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**Baptist Medical Center Beaches Benefits from Employees' Involvement in Fundraiser**

Karen Talarico, a staff nurse on the Medical Surgical Unit of Baptist Medical Center Beaches, is also a member of the Beaches Chapter of the Order of the Sons of Italy in America (OSIA). Talarico was instrumental in coordinating OSIA's first annual Elegant Fashion Show and Luncheon that was held last month at Max's Ballroom in Jacksonville Beach. Proceeds from the event were designated to benefit Baptist Medical Center Beaches.

On April 7, Talarico presented a check in the amount of \$650 to Mark Slyter, administrator for Baptist Beaches, and Ann Hollander, assistant administrator for Baptist Beaches. Crystal Baer, Judy MacDonald, and Lynne Perry, who had served as models for the fashion show, accompanied Talarico for the check presentation. Baer, MacDonald, and Perry are also staff nurses on the Baptist Beaches Medical Surgical Unit.



The OSIA donation will benefit the hospital expansion that began in March. The third floor of the hospital's East Pavilion is being completed to provide a new 24 bed inpatient unit. A portion of that unit will be dedicated for the care of orthopedic patients. "I would like these individuals to know how much we appreciate that they have chosen to support our organization in this way", said Hollander. "The professional skills of our nurses benefit our patients every day, but these nurses are also involved in the our Beaches community. For them to bring that community involvement back to support the hospital is a very special tribute."

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