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**Pardee Hospital hosts annual Women Helping Women Events**

*(Hendersonville, N.C.)* Pardee Hospital will host their annual Women Helping Women events Thursday, Oct. 13 and Friday, Oct. 14.

A meet the speaker dinner will be held Thursday, Oct. 13, at 5:30 p.m. at Kenmure Country Club where attendees can meet this year's Women Helping Women featured speaker, Jessica Melore. Melore suffered a massive heart attack at age 16 that led to multiple health complications including a heart transplant. She is now an advocate for organ donation, heart disease, cancer, and disability awareness.

"Now that I'm 29, I can say that the adversity I've been through over the past 12 years has enriched my life in so many ways. My message to your community will be 'don't let any obstacle stand in your way'," said Melore.

Melore has won several awards including the YMCA's "Woman of Inspiration" and the New Jersey Transplant Association "Triangle Award" for "using the 'gift of life' to make a dramatic impact in and out of the transplant community". Tickets for the meet the speaker dinner may be purchased for \$100.



The Women Helping Women Luncheon will be held Friday, Oct. 14, at 11:30 a.m. at the Kenmure Country Club. The luncheon will include Jessica Melore as the featured speaker and the 2011 Women of Hope will be revealed. A diamond pendant, donated by Shelley's Jewelry of Hendersonville and Hearts on Fire® will be offered. Tickets may be purchased for \$25 at the dinner as well as the luncheon. The pendant will be on display at Shelley's Jewelry of Hendersonville prior to the events. Tickets for the Women Helping Women Luncheon may be purchased for \$125.

To purchase tickets for the meet the speaker dinner or the Women Helping Women Luncheon, or if you would like more information, please call the Pardee Hospital Foundation at 696-4666.

[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](http://www.pardeehospital.org).

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