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## **Santa Rosa Medical Center Recognized for Commitment to Education and Student Success**

**MILTON, FL – (September 24, 2012)** Santa Rosa Medical Center was recently honored as a recipient of the 2012 Commissioner's Business Recognition Award for being an outstanding business partner to public school education and supporter of student success in Santa Rosa County.

The Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards are sponsored by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Education Foundation to encourage successful alliances within the business community and among local school districts for the benefit of Florida's students.

According to Cheryl Smith, director of workforce education for the Santa Rosa School District, the award recognizes Santa Rosa Medical Center for its ongoing collaborative relationship with teachers and school administrators. "Santa Rosa Medical Center is an avid supporter of the school district, offering expertise and involvement that is invaluable to student success. They have also provided numerous donations to our schools, such as a defibrillator for Berryhill Elementary School."

Smith said the medical center's support of education goes beyond dollars and cents. "They have also provided mentoring and employment opportunities for WIA (Workforce In Action) Youth, clinical sites for nursing students, and guidance in establishing Locklin Tech's pharmacy technician program."

"At Santa Rosa Medical Center, we're committed to the health and well-being of our community," said Phillip Wright, Chief Executive Officer. "It is my hope that by partnering with Santa Rosa School District we can provide an environment where all students can reach their full potential."

Santa Rosa Medical Center's commitment to educating youth does not stop with the award. Recently, Wright announced that the facility has agreed to sponsor the new IT Academy at Hobbs Middle School. The academy will help eighth graders to become certified in Microsoft Office, which includes Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

The IT Academy is a yearlong course and will give students a high school credit. "Thirty students at Hobbs Middle School are participating in the IT Academy this year," Smith said. "Because the class is part online and part in classroom, it will help prepare the student for online courses in the future and will fulfill the state's requirement that all students have one online course credit before graduation."

"We thank Santa Rosa Medical Center for its ongoing committed to our schools and students," Smith added. "Time and time again, without a blink of the eye, they have offered direction, assistance and financial support."

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#### **About Santa Rosa Medical Center**

Santa Rosa Medical Center is a full service, 129-bed modern hospital facility. Located on Berryhill Road in Milton, Santa Rosa Medical Center is quickly and easily reached from all points in Santa Rosa County. With nearly 400 associates, over 100 volunteers and more than 100 physicians on staff, Santa Rosa Medical Center is well equipped to meet all of your healthcare needs. Our mission is to provide America's best local healthcare to our community. Most recently, Santa Rosa Medical Center was recognized by The Joint Commission as one of 405 top hospitals nationwide on quality measures. Also part of the Santa Rosa Medical Center family is the Santa Rosa Medical Group. Santa Rosa Medical Group consists of family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, urogynecology, neurology, pulmonology, and general surgery practices as well as our urgent care and occupational health clinics. Santa Rosa Medical Center...Close By, Far Better. For more information, please visit [www.SRMCF.com](http://www.SRMCF.com), or call 850-626-7762.