

# The Endowment for Nursing Excellence



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Foundation

*Honoring healthcare leaders  
Mike Means & Larry Garrison*



*Dear Friends,*

*The Health First executive leadership provided by President & CEO Mike Means and Executive VP & COO Larry Garrison has been extraordinary. Through their vision, these men have built a successful integrated healthcare network of hospitals and ancillary services that have served our community with compassion and excellent health care for more than 25 years.*

*Named in recognition of Mike's and Larry's leadership contribution to the organization they founded, the Mike Means & Larry Garrison Endowment for Nursing Excellence has been established in support of nursing.*

*Maintaining a well-trained, strong nursing foundation is critical to our organization. Excellence in nursing is crucial to providing medical and wellness care to patients. This fund will benefit our patients, our nurses, and our community by providing the funding necessary to obtain enhanced nursing skills.*

*Please give generously to this important cause; by doing so you will be a contributor to the bright future of health care in Brevard County and beyond.*

*Sincerely,*



***Rusty Fischer, Co-Chair**  
The Means/Garrison  
Endowment for Nursing  
Excellence Committee*



***Evelyn Foster, Co-Chair**  
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## Advancing Nursing Care

- Health First employs more than 1,800 nurses.
- Over 49 percent of our nurses will retire within the next decade.
- Trained nurses are in demand throughout the United States.
- Nurses with specialty training are critical to our mission.

## The Endowment Will Help

- To enhance the training of our nurses.
- To provide advanced and specialty training for our nurses.
- To ensure that we attract and retain the best nurses.

**The Means/Garrison Endowment for Nursing Excellence** will help fund continuing education programs, as well as scholarships for our nurses. To make your gift:

- [www.Health-First.org/Foundation/Giving](http://www.Health-First.org/Foundation/Giving).
- Mail checks to the Health First Foundation  
1350 S. Hickory St., Melbourne, FL 32901.
- Call the Foundation Office at **321-434-7353**.





**The Means/Garrison Endowment for Nursing Excellence** will be set up and administered as part of the charitable outreach of The Health First Foundation. One hundred percent of each gift will support the Endowment.

This fund will remain active in perpetuity for donors who would like to make charitable contributions in support of this worthy purpose.

## **OUR MISSION**

The Health First Foundation helps improve the health and well-being of residents in our community by raising funds to support and advance the mission of Health First and its family of charitable healthcare providers.

These include four not-for-profit hospitals — Cape Canaveral Hospital, Holmes Regional Medical Center, Palm Bay Hospital, and Viera Hospital — as well as Hospice of Health First and the Health First Aging Institute.



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