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**GOOD SAMARITAN MEDICAL CENTER RN PENNY BLAKE NOMINATED  
AS PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE FLORIDA EMERGENCY NURSES  
ASSOCIATION PALM BEACH COUNTY CHAPTER**

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. -February 2011-** Good Samaritan Medical Center RN Penny Blake was recently nominated for the position of President Elect of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Emergency Nurses Association for 2011-2012. Blake will then serve as President for 2012-2013.

“We congratulate Penny Blake on her recent appointment as President Elect of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Emergency Nurses Association,” said Chief Nursing Officer, Angela Prestia. “Penny is a true role model for nursing leadership at Good Samaritan Medical Center and we are proud of her professional accomplishments.”

In her role as President Elect, Blake will work with the current Palm Beach County President and other board members to organize quarterly educational meetings for emergency nurses, as well as keep attendees informed of issues pertinent to the practice of nursing. Blake will also have the opportunity to participate in national and regional programs offered by the Emergency Nurses Association.

Blake has over 33 years of experience as a registered nurse in critical care and emergency nursing. For 20 of those years, Blake has worked for Tenet and for the last four years she has delivered superior nursing care in the emergency department at Good Samaritan Medical Center. For the past 25 years, Blake has been a member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, where she has served at both the local and the national levels in various capacities, including President of the Palm Beach County

Chapter. For the past six years, Blake has been an active member of the Emergency Nurses Association. In September 2010, she was chosen as a Florida delegate to the Emergency Nurses Association's 40th General Assembly in San Antonio, Texas. At this assembly, delegates from all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico met to discuss legislation and issues pertinent to emergency nursing practice and vote on resolutions and bylaws.

Blake is certified in both Emergency and Critical Care Nursing, earning both the CCRN and CEN designations.

#### **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, Gamma Knife Radiosurgery, and a Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplant Unit. 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 Newborn 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](http://www.goodsamaritanmc.com) or call 561-655-5511.

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