

KIWANIS DIVISION 17



GREENVILLE, NC, Nov 9, 2009 - On Monday, November 9, members of the Kiwanis Clubs of Division 17 gathered for a check presentation of \$30,000 at University Health Systems Children's Hospital for renovations for the existing Teen Lounge in memory of Les Garner. Teen Lounge Committee Chairman Will Sneed presented the check to the Medical Director of the Children's Hospital, Ronald M. Perkin, MD, and his staff in front of the Children's Hospital main entrance.

The Kiwanis Clubs of Division 17 have paid \$6,900 towards their \$30,000 pledge. The remaining balance of this pledge will be paid in full over the next 3 years, with the final payment made on or before December 2012. Division 17 – Carolinas District is made up of eleven Kiwanis clubs in Pitt and Beaufort Counties.

The presentation is a culmination of years of planning for the renovation of a room, which will be a designated space specifically for teenagers to utilize while in the Children's Hospital. The room will include a computer with an internet connection, various electronic games, a HDTV and other activity options to help entertain and occupy a teenage mind while in the Children's Hospital.

Les Garner, for whom the Teen Lounge will be named, believed that the Divisional Kiwanis Project to raise money for a teen room was an outstanding idea and challenged all of the Kiwanis Clubs to step up in a big way. Les will not be with us physically to see this project completed, but his spirit and name and the Kiwanis name will be allowed to live on as we have been granted naming rights for this room.

To find out more about Kiwanis clubs in our area visit <http://www.ncdiv17.org>.

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Will Sneed presents a \$30,000 check to Dr. Ronald Perkin for the Les Garner Kiwanis Teen Lounge renovation project. Attending the presentation are from Left to right Eric Loy, Lt. Governor of Division 17, Will Sneed, Committee Chair-University City Kiwanis, Clyde Alexander-Greenville Kiwanis, Bobby Joyner & Harold Jones-Greenville Golden K, Woody Deyton-Pitt Golden K and Sandy Belcher-Greater Greenville Kiwanis, Julia Raper, RN, MSN-Children's Hospital Administrator, Medical Director of Children's Hospital, Ronald M. Perkin, MD, Barbara Batts - Asst. VP for Women's Services and Children's Hospital; Kinney Hart, Executive Director, Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation; Rhonda James-Major Gifts Officer, Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation; and others from UHS Children's Hospital.