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Bond Clinic creates “Cameras for the Cause” event to support Hope Lodge

Winter Haven, FL – Dr. Michele McClendon has been a Nephrology Specialist at Bond Clinic since 2002 and in addition to her love of patient care; she shares another passion with many of the physicians at the clinic, a love of photography. It is easy to see her appreciation of art when you walk through the halls of her office, where beautifully framed pieces are meticulously hung looking more like a fine art exhibit than a typical doctor’s office.

Earlier in the year, she was in conversation with several colleagues when the idea was born to merge their love of photography with a way to give back to the community. That is when the idea for “Cameras for the Cause – the Doctors Show” was born. When the CEO of Bond Clinic heard of the idea, Dr. Panagiotis Iakovidis knew it was a cause that Bond Clinic would support. “Our patients are our community and Bond Clinic will forever be dedicated to supporting this community,” said Dr. Iakovidis.

“Cameras for the Cause” is a compilation of original photography work primarily from Bond Clinic Physicians, but will include pieces from additional physicians in the area. Thanks to the generosity of Polk State College, the art will be on display for the public to view in the Winter Haven Fine Arts Gallery at Polk State College beginning August 12, 2019 through September 5, 2019.

The highlight of the month long exhibit will take place on Friday, August 30, 2019 from 6-8pm with a reception and silent auction event. All the art will be auctioned with proceeds going to the Hope Lodge, a facility where oncology patients can find housing while they are being evaluated and treated at Moffitt Cancer Center.

Cameras for the Cause is meant to be a casual community evening complete with live music and food. “The star of the evening will be the artwork and Hope Lodge,” said Dr. McClendon. Tickets may be purchased in advance at CentralFloridaTix.com or the night of the event. Visit www.BondClinic.com for more information.

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About Hope Lodge: The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge program provides a free home away from home for cancer patients and their caregivers. More than just a roof over their heads, it’s a nurturing community that helps patients access the care they need. Each Hope Lodge community offers a supportive, homelike environment where guests can share a meal, join in the evening’s activities, or unwind in their own private room. Patients staying at a Hope Lodge must be in active cancer treatment, and permanently reside more than 40 miles or one hour away from their cancer treatment center. Each

patient must be accompanied by a caregiver. The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Tampa, which opened in 2002, offers 40 guest rooms located near treatment centers in the area.

About Bond Clinic: Founded in 1948 by Dr. Benjamin, Bond Clinic, P.A. is proud to be one of the first businesses established in downtown Winter Haven. They are a multi-specialty medical group, currently offering 28 specialties and over 90 providers. Bond Clinic has 10 campuses which are located in the heart of Central Florida and our mission is to provide quality health care in a compassionate, ethical and efficient manner to this region. In addition, we are committed to our community and driven to increase access to medical care while reducing the cost to our patients.

About Polk State College: Located in Winter Haven, Florida, and established in 1964, Polk State College is a multi-campus institution serving more than 16,000 students with Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Science, Associate in Arts, and Associate in Science degrees, as well as a wide range of certificate and workforce training options. The College also operates three charter high schools.

Polk State's advantages include small class sizes; hands-on learning; dedicated faculty; day and night classes; online options; affordable tuition; excellent financial aid; and a diverse community and vibrant student life, including fine arts opportunities, clubs, and intercollegiate athletics.