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Good Samaritan Medical Center Awarded Gold Breastfeeding Friendly Employer Award by the Florida Breastfeeding Coalition

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. January 2012 - Good Samaritan Medical Center has been awarded the Gold Breastfeeding Friendly Employer Award by the Florida Business Case for Breastfeeding project of the Florida Breastfeeding Coalition (FBC). This prestigious award recognizes employers in the State of Florida who support the importance of breastfeeding for the health of the State's babies and their families by offering working mothers a designated private area for nursing employees to pump.

"At Good Samaritan Medical Center, we believe in providing mothers with a supportive environment, so that they can give their babies a healthy start," said Good Samaritan Medical Center CEO Mark Nosacka. "We are happy to accept this award and recognition as a leading workplace in the State that has implemented a program to support the FBC's recommendations."

The Florida Business Case for Breastfeeding is a project supported by the Florida Breastfeeding Coalition (FBC) with the goal to increase employed mothers ability to breastfeed at the workplace. Good Samaritan Medical Center supports the scientific evidence that breastfeeding is a healthy choice for babies' growth and development. Good Samaritan Medical Center not only supports its employees, but also its expectant and new moms that plan to deliver at the hospital. Good Samaritan Medical Center offers many classes and opportunities for new mothers and families to learn about childbirth, child care, breastfeeding, and more.

To learn about classes or register for a tour of our birthing suites at Special Deliveries at Good Samaritan Medical Center, call (561) 650-6125 or visit www.goodsamaritanmc.com.

About Good Samaritan Medical Center

Good Samaritan Medical Center is a 333-bed acute care hospital, which has been providing sophisticated, personalized medical care to the populations of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast for more than 90 years.

As one of the area's leading cancer centers, the hospital's Cancer Institute provides comprehensive cancer services through the Comprehensive Breast Center. The Surgical Institute offers patients minimally invasive surgical techniques through advanced surgical robotic technology. The hospital also cares for patients with known or suspected cardiovascular diseases through its Cardiac and Vascular Institute. Good Samaritan Medical Center was featured in a special advertisement in the "America's Best Hospitals" 2010 issue of US News & World Report to commemorate their receipt of the *Get With the Guidelines* Coronary Artery Disease GOLD Award, GOLD Heart Failure Award, and SIVER Stroke Award. Certified as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission, Good Samaritan delivers timely, advanced protocols proven to save the lives and health of stroke patients.

In addition, Good Samaritan is proud to feature "Special Deliveries," its maternity services department. The hospital houses The Newbern Suites, which are private recovery suites that offer quiet relaxation and wonderful amenities. Many additional services are available on the Good Samaritan Medical Center campus through the Sleep Disorders Center, a full-service, 24-hour Emergency Department, and a wide range of diagnostic and surgical outpatient services. Good is also home to The Palms Medical Detoxification, one of a select few hospital-based medically supervised alcohol and drug detoxification centers.

To learn more about Good Samaritan Medical Center, or to find a doctor, visit www.goodsamaritanmc.com or call 561-655-5511.

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