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Golisano Children's Hospital Hosts Water Safety Symposium for HOAs and other organizations
~ Simulated 911 call demonstration illustrates how to prevent drowning ~

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Oct. 19, 2018) --- Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with The Vasari Cares Foundation, Inc., and the Vasari Women's Golf Association, is hosting the 2018 SWFL Water Safety Symposium on **Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018**. The event is geared toward training homeowner associations, property rentals, hotel and condominium associations, pool operators and managers, realtors, business owners, yacht clubs, water sport and tour companies, rental boat companies and marinas to learn about liability, local statistics on drowning and how your community, business or organization can prevent drowning and other water injuries.

The program will start with a simulated emergency scenario and demonstration by the Coast Guard and local fire and EMS crews. The demonstration will include a simulated 911 call, lifeguards stabilizing the victim until crews arrive and a helicopter emergency response. Following the demonstration, attendees will hear from several experts in water safety, liability and programs designed to help make the community safer around water. Speakers include:

- Executive Assistant Chief of Life Safety/Support Ronald Martin, Fort Myers Beach FD, statistics
- Trina Sutor, Family Advocate, Blake Sutor Foundation, parent advocate
- Dr. Carmen Garcia, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida
- Taylor Brown, Lee County Health Department, safe pool environments
- Holli Martin, Heidrick Insurance, liability
- Sally Kreuzer, Safe Kids Coordinator, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida

"We are lucky to live in Southwest Florida, where residents, families and visitors are able to enjoy outdoor recreation, beaches and pools 12 months a year. Drowning is one of the leading causes of death and injury among children, and this event is an excellent opportunity for businesses and associations in our community to provide safe water recreation for their residents and customers," said Sally Kreuzer, Safe Kids Coordinator at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

The symposium will be held from **9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Bay Oaks Pool in Fort Myers Beach**. Interested individuals can register online at www.fortmyersbeach.org. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided for attendees. For additional questions or information, please call 239-343-6199.

About Golisano Children's Hospital

Established in 1994, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida has been named a "Top Hospital" by The Leapfrog Group for the past two years. It is the only recognized children's hospital between Tampa and Miami. Lee Health opened the new 128-bed Golisano Children's Hospital in May 2017, relocating the children's hospital from the adjacent HealthPark Medical Center. It includes comprehensive pediatric services including a 24-hour pediatric emergency department, hematology-oncology unit, milk lab, Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Center, and Level II and Level III NICU with 64 private rooms. Golisano Children's Hospital is proud to have been named Soliant's 2018 Most Beautiful Hospital in the U.S., a recognition determined by popular vote For more information, visit GolisanoChildrensSWFL.org