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### **Auxiliary donates \$190,000 to Pardee Hospital Foundation**

*(Hendersonville, NC)* The Pardee Auxiliary recently presented Pardee Hospital with a check for \$100,000 as its annual pledge to the Henderson County medical facility. However, the Auxiliary did not stop there, presenting Pardee with a second check for \$90,000 after a successful fundraising year for the hospital's volunteers.

“It certainly was a huge surprise when Auxiliary President Meredith Kuehn donated \$190,000 to Pardee,” Pardee Hospital President and CEO Jon Schurmeier said. “This is an enormous gift that Pardee will put to excellent use. Our volunteers are more than a source of funds and are an integral part of this hospital and its community. The Auxiliary has donated more than 34,963 hours among the active members to the hospital and is the greatest source of diplomats in the community for Pardee.”

The initial \$100,000 was split evenly between two major projects Pardee Hospital Foundation is currently working on – the Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center and the new Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Diabetes Education Center. Of the additional \$90,000 donation, \$50,000 of it will complete the Auxiliary's \$100,000 two-year pledge for the Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Diabetes Education Center. Also, the Auxiliary designated \$30,000 for the renovation of the waiting room at the Kayden Center, and the final \$10,000 went toward the Women Helping Women Fund that helps uninsured patients who have financial needs receive mammograms and breast cancer procedures at Pardee.

The Pardee Hospital Auxiliary has more than 300 active members that contribute more than 32,000 hours of volunteer work each year. Through the operation of a gift shop, a flower machine and the Garden Café Snack Shop, these volunteers raise thousands of dollars annually for new equipment and services. Anyone interested in becoming an Auxiliary member can call (828) 698-7187 for more information.

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including a 130-bed nursing facility, an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a sports therapy and rehabilitation facility on Thompson Street, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. Pardee is a recipient of the 2006 HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, placing the hospital among the top 5 percent of hospitals in the U.S. for quality of care. More information is available at [www.pardeehospital.org](http://www.pardeehospital.org).

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