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Pardee receives Duke Endowment Grant to assist BRCHS

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Pardee Hospital/ Pardee Foundation, on behalf of Blue Ridge Community Health Services (BRCHS) in Henderson County, has received a \$250,000 grant from The Duke Endowment to assist in the building of a new medical facility on the campus of BRCHS. According to the grant process, Pardee was required to submit the application on BRCHS's behalf.

Blue Ridge Community Health Services is non-profit community health center that focuses on serving individuals who are low income and medically underserved. For 47 years, BRCHS has provided high-quality, affordable health care services in our community. Last year, BRCHS provided services in their medical home to almost 17,000 individuals.

"We are grateful to Pardee for this application to The Duke Endowment on BRCHS's behalf. Our new facility will combine family practice, pediatric, behavioral health and pharmacy services in one convenient location. The addition of Pardee-managed radiology and laboratory services in the BRCHS medical building will provide additional services not currently available to families needing access to critical



healthcare. We are pleased to be working closely with Pardee on this project," said Jennifer Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.

Pardee Hospital is a non-profit organization that serves the health care needs of people in Henderson and surrounding areas and is the predominant provider of inpatient and outpatient services for those areas. Pardee is working collaboratively with BRCHS to manage select outpatient services, including laboratory and radiology, upon completion of the new building. The new medical facility will enable BRCHS to expand medical services and the community will be additionally served through expanded physician providers and diagnostic capabilities. The Duke Endowment funds will be used to help complete the \$7 million dollar building. Along with other individuals businesses, and foundations, The Duke Endowment grant provides a major contribution to the facility costs.

"The Pardee Hospital Board of Directors and leadership team have been working with BRCHS in the planning of selected diagnostic services in this facility and acting together with Pardee Foundation as fiscal agent for this grant provides a close collaboration with BRCHS," stated Barbara Platz, Vice President of Professional Services for Pardee Hospital.



[The Duke Endowment](#), located in Charlotte, North Carolina, seeks to fulfill the legacy of James B. Duke by improving lives and communities in the Carolinas through higher education, health care, rural churches and children's services. Since its inception, the Endowment has awarded \$2.8 billion in grants and, since 1953, has provided specifically to Pardee Hospital, \$3.6 million.

For more information on Pardee Hospital or Pardee Foundation, visit www.pardeehospital.org. For information on how you can support BRCHS in their mission visit www.brchs.com.

[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 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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