

## PHILANTHROPY

### LRMC Honors McKay, Law Firm

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LAKELAND | Sarah McKay, a former Lakeland Regional Medical Center board member and a generous donor to its foundation, is the hospital's 2011 philanthropist of the year.

Peterson & Myers, P.A. is the 2011 corporate philanthropist of the year, an award given for its long involvement as legal counsel for Lakeland Regional, beginning in 1980, and for support of the foundation since 1994.

The awards were announced Thursday night during a "Gifts from the Heart" donor reception.

McKay is a platinum-level member of the foundation's Morrell Society, which requires cumulative giving of between \$100,000 and \$499,000. She is a member of Women in Philanthropy and the Bridge Builders Society, which names the foundation as ultimate beneficiary of a planned gift. Her giving dates to 1998.

McKay was on the LRMC hospital board from 1988-1991. She was the first woman to chair the board, in 1988-1989. She served on the foundation board from 1992-1998, and is currently chairwoman for the Senior Advisory Council for the capital campaign.

"Sarah McKay is a woman I personally strive to emulate, a highly respected community leader and a great Southern lady," said Elaine Thompson, president and CEO of Lakeland Regional Health Systems, parent company of LRMC.

"It is such a privilege to have the opportunity to recognize her great work for the hospital and our community."

Thompson called Peterson & Myers "an invaluable asset to Lakeland Regional through their countless hours of service and legal counsel for many years."

Peterson & Myers, like McKay, is a platinum-level Morrell Society member. Its other contributions to the hospital included support of the Lights for Life Campaign, sponsorship of the cancer center library, capital campaign and sponsorship of Cookin' Men.

Lawyers Philip Allen and Robert Puterbaugh provided volunteer services to the foundation also, a release on the awards said.

Allen has served many years on the foundation's Planned Giving Committee, Senior Advisory Council & Bridge Builders Committee for the capital campaign. He was a foundation board member from 1993 to 2000 and was chairman in 1998. Puterbaugh served on the Cancer Clinical Trials Committee in 2005 and as a chef for the foundation's Cookin' Men event.

Past recipients of the philanthropist of the year award include Steve and Ann Moore,

John and Helen Cannon, Chuck and Connie Bovay, Hunt and Mary Berryman, and Lester and Selma Wishnatzki.

This is the third year the foundation has recognized a corporate philanthropist of the year. Hall Communications was the 2010 recipient. Publix Super Market Charities won the award in 2009.

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