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The Dunn Kiwanis Club Raises Funds for Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital's Pediatric Unit

Dunn, N.C. (March 19, 2010) – The Dunn Kiwanis Club Members recently raised \$505 at a Dinner and Blind Auction Social to purchase ribbon boards for the Pediatric Unit. The boards proudly display artwork created by the hospitalized children. Members were asked to bring pre-wrapped packages for the Blind Auction. The contents could be humorous or something of actual value. This enhances the fun and excitement of the auction as bidders could not tell what they were bidding on. Steve Cooney served as the Certified Auctioneer. The Children's Fund is sponsored by Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Foundation.

"Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital sincerely appreciates the efforts of the Dunn Kiwanis Club for impacting projects that support children in our community," stated Vicki Allen, Chief Nursing Officer. **"Often our pediatric patients will draw pictures for the staff who care for them. The children are proud to show off their artwork by placing it on the dedicated art boards in the unit. Most importantly, it distracts our hospitalized children from their illness, and allows them to focus on something more pleasurable."**

On behalf of the Dunn Kiwanis members, we are pleased to be given the opportunity to help fund special projects for our local Pediatric Unit," said Christy Hairr, President of the Dunn Kiwanis Club. "We want to make sure that children in the hospital who are going through tough times have an opportunity to actually have fun and express themselves creatively. In our community we are unified in our belief that children and their communities benefit from the efforts of a proficient group of caring and involved volunteers, such as the Dunn Kiwanis."

About the Foundation

As the official charitable organization for Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital, Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Foundation is committed to keep advanced health care close to home today and for generations to come. For more information, please visit our website at www.bjrh.org.

About the Dunn Kiwanis Club

Founded in 1915 in Indianapolis, Indiana the Kiwanis Club is a thriving organization of service and community minded men and women support children around the world. Often their service projects are linked to "Young Children: Priority One." This initiative places continuing focus on the needs of children in pediatric trauma, safety, child care, early development, infant health, nutrition, and parenting skills. The Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at Triangle South Enterprise.

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Photo: Left to Right – Allison Taylor, Manager of Maternal Services, Sondra Davis, Vice President of Human Resources and Kiwanis Member; Vicki Allen, Chief Nursing Officer; Bill Hughes, Director of Clinical Services; Kelly Pope, Kiwanis Club Member; Rodney Stewart, Kiwanis Club Member; Doug Wells, Secretary of the Kiwanis Club; Christy Hairr, President of the Kiwanis Club; Ted Fitzgerald, Past Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis Club.

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