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Hospital foundation gives grants

Christmas is a month away but the **Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation** already has been playing Santa.

The nonprofit group supporting **Sarasota Memorial Hospital** and community health care groups announced it made 67 grants totaling more than \$1.95 million during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

Some of these grants include \$31,300 for breast biopsy equipment, \$10,000 for Parkinson's disease research equipment and \$79,000 for two state-of-the-art incubator-style beds for premature babies with major health problems.

Since 1976, the foundation has supported the delivery of health care for the community with grants of more than \$32.7 million.

—David Gulliver

recognition from the American Diabetes Association for three years.

Farther south, **Charlotte Regional Medical Center's** Respiratory Care Blood Gas Laboratory was accredited by the **Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists**, based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

Officials at the Port Charlotte hospital congratulated Dr. **George Panjbaran**, medical director, and **Chris Miller**, respiratory care department director, for the achievement.

—David Gulliver

Builders group sets up cruise

The **Gulf Coast Business Exchange** plans to go tropical Thursday for its Fall Networking Social aboard the **LeBurgio Sunset Cruise**.

The palm-tree-bedecked party boat will depart at 6:30 p.m. sharp from **Marina Jack Plaza** at Island Park in Sarasota. It is scheduled to return two hours later.

The group will hold a holiday toy drive in conjunction with the cruise and will accept unwrapped gifts for needy children 10 and younger, as well as cash donations.

Along with promised "spectacular views" and live music, there will be a cash bar and "heavy hors d'oeuvres."

Cost is \$25 for members; \$30 for others. For more information, call 330-8668 or e-mail esheets@gbce.com.

—Gerard Waizen

Accreditation all around

For people in the health care world, fall is about more than football. It is accreditation season.

In Sarasota, it was good news for **Center For Sight**, the practice providing ophthalmology, dermatology, cosmetic facial surgery and hearing services.

The center received accreditation by the **Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care**, which involved an on-site review of its facilities.

Across Tamiami Trail, **Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System's** diabetes self management education program was awarded continued