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Pardee Foundation Receives \$50,000 Grant

(Hendersonville, NC) The James H. Cummings Foundation has awarded a \$50,000 grant to Pardee Hospital Foundation for Pardee Hospital's new Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Diabetes Education Center.

The Cummings Foundation was established in 1962 by the late James H. Cummings to fund medical science, medical research and medical education, as well as some other focus areas, in Buffalo, N.Y., Toronto and Hendersonville. The Cummings Foundation previously funded Pardee's Emergency Department expansion.

The Center, which will open in the fall, will be located adjacent to Pardee's Urgent Care and Rehab and Sports Therapy facility off of Thompson Street in the same shopping center as the new Epic Theaters. The Center will house medically-supervised exercise programs for cardiac and pulmonary patients as well as the classroom facilities for lifestyle and nutrition education for diabetic clients.

Pardee Hospital Foundation is committed to raising up to \$511,000 toward the construction and equipping of the facility through the financial gifts of individuals and businesses, as well as grants from entities such as the Cummings Foundation. For more information, please call 696-4666.

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.

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