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**Pardee Hospital Foundation Celebrates 13th Annual
Women Helping Women Events**

(Hendersonville, N.C.) The Pardee Hospital Foundation hosted its 13th Annual Women Helping Women Luncheon on October 22 at Kenmure Country Club. Guests were there to unite for one cause – to help women in our community with their healthcare needs. Attendees came together to celebrate survivorship and to see how their collaborative gifts touch so many lives. The previous evening, on October 21, guests enjoyed the beautiful garden setting at Mélange Inn for the Meet the Speaker Dinner.

Pardee Foundation's Women Helping Women Committee successfully raised nearly \$125,000 from the generosity of 80 sponsors and attendees. The Pardee Hospital Auxiliary made the lead gift with a generous contribution of \$15,000. Women Helping Women funds will be used to provide financial assistance for uninsured women for their healthcare needs at Pardee Hospital. Specifically, these needs address cancer, heart disease, osteoporosis and other critical women's health needs.

This year, event attendees saw first hand how their gifts had assisted women in our community. Since 1998, Pardee Foundation's Women Helping Women Committee



has raised over \$1.4 million for equipment, facilities and services for uninsured women in our community. Almost 900 women have received financial assistance from these funds for much-needed treatments and procedures at Pardee Hospital. A video was shown that featured a fund recipient sharing how Women Helping Women assistance made a direct impact in her life. She expressed her sincere gratitude for everyone who made this fund possible.

Two cancer survivors, Ferne Schnitzler and Jeanette Wheeler, were recognized as the newest honorees in Pardee Foundation's Women of Hope. Housed in Pardee's nationally recognized Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Women of Hope display highlights local survivors of cancer and other women's health issues.

The featured speaker, Jackie Pflug, was a survivor of colon cancer as well as a terrorist hijacking. In her presentation, she detailed the skills she employed to survive and grow, and most importantly, how you can apply these methods to your own life. "After having cancer, and surviving the hijacking, I fell in love with the idea of living with no regrets," said Pflug. "In the end, I truly believe it's not about the story, it's about what you accomplish along the way." Jackie is an author and motivational speaker. She has told her story on numerous television and radio shows such as, the Oprah Winfrey Show and Larry King Live, and in her current biography, *Miles to Go Before I Sleep*.





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[Pardee Hospital Foundation](#) was established in 1996 to fund services, equipment and capital projects for Pardee Hospital. Pardee Foundation also serves as the charitable gift and grant receiving entity for Pardee Hospital. The foundation is dedicated to supporting excellence in healthcare through fundraising efforts. For more information, call the Pardee Foundation at (828) 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 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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