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Wuesthoff Health System Foundation Hosts 4th Annual *Wuesthoff Legacy Award Breakfast* to Honor Brevard County Community Leader

ROCKLEDGE, FL (August 6, 2009) More than 60 guests attended the Wuesthoff Health System Foundation's 4th Annual *Wuesthoff Legacy Award Breakfast* to honor longtime Brevard resident and philanthropist, Kurt D. Panouses, Esq.

Held at the Rockledge Country Club, Panouses was presented the distinguished *Wuesthoff Legacy Award* for his voluntary service to various not-for-profit organizations, his leadership roles in promoting gift planning and his work in securing significant levels of philanthropic support for the Brevard Community. He has been instrumental in promoting philanthropy as a planning method and a way of giving back to our community. He has also assisted his clients in making significant gifts to numerous Brevard County not-for-profit organizations.

A past chairman of the Wuesthoff Health System Foundation board, Kurt is a member of the Brevard County Estate Planning Council, a frequent lecturer on estate planning and taxation, and has written various articles on estate planning for local publications. Certified by the Florida Bar since 1977 as a specialist in Wills, Trusts, and Estates law, Kurt has a passion for helping people achieve their dreams and goals.

"I am honored to receive this award. I believe we as citizens must support philanthropy in order to maintain and enhance our quality of life here in Brevard County," said Panouses.

“The Wuesthoff *Legacy Award* was created to recognize professional advisors who have given distinguished service to philanthropy. Kurt’s efforts have helped to make “giving back,” a cultural value in the Brevard community,” said Dorothy Allen, Wuesthoff Health System Foundation president.

The Inaugural *Wuesthoff Legacy Award* was presented to the late Walt Robinson for his distinguished service in philanthropy and for helping to create the Community Foundation of Brevard. Mrs. Robinson accepted the award in Walt’s honor. Dewey Harris, a partner with Harris & Satterfield CPA firm, was the 2007 award recipient. In 2008, James S. LaHam, a managing partner with Berman, Hopkins, Wright & LaHam CPA firm won the award.

The Wuesthoff Foundation Planned Giving Committee was formed in 2005 to help expand the knowledge of gift planning as a way to generate resources for Brevard County. Comprised of estate and financial planning professionals who support Wuesthoff and other local charities, the committee meets throughout the year to plan strategies and conduct philanthropic education programs for the general public.

For more information on the Wuesthoff Foundation Planned Giving Committee, contact Wuesthoff Health System Foundation at (321) 637-2606.

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