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**JUPITER MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION INTRODUCES WORLD-CLASS EDUCATIONAL VENUE**

*Grand Opening Reception for Jupiter Medical Center's Raso Education Center*

**JUPITER, Fla.** (February 18, 2013) – A recent celebration under the stars hosted by the Jupiter Medical Center Foundation marked the grand opening of Jupiter Medical Center's Raso Education Center.

The open house reception was held on the evening of January 24, 2013 at The Dominick F. and Shirley C. Raso Education Center at Jupiter Medical Center. More than 200 guests walked the red carpet to an intimate tent setting, serenaded by a live jazz ensemble. John D. Couris, President and CEO of Jupiter Medical Center, offered opening remarks, followed by a welcome speech from K. "Murray" Fournie, the new President of The Jupiter Medical Center Foundation, and ending with year-end statistics and thanks from Peter Crisp, Chairman of the Jupiter Medical Center Foundation Board.

Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and refreshments as they were offered tours of the two-story Raso Education Center by Jupiter Medical Center team members and clinicians. Guests had the opportunity to learn first-hand about the state-of-the-art technology at the Raso Education Center.

"This open house reception signifies the hard work and dedication from all parties involved that went into the completion of the Raso Education Center," said Couris. "We are extremely grateful to our partners in philanthropy who continue to give of themselves to ensure that Jupiter Medical Center is recognized as a world-class facility in Northern Palm Beach County and beyond."

Jupiter Medical Center completed the first phase of its three-phase \$50 million expansion plan with the opening of the Raso Education Center and Clarke Auditorium. The Raso Education Center and Clarke Auditorium provide Jupiter Medical Center's medical team and other area researchers and clinicians with some of the most innovative facilities and equipment. The John H. & Margaret Clarke Auditorium offers a venue to host physician lectures from top academic medical centers, as well as educational lectures to community members and team members. The Physician/Team Member Training & Educational Rooms have the ability to feed live surgery videos from Jupiter Medical Center's operating room, allowing physicians to watch in the Raso Education Center and interact with the physicians in the operating room.

**About Jupiter Medical Center Foundation**

The Jupiter Medical Center Foundation, the fundraising arm of Jupiter Medical Center, is dedicated to

obtaining philanthropic resources to fulfill the critical healthcare needs of our rapidly growing community. Revenues generated through tax-deductible contributions are re-invested in Jupiter Medical Center for new technologies, innovative programming, sophisticated outreach and enhanced facilities to sustain a healthy community. For more information about funding and gifting opportunities, please call the Jupiter Medical Center Foundation at (561) 263-5728 or visit [www.jmcfoundation.org](http://www.jmcfoundation.org).

**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 two years in a row (2011-2012) 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](http://www.jupitermed.com).

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