

South Florida Baptist Hospital

History

Plant City's dedication and support for **South Florida Baptist Hospital** can be traced back to the late 1940s when the entire community rallied behind the idea of building the city's first hospital in the post WWII years. Thanks to the generous support of community leaders and benefactors, the hospital opened in 1953. South Florida Baptist Hospital has been serving Plant City's needs ever since, enthusiastically providing compassionate care in a warm and friendly environment.

Today, the hospital continues its forward-thinking commitment to improve and grow with the community. In 2006, South Florida Baptist Hospital opened the most advanced Emergency Center in eastern Hillsborough County. That year also marked the beginning of St. Joseph's Children's Hospital at South Florida Baptist, bringing the well-respected expertise of the children's hospital directly to Plant City. In 2000, the hospital built a 31,000-square-foot Surgical Center and continues to enhance the center with improved surgical equipment and services, such as providing minimally invasive laparoscopic and endoscopic procedures. Since 1997, the hospital's roving Wellness on Wheels unit has visited remote locations to provide health screenings, educational services and immunizations.

Statistics (2007)

Year Founded	1953
Beds	147
Physicians On Staff	183
Births	520
Employees	756
Outpatient Surgeries	5,130*
Discharges	5,959
ER Visits	42,947
Lab Tests	277,010
Total Community Benefit	\$9.4 million**

Centers of Excellence

Diagnostic Imaging Services
 Emergency/First Care Department
 Pete Beaty Surgical Center

*Total includes endoscopy.
 **Represents unreimbursed costs for traditional charity care, Medicaid and county welfare programs, indigent care fund payments and unbilled community services.

Fast Facts

- Provides the community with extensive free or low-cost health services through its "Karing for Kids" children's health fair in the fall and its adult health fair in the spring
- The hospital's Jim and Ruby Jean Redman Emergency Center is the largest and most advanced in eastern Hillsborough County.
- South Florida Baptist Hospital's FOCUS-Women's Care is the only hospital-based midwifery program in the area.
- St. Joseph's-Baptist Health Care was named one of ten 2005 Premier Employers in Healthcare based on "outstanding people practices and human resource programs that attract and retain diverse talent."

On the Web: <http://www.sjbhealth.org>