms. Sun City Center 1996.