



## **PALM BEACH BANKER ASSUMES CHAIRMANSHIP OF CAMP BOGGY CREEK**

December 17, 2008 (Eustis, FL) for immediate release – Effective January 1, 2009, J. Patterson Cooper, President and CEO of the First Bank of the Palm Beaches, will assume the responsibilities of Chairman of the Board of Camp Boggy Creek, Florida's Hole In The Wall Camp for seriously ill children.

Cooper has served on the Camp's Board for ten years, is a member of the Executive Committee and chairs the Finance Committee. He succeeds retired U.S. Army Lt. General James R. Ellis of Tampa who has served as Chairman since 2001 and will step down at the end of the year.

Referencing his replacement, General Ellis said that "Pat Cooper has been an integral part of our leadership team for years and is the right person to guide our Camp through its next expansion." General Ellis will continue to serve on the Camp's Board of Directors focusing efforts on the recently launched Schwarzkopf Society, Camp Boggy Creek's annual giving recognition initiative.

Upon accepting the Chairmanship, Cooper commented that "this amazing Camp is very close to my heart. What we do for children and families dealing with chronic and life threatening illnesses is important work and I rededicate myself to improving the lives of each person who comes to Camp Boggy Creek." Pat Cooper is a career banker with extensive experience in international finance, private banking, corporate banking, governmental regulation and asset management.

Camp Boggy Creek was founded in Florida by Paul Newman and General H. Norman Schwarzkopf. It is a \$23 million residential medical camp facility located in Lake County, FL and has served over 40,000 children and their family members from throughout Florida. There is no cost to attend either its week long summer sessions or its family retreat weekends. For more information or to refer a camper, visit [www.BoggyCreek.org](http://www.BoggyCreek.org) or call toll free 866-Go-Boggy ext. 252.

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