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Community Foundation of Collier County Ups the Ante to $50,000 for the NCH Healthcare System Matching Grant Challenge

Naples, FL (March 26, 2020) - The Community Foundation of Collier County has raised the ante for the NCH Center for Philanthropy Matching Challenge Grant to bring the total match to $50,000 thanks to a $25,000 grant from William F. Allyn - Community Foundation Donor Advised Fund holder and NCH Healthcare System Board of Trustees member. This donation is in memory of his wife, "Pretty Penny" Allyn, who lived a life of caring for others.

NCH now has the opportunity to receive $100,000 in funding with the public's help to provide critical resources, equipment, and supplies needed to support our doctors and nurses. Donations to the matching challenge will help provide additional ventilators, protective gear, mobile units, employee relief, and more.

William was also inspired to give by this quote from Fred Rogers of Mister Roger’s Neighborhood: “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”

The original $25,000 grant was provided from the Community Foundation's Collier Comes Together Fund to address the Coronavirus outbreak as effectively as possible.

"It's acts of kindness like these that really emphasize the power of community during such difficult times," said Paul Hiltz, President, and CEO of NCH. "Our healthcare system is extremely grateful for the foundation's generosity. It will go a long way toward helping our incredible staff during this crisis."

Donors are invited to help NCH Healthcare System meet this challenge by donating online at www.nchmd.org/donate or by mailing a check to:

NCH Center for Philanthropy
350 7th St. N.
Naples, FL 34102-5754
Please indicate CF Matching Fund on your check or online donation.

For questions, please contact the NCH Center for Philanthropy at 239-624-2000 or philanthropy@nchmd.org
Donors are assured that help will reach their intended cause. As Community Foundations are 501(c)(3) charitable organization, donations are tax-deductible. 100% of all funds will be distributed for Coronavirus relief with no administrative fees.

**About the Community Foundation of Collier County**

The Community Foundation of Collier County is a tax-exempt, public, charitable organization, established in 1985 to increase and focus private philanthropy in the area. Today, the Community Foundation of Collier County manages more than 750 funds, collaborates with hundreds of nonprofits, holds $225 million in assets and has distributed over $168 million in grants to nonprofit organizations and community programs since its inception. The Community Foundation of Collier County is one of Florida’s fastest growing community foundations. For good. Forever. Learn more at [cfcollier.org](http://cfcollier.org) or call 239-649-5000.

**About NCH Healthcare System**

The NCH Healthcare System is a not-for-profit, multi-facility healthcare system located in Naples, Florida, and is a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. The System is more than just two hospitals (referred to as the NCH Baker Hospital and NCH North Naples Hospital) with a total of 713 beds. NCH is an alliance of 775 physicians and medical facilities in dozens of locations throughout Collier County and southwest Florida that offers nationally recognized, quality health care to our community. Our mission is to help everyone live a longer, happier, healthier life. For more information, visit [www.NCHmd.org](http://www.NCHmd.org)