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**Hundreds Turn Out for Florence A. De George Pavilion Groundbreaking;
Facility Second Phase of Jupiter Medical Center's Three-Phase Expansion**

JUPITER, Fla. -- Officials and VIPs of Jupiter Medical Center celebrated the groundbreaking of The Florence A. De George Pavilion on Monday, March 18 with a ceremony and ice cream social that attracted hundreds from the community. The groundbreaking celebration, which was open to the public, including the Town of Jupiter's Mayor Karen Golonka and Lawrence F. De George, whose family's donation helped spearhead building the new facility.

"The groundbreaking celebration for the new Florence A. De George Pavilion at Jupiter Medical Center was a momentous occasion for us and for the surrounding community," said John D. Couris, President and CEO of Jupiter Medical Center. "Beginning this second phase of the Medical Center's three-phase expansion plan is another example of fulfilling our commitment to provide world-class healthcare to the residents of Northern Palm Beach County and beyond."

The new 81,000 square foot, three-story Pavilion will provide 44 new rooms and a dedicated floor to The Anderson Family Orthopedic & Spine Center, which will provide a seamless patient experience from surgery to recovery and rehab along with more than 15 private patient rooms, a family and staff lounge, gym, dining and direct access to existing surgery suites.

In addition, the new building will encompass an expanded Florence A. De George Children's and Women's Healthcare Services which will include an obstetrics unit with six labor rooms, 12 post-partum rooms and two operating rooms. The addition will boost the Medical Center's obstetrics capacity from the current 1,200 births annually to 2,000. The existing birthing suites will be converted to patient rooms.

The Florence A. De George Children's and Women's Healthcare Services will also incorporate the hospital's existing pediatric therapy services for children ages newborn to 17. Through this program, speech/language pathologists, and occupational and physical therapists provide specialized, comprehensive and individualized treatment to meet a child's particular ongoing healthcare issues. Treatment addresses a wide range of needs, from Attention Deficit Disorder and autism to neurological disorders, pediatric diabetes education and a new pediatric swallowing program, among many others.

The development of the Florence A. De George Pavilion was made possible by \$10 million gift to the Jupiter Medical Center Foundation from The Lawrence J. and Florence A. De George Charitable Trust. The donation - the largest single donation in the hospital's history at the time - paved the way for Jupiter Medical Center (JMC) to advance children's and women's healthcare services in northern Palm Beach County.

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To learn more about supporting this project, please contact the Jupiter Medical Center Foundation at (561) 263-5728 or foundation1@jupitermed.com.

About Jupiter Medical Center

A not-for-profit 283-bed regional medical center consisting of 163 private acute care hospital beds and 120 long-term care, sub-acute rehabilitation and Hospice beds, Jupiter Medical Center provides a broad range of services with specialty concentrations in oncology, imaging, orthopedics & spine, digestive health, emergency services, lung & thoracic, women's health, weight management and men's health. Founded in 1979, the medical center has approximately 1,500 team members, 520 physicians and 700 volunteers. Jupiter Medical Center is the recipient of the HealthGrades 'America's 50 Best' Award™ for three years in a row (2011-2013) and the Distinguished Hospital Award - Clinical Excellence™ for nine years in a row (2005-2013). For more information on Jupiter Medical Center, please call (561) 263-2234 or visit www.jupitermed.com.

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