



## Baptist Health Foundation Receives \$1 Million Grant from Ocean Reef Community Foundation to Benefit Baptist Health Homestead Hospital

March 16, 2026 – Baptist Health Foundation announced today that it has received a \$1 million grant from Ocean Reef Community Foundation benefiting the Baptist Health Homestead Hospital Clinical Expansion Fund. The grant will support the building of a four-story, 134,000 sq-ft tower at Baptist Health Homestead Hospital in Homestead, Florida, to increase inpatient capacity, expand surgical and diagnostic resources and enhance the patient experience. The Ocean Reef Community Foundation will be recognized at the hospital with a naming ceremony at a later date.

“We are grateful for the generosity of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, and for their partnership in this important initiative,” said Alex Villoch, CEO of Baptist Health Foundation. “They understand Baptist Health Homestead Hospital’s vital need for increased capacity. This grant supporting the hospital’s expansion will help us provide extraordinary patient care and treatment in South Dade and the Upper Keys for generations to come.”

Homestead and South Miami-Dade County are experiencing unprecedented growth. The area is expected to welcome around 50,000 new residents in the coming years, placing a strain on the region’s healthcare infrastructure, including Homestead Hospital. The hospital is a crucial healthcare lifeline for Homestead and the Keys, which are isolated from major medical centers and advanced services. Homestead Hospital currently sees nearly 10,000 admissions and performs over 3,000 surgeries annually, operating at consistently high levels of patient utilization.

“Homestead Hospital’s much-needed expansion will not only help increase healthcare access for patients in the area, but it will also enhance comfort, convenience and quality of care,” remarked Richard Weinstein, president and chief operating officer of Ocean Reef Community Foundation. “We want to support Baptist Health in their commitment to advance healthcare for local residents.”

Added Ken Spell, CEO of Homestead Hospital, “This grant will make a significant impact for our hospital and the community. It also lays the groundwork for our vision to elevate care by developing a state-of-the-art outpatient center, recruiting top physicians and surgeons, and broadening the reach of Baptist Health’s renowned institutes. We thank the

Foundation for its generous support and trust in us.”

### About Baptist Health Foundation

The mission of Baptist Health Foundation is to inspire philanthropy and build extraordinary donor relationships in support of excellence, innovation, community wellness and global leadership in healthcare at Baptist Health South Florida. Through philanthropy, the Foundation supports and expands Baptist Health’s ability to provide outstanding patient care and bring the latest treatments to patients and families affected by a serious illness. Donor contributions also allow the Foundation to assist Baptist Health facilities in keeping pace with technology and equipment advances, perform cutting-edge research and offer continuing education opportunities to medical staff. Learn more at [BaptistHealth.net/Foundation](https://BaptistHealth.net/Foundation) and connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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