

Grants Funded by the McLeod GEMs

2015-2016

\$2,000 Granted by the McLeod GEMs

Mini Refrigerators for PICU Family Rooms - \$2,000

The McLeod Gems funded ten (10) mini refrigerators to be placed in each patient room of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). The refrigerators were purchased for parents of children in the PICU, eliminating the need to leave their child in order to obtain drinks and snacks. Parents can store what they need in their room for convenience. This purchase supports the family centered care at McLeod Children's Hospital. Children can spend days, weeks or months in the PICU and the Gems want to help make their stay a little less stressful.

2014-2015

\$5,500 granted by McLeod GEMs

Turtle Pediatric Exam Table - \$5,500

The Exam Table is in the shape of a friendly turtle that helps bring a fun, kid-friendly character to the Children's Hospital Treatment Room to set young patients at ease during invasive procedures. It makes exams go smoother and quicker

2013-2014

\$3,400 granted by McLeod GEMs

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) - \$3,400

The McLeod GEMs helped refurbish the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Rooming-in Room back in 2012 by making it very warm and inviting. This room is intended to allow parents to spend a night in the hospital with their baby before taking them home. Many of our babies are very small, sick, and experienced long stays, so it is understandable that the parents are nervous to take them home. Staying over night in this room gives them some comfort to care for their baby for the first time by themselves, knowing they have the NICU medical team within reach. The room had one single pull-out bed for someone to sleep on overnight. The GEMs grant in the amount of \$3,400 was used to purchase an additional hospital grade fold-out sleeper for the second family member to sleep on. This way both parents or loved ones can room in with mother and baby making it a family experience.

2012-2013

\$6,200 granted by McLeod GEMs

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), "Human Milk Initiative" - \$4,500

The past two years the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at McLeod Regional Medical Center (MRMC) has been working on the Human Milk Initiative. This has been a focused effort by physicians and staff to increase the percentage of very low birth weight (VLBW) infants receiving human milk. VLBW infants weigh less than 1500 grams and consume the bulk of the technological, medical, and nursing resources in the NICU. Research has shown that infants VLBW infants who receive feedings with at least 50% Human Milk are able to reach full feedings (no IV fluids) sooner. Other advantages include less infection and less gastrointestinal problems. This results in a shorter hospital stay, and a less costly hospital stay. The NICU staff has identified specific items were purchased that would be extremely helpful in meeting these challenges. The NICU team believes that the use of these items will maintain the high rate of initiation of human milk feedings and increase the rate of breastfeeding at time of discharge.

Safe Kids, "Hyperthermia Thermometer" - \$4,500

Allows McLeod Safe Kids Pee Dee Coastal to show the external and internal temperatures of a parked vehicle. The thermometer will allow the Safe Kids program the ability to target people with children and show them just how dangerous it is for a child to be inside of a parked vehicle.