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Cleveland Clinic Florida Begins Hardship Fund Program for First Responders Donations Will Provide Assistance During COVID-19 Pandemic

April 7, 2020 – Cleveland Clinic Florida announced that it has created a new philanthropic program to benefit first responders in South Florida and the Treasure Coast who are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Cleveland

Clinic First Responder Hardship Program will provide financial support to first responders who are experiencing a temporary financial hardship due to COVID-19 and wish to request consideration for financial assistance. The program will be provided in conjunction with one available to Cleveland Clinic Florida caregivers, and is funded by charitable donations from generous individuals in our local communities. Allocations will be distributed based on fund availability.

“During this unprecedented time, the healthcare community needs to stick together—and we can’t do this without our first responders,” said Wael Barsoum, MD, CEO and President of Cleveland Clinic Florida. “With the launch of this initiative, we will ensure the wellbeing of our first responders and their families so they can continue to support and protect our communities.”

Those who qualify to receive aid from the Fund include law enforcement, emergency medical services, emergency management officials, and firefighters, among other first responders. Eligibility is based on a number of qualifying circumstances due to COVID-19 related hardship, including:

- Accident or illness of employee and/or an immediate family member resulting in loss of work
- Out-of-pocket health care expenses not subject to a payment plan with health care provider
- Care and resources for a critically ill immediate family member resulting in loss of work
- Theft
- Spouse laid off from work and/or other non-medical emergencies

The Fund is designed to aid first responder families specifically with essential needs, in order to support patient care during this public health emergency. Information provided by applicants will be treated as confidential and shared only with individuals directly involved in fund administration and processing.

For more information about the Fund and eligibility, visit clevelandclinicflorida.org/firstrespondersfund.

About Cleveland Clinic Florida

Cleveland Clinic Florida is a nonprofit, multi-specialty, academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. With locations in Weston, Fort Lauderdale, Coral Springs, Parkland, West Palm Beach, Wellington, and Palm Beach Gardens, Cleveland Clinic Florida has more than 250 physicians with expertise in 55 specialties. The Weston medical campus is fully integrated and includes diagnostic centers, outpatient surgery and a 24-hour emergency department located in the state-of-the-art hospital. Cleveland Clinic's Florida region now includes Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital and Cleveland Clinic Martin Health, with hospitals and outpatient centers in Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties. The Florida region is an integral part of Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, where providing outstanding patient care is based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and innovation. Physicians at Cleveland Clinic are experts in the treatment of complex conditions that are difficult to diagnose. For more information about Cleveland Clinic Florida, visit www.clevelandclinicflorida.org. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

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