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Breast cancer support group holds Celebration of Life ceremony

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Pardee's breast cancer support group, Breast Friends Forever, held a special Celebration of Life ceremony on Oct. 27 at the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee. This was the second annual ceremony which celebrates women who have overcome issues related to breast cancer and survivorship.

Kristy Capps, Breast Care Navigator and support group facilitator, led the group of 28 women in a special balloon release using biodegradable balloons. Attendees were also treated to manicures and pedicures, performed by cosmetology students from Blue Ridge Community College and chair massages by local massage therapists, Jennifer Chason and Joy Young.

"Cancer is not a battle that is won in a single day. It is an intense voyage that can cause those in its path to become exhausted and grow weary. The Celebration of Life is an annual event to reenergize and reinvigorate our breast cancer survivors. We do our very best to make our survivors feel special and genuinely cared for by providing a relaxing, celebratory environment. This event is a great way to collectively allow



these amazing women to celebrate life and the blessings of each day,” said Kristy

Capps,

RN III, BSN, CBPN-IC, Breast Care Navigator at the Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center at Pardee.

The Breast Friends Forever support group meets monthly at the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee and is open to women who currently have breast cancer or have previously been treated for the disease. The group is free and open to the public. For more information about this support group, contact Kristy Capps at (828) 698-7334.

The Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center is a division of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Pardee Hospital, a comprehensive cancer program accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. The Elizabeth Reilly Breast Center is also one of 17 breast centers in the nation and the only breast center in North Carolina to be recognized as a Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence in the National Quality Measures for Breast Centers Program (NQMBC). The center offers a full range of advanced treatment and diagnostic services, performed by highly qualified cancer specialists. Services include surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology, advanced radiology and laboratory diagnostic support and clinical treatment trials.





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Community education programs, cancer screenings, support groups and holistic patient and family support are available.

[Pardee Hospital](http://www.pardeehospital.org) 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](http://www.pardeehospital.org). The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit www.pardeehospital.org.

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