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**Community Health of South Florida Teaching Center Graduates 10<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Class in Midst of Doctor Shortage**

*Gala Celebrates Eight Graduates Set To Make an Impact*

**MIAMI – June 6, 2024 –** [Community Health of South Florida Inc.](#) (CHI), is proud to announce the 10-Year Anniversary Graduation Gala for the CHI [Brodes H. Hartley, Jr. Teaching Health Center](#), celebrating the center’s achievements and the entry of eight new doctors into a workplace experiencing a critical shortage of healthcare workers.

Teaching Health Center faculty, alumni, and honored guests will celebrate a decade of the facility’s educational contributions and its graduating class of 2024 at **5 p.m. Saturday, June 8 at the Royal Poinciana Ballroom at the DoubleTree by the Hilton Miami Airport Convention Center located at 711 NW 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Miami, Fla. 33126.**

The gala will mark this incredible milestone, featuring a graduation ceremony, awards presentation, dinner and dancing.

“We are thrilled to be holding this double celebration as we look back on a decade of distinction from CHI’s Brodes H. Hartley, Jr. Teaching Health Center, in its training of the next generation of medical professionals,” said CHI CEO Blake Hall. “These new doctors are set to make life-changing contributions in a field that is sorely in need of trained, committed professionals.”

The Brodes H. Hartley, Jr. Teaching Health Center has, over the past decade, produced a diverse group of doctors, training nearly 100 physicians, who understand the needs of the community. As the country deals with a shortage of healthcare providers, institutions like these are growing more important than ever. These providers are deeply committed to serving populations that are often overlooked. The commitment to excellence is what sets the Teaching Health Center apart and underscores its vital role in the healthcare landscape. The success of the center over the past decade reflects its ability to adapt to

changing healthcare needs and its dedication to fostering an environment where future medical leaders can thrive.

“With the Florida Medical Association reporting a shortage of 17,924 physicians by 2035, based on research from IHS Markit on behalf of the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida (SNHAF) and the Florida Hospital Association (FHA), the contributions of CHI’s Teaching Center cannot be underestimated,” added Hall.

### **About Community Health of South Florida, Inc.**

For more than 50 years, CHI has been a beacon of hope providing access to high-quality healthcare for all regardless of insurance status, income level or background. The non-profit federally qualified health center offers comprehensive healthcare services including primary care, pediatrics, OB/GYN, dental, urgent care, behavioral health, vision, radiology, pharmacy, transportation and more. CHI has 13 health centers and 35 school-based sites. CHI is a recipient of the Florida Governor’s Sterling Award. It is accredited by the Joint Commission and is also designated as a patient centered medical home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance. CHI is also designated as a behavioral health medical home. In addition, CHI is home to the Brodes H. Hartley Jr., Teaching Health Center, training the next generation of doctors in family medicine and psychiatry.

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**Editor’s note: Interviews available upon request**