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Shortly after midnight
October 1, Tampa General's
main hospital and Tampa
General Medical Group offices
converted to the world of
electronic medical records

Greetings!

Happy Holidays from Heartland Rural Health Network! 2011 has sure zipped by and it's hard to believe that in less than four weeks we will be welcoming a new year!

The Heartland Rural Health Network wants to thank you for your hard work serving our rural communities in various ways whether its volunteering your time or your organization's staff at a community event, attending a coalition/community meeting, or providing direct services to clients and patients. It's your committment to our communities that makes them such a great place to live.

As we move closer to the holidays where additional stress always seems to mount, please don't forget to take a moment to think about what you are thankful for, whether it's personally or professionally. Did you know that you will find you are in a much more optimistic state after you've spent a few minutes reflecting about your blessings and feeling grateful for them? Even if it's something as simple as being thankful for your sense of smell or touch, it's something that we shouldn't take for granted. And, best of all, being thankful is a wonderful tool that attracts what we want into our lives.

TD Foundation donates \$5,000 to Network

TD Bank, through the TD Charitable Foundation, recently donated \$5,000 to Heartland Rural Health Network, Inc. as part of the bank's commitment to giving back to the community. The

with the launch of Epic. "I know using Epic will be a lot better for our patients. Information will not have to be repeated to each provider every time a patient visits the hospital or clinic. It will decrease their appointment times, improve patient care, ensure a safer hospital experience and increase patient satisfaction," Sue Boyette, the nurse manager in Pre-Admission Testing stated. Scott Arnold, vice president of Information Technologies, said that the implementation was a team effort between clinical, revenue and technology personnel. "We've received positive feedback from nurses and physicians. We're pretty happy about that." While Epic has brought about vast change throughout the hospital, one thing remains the same when it comes to patient care. Donna Borst, nurse manager of the Orthopedic-Trauma Unit and Joint Center stated, "You still take care of the patient the same way. How you obtain documentation and information changes, but the hands-on care doesn't change."

*Article submitted by David Robbins,
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Hospital*

mission of HRHN is to increase access to quality health care for all rural residents by working with local health and social service providers to help determine the most effective ways to maximize available resources without duplication. The organization will use the funds to help continue the Go Girls program in Highlands County. Go Girls stands for "Giving Our Girls Inspiration and Resources for Lasting Self Esteem." It is an innovative program that provides education on the benefits of making informed health choices, avoiding risky behaviors, avoiding the use of tobacco products, abstaining from drug and alcohol abuse, handling peer pressure, building self-confidence, having a positive body image and other related topics. Participants meet once a week after school for two hours. There is no fee for Go Girls and the program is open to all middle school females in Highlands County. Groups will start meeting in January.



The TD Charitable Foundation recently donated \$5,000 to the Heartland Rural Health Network. FROM LEFT: J. Rudy Reinhardt, executive director HRHN; Dawn Lightsey-Zahler, TD Bank manager; Alexis Hendrix, Go Girls participant; Kelly J. Johnson, health planning director; Tiffany Crosson, Go Girls participant; Erica Douberley, health educator; and Kathy MacNeill, DMCP associate director.

If you are interested in more information on this program please call 863-452-6530 or email erica.douberley@hrhn.org

Mark Your Calendars!



**Drug Free Highlands
Coalition Meeting, 12/14
@ 9:30 am- Highlands County**

Florida Hospital Wauchula Radiology Receives National Accreditation

Florida Hospital Wauchula is proud to announce its Radiology Department has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in ultrasound as the result of an extensive review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). Ultrasound imaging, also known as sonography, uses high-frequency sound

Health Department. Pot Luck Meeting.

Hardee County Health Care Task Force, 12/14 @ noon-Hardee County Health Department.

Highlands County Community Health Planning Council, 12/15 @ 9:30 am- Highlands County Health Department.

Heartland Rural Health Network Board of Directors Meeting, 1/25 @ 11:30-Florida Hospital Lake Placid.

A Voice For Rural Florida!



Formed in 1993, the Florida Rural Health Association was created to provide a mechanism through which interested individuals and organizations in Florida could unite in advocacy for initiatives that promote improved health status and strong health systems in rural Florida. It is this common interest that binds the Florida Rural Health Association membership and has allowed the development of a common voice for rural Floridians. Check out FRHA's website for more information on the association. If you are not already a member of the FRHA please consider joining as it is a common, loud voice for rural Florida counties! Please visit the FRHA's website by clicking [here!](#)

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waves to produce images of internal body parts to help providers diagnose illness, injury, or other medical problems.



The Florida Hospital Radiology Team (left to right): Ultrasound Technologist Stephanie Britt, Ultrasound Supervisor Crystal Negrón, Clerical Supervisor Sheila Brown, Wauchula Lead Technologist Jennifer Meeks, CT Technologist Laren Chester. Missing from the photo are Radiology Manager Andrea Cox and Clinical Specialist/CT, MRI Supervisor Tina Nelson

"We started this journey last year when we challenged all our technologists to become registered," said Director of Ancillary Services Zbig Nawrocki. "The Wauchula radiology team rose to the challenge and we are proud to announce that all of our full-time employees are registered in their specific modality. This is a tremendous accomplishment for our team and also Florida Hospital Wauchula."

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards, following a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. Image quality, personnel qualifications, accuracy of facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report they can use for continuous practice improvement.

Article submitted by Linda Adler, Administrator at Florida Hospital Wauchula

Network Staff Available for Public Assistance Enrollment



If you have clients/patients or know of individuals within Highlands, Hardee, or DeSoto Counties who

HRHN
FRHA
Rural Assistance Center

need assistance applying for public assistance please refer them to the Network's Eligibility Specialist, Niecy Dorsey. Niecy is very knowledgeable in the Florida Department of Children & Families online application process to apply for benefits such as food stamps, Medicaid, etc. and can assist individuals and families through the application process. The Network is pleased to offer this valuable service to community members. Please call Niecy at 863-452-0638.

Happy Holidays and wishing you a positive and productive 2012!

Sincerely,

Heartland Rural Health Network, Inc.

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