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Baptist Health Care Foundation Awards Scholarships

Pensacola, Fla. (June 14, 2021) – Thirty-seven scholarships have been awarded to Baptist Health Care team members and family dependents who are continuing to further their educational goals.

Thirty-two of the recipients received \$1,000 scholarships from the Helping Hands team member giving program of the Baptist Health Care Foundation. Five recipients were each awarded \$2,500 through the Luther and Kathy Taylor Nursing Scholarship Endowment, which was established through the generosity of the Taylor family in 2008 to assist students as they pursue a nursing degree.

Helping Hands scholarship recipients are: Jeffrey Bailey, Gwendolyn Betts, Shelda Broughton, Shannon Brunot, Shawonda Buskey, Courtney Cook, James Cook, Trenton Darnell, Brittany Davis, Charlotte Dirks, Madison Eccles, Lakeisha Freeman, Spencer Garrett, Nina Garrett, Abigail Hack, Anistie Held, Megan Hensley, Candice-Marie Lafferty, Christopher Madison, Alejandra Martinez, Clinton Miller, Lonni Moorer, Emilee Osborne, April Pugh, Karen Pyle, Michelle Quay, Lindsey Rigby, Veronica Ruiz, Elizabeth Russell, Anna Smith, Stephen Soderlind and Alexis Spears.

Luther and Kathy Taylor Nursing scholarship recipients are: Shawonda Buskey, Karen Pyle, Lindsey Rigby, Veronica Ruiz and Annah Salter.

“The Baptist Health Care Foundation is proud to be able to provide scholarships for our team members as they pursue their educational dreams,” said KC Gartman, chief development officer, Baptist Health Care. “The Helping Hands and Taylor Nursing scholarship programs are another way we further Baptist Health Care’s Mission of helping people throughout life’s journey.”

In more than 10 years, the Foundation has awarded \$304,000 in Helping Hands scholarships and \$72,500 in Taylor scholarships.

To learn more about the Baptist Health Care Foundation, call 850.469.7906 or visit BaptistHealthCareFoundation.org.

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About Baptist Health Care

Baptist Health Care is a community-owned, not-for-profit health care organization based in northwest Florida that is committed to helping people throughout life’s journey. The organization is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. A 2003 Malcolm Baldrige recipient, Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, four medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Lakeview Center and a large network of primary care and specialty physicians. With more than 7,300 employees and employed physicians, Baptist Health Care is the second largest non-governmental employer in northwest Florida.

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