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TALLAHASSEE MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE

# FOUNDATION

## BEAUTIFUL GOWNS FOR ANGEL BABIES



It's a situation no parent can prepare for – the loss of a child. Because of Virginia Cortes and the team at Sunshine State Angel Gowns a family does not need to worry about the final outfit their angel will wear. These wonderful volunteers sew gowns for babies out of donated wedding dresses. The beautiful gowns are wrapped in an elegant box with a sweet poem and delivered to bereaved families free of charge. Through this relationship, families receive a Viviana Memory Box from Kaleb Kares created by the organization's president and founder, Carrie Acosta, so families also take home keepsakes to remind them of their child.

"The loss of a child is hard enough. No family should have the burden of purchasing the final outfit for their little angel," explained Virginia Cortes, President/CEO of Sunshine State Angel Gowns. "The inspiration for this organization came after I lost my son at the young age of 5 and needed to purchase the clothing he was laid to rest in."

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# GIVING

## Community Events



## THE CHROME DIVAS OF TALLAHASSEE **Celebrate 15 years of Support for A Woman's Place**

The Chrome Divas of Tallahassee, a local women's motorcycle group, hosted its 15th Annual Breast Cancer Poker Run on Sunday, October 9, 2016. To date, the Divas have raised over \$118,000 to support A Woman's Place at Tallahassee Memorial helping individuals in the local community who are diagnosed with breast cancer, recovering from surgery in need of support.

"Many of the Divas understand how important it is to have extra support from the initial cancer diagnosis to after surgery and through the recovery process," explained Lisa Vince, Director of the Chrome Divas. "I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2014 and personally benefited from the compassionate care provided by A Woman's Place. It is a blessing to give back to the local community by celebrating 15 years of hosting/organizing the Breast Cancer Poker Run with all my fellow Divas members."

A Woman's Place at Tallahassee Memorial is fully accredited by The American Board for Certification and Orthotics, Prosthetics and Perdothics, Inc. to serve women who require breast prosthesis, mastectomy bras and post surgical garments related to mastectomies, lumpectomies, reconstruction and other breast surgeries. Certified Mastectomy Fitters provide personal and private fittings. A Woman's Place also offers other breast cancer related products including, wigs, hats, hypoallergenic skin care products and compression garments.

The Poker Run began at the Tallahassee Harley-Davidson on Capital Circle Northwest. The event ended at Shucker's Oyster Bar with lunch, festivities, music and prizes for the participants. All of the proceeds benefit breast cancer support available through A Woman's Place at Tallahassee Memorial.

For further information or to make a donation, contact Judi Wills at [Judi.Wills@TMH.ORG](mailto:Judi.Wills@TMH.ORG) or call 850-431-5904.

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— Lisa Vince  
Director of the Chrome Divas

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# SOUTHEASTERN DERMATOLOGY

## Support Helps Local Fight Against Cancer

In 2006, Jason and Jeffery Farrah set out to establish a fundraising event to fight cancer through the TMH Foundation in honor of their father Lou – a cancer survivor. The Ride for Hope was brought to life by Lou’s family and friends. This year, The Ride for Hope celebrated its 11th year of support for the Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center and has grown from 81 initial riders to over 500. Although Lou Farrah passed away in November 2006, his legacy lives on through this cycling event.



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Southeastern Dermatology has been one of The Ride for Hope’s biggest supporters as the event’s proud presenting sponsor since 2011 and an active exhibitor in the annual health expo the night before and day of the ride. With their renewed three year pledge, the dermatology practice has committed an excess of \$100,000 of support to The Ride for Hope to help local cancer patients and survivors.



To learn more about The Ride for Hope, please visit  
[THERIDEFORHOPE.COM](http://THERIDEFORHOPE.COM)

To date, The Ride for Hope has raised over \$600,000 for the Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center. These donated dollars are making a difference for patients at the Cancer Center through research and the latest cancer education.

“Southeastern Dermatology has had the privilege of sponsoring The Ride for Hope for the last six years,” explained Michael Ford, MD, dermatologist at Southeastern Dermatology. “It’s wonderful to see individuals and families supporting a recreational event that will further the cause of helping the many folks in our region who are suffering with cancer. We look forward to continuing our sponsorship in the coming years.”

“At the Cancer Center, we are expanding our clinical trials and research to ensure our patients are receiving the latest cancer care options,” explained Kathy Brooks, RN, BSN, Administrator of the Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center. “Innovative research requires new equipment and tools and the financial support provided through events like The Ride for Hope make it possible for us to acquire those items.”

The ever-changing research, best practices and treatment options to fight the many types of cancer require the Cancer Center team to receive frequent education and training. The financial support through the TMH Foundation for the Cancer Center and the oncology team allows for the on-going continuous education.



## Angel Babies

continued

During a recent conference, Virginia met Laurentina (Tina) Bailey, RN, a nurse at the Tallahassee Memorial Alexander D. Brickler, MD Women's Pavilion and coordinator of the Bereavement Program. Tina and Virginia discussed the need to expand the Sunshine State Angel Gowns program beyond its hometown of Orlando and up to Tallahassee. Through the TMH Foundation, Sunshine State Angel Gowns donated gowns, memory blankets and wraps to support the families in the Big Bend region who experience the loss of a baby.

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**MICKEY S. MOORE**  
President/CAO

# FOUNDATION FOCUS

## Mickey S. Moore, Foundation President

This time of year truly is the season of giving. At the TMH Foundation, we see it as an opportunity to give thanks to all of the members of our community who invested their time, talent and/or treasure in the wonderful work taking place at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare.

Through the generosity of others in 2016, TMH reached new milestones and developed new programs to help our patients. We are now home to North Florida's only licensed Comprehensive Stroke Center and the only program in the region to perform lifesaving minimally invasive stroke interventions.

Our Cancer Center recently expanded their clinical trials to include international research. The growth of this program has required additional equipment and education, which the TMH Foundation funds through your support.

TMH delivers a number of greatly needed services to families and individuals in our area. The work we do here not only has a powerful impact on our patients and staff,

but also on the community as a whole. We rely on charitable contributions in order to continue our mission of transforming care, advancing health and improving lives.

From the entire Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare family, thank you for your committed support and continuous participation. We were able to make a difference in the health of our community because of your many gifts.

As we near the end of 2016, it's also an opportunity to encourage you to keep TMH in your thoughts. Whether your charitable interest at TMH be in our life saving newborn ICU, our exceptional Heart & Vascular Center or our growing Animal Therapy program, know that a year-end gift will go a long way in accomplishing our mission and vision. Commensurate to your budget and interest, any level of financial participation is appreciated.

We wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and we hope your 2017 is both enjoyable and prosperous!

