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Student donates \$1,200 to Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Foundation, in memory of her great-grandfather

Dunn, N.C. (December 1, 2008) – Carla Brooke Parker, a senior at South Johnston High School, will never forget her great-grandfather's terminal battle against heart disease.

For her senior project, Carla Brooke set out to support Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Foundation raise funds for a new state-of-the-art cardiac monitoring system for Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital (BJRH). In memory of her great-grandfather and in hopes of making a positive impact on others who have been diagnosed with heart disease, the number one killer in the United States, she solicited donations from local businesses, family members, friends and anyone who would listen to her story. She was determined to reach her goal of \$1,000.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for a high-school senior, and we are so pleased to have Carla Brooke join forces with the Foundation to raise funds for this greatly needed cardiac monitoring system," said Sharon Stevens, treasurer for BJRH Foundation. "The state-of-the-art system will allow us to provide an enhanced level of care for our critically ill patients," stated Ken Bryan, president and CEO for Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. "This generous endeavor is an exceptional demonstration of her commitment to improve healthcare right here at home."

Carla Brooke awarded the Foundation with a check for \$1,200, a charming hand-made scrapbook and plaque recognizing her generous contributors. She currently holds the title of Miss Benson and plans to attend college majoring in finance and accounting.



Photo: Left to Right -Jennifer Franklin, Manager, Public Relations and Foundation Dept.; Sharon Stevens, Treasurer, Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Foundation Board; Jane Register, Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Foundation Board Member; Carla Brooke Parker, Student; Ken Bryan, President and CEO, Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital; Cindy Finch, Coordinator, Public Relations and Foundation Dept.

Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital Foundation, a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization, is committed to improving the health and comfort of the people in the communities served by Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital by making possible needed development in the facilities as well as providing state-of-the-art equipment.

Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital, a 101-bed not-for-profit hospital based in Dunn, North Carolina, offers primary, specialty and emergency care services to Harnett, Cumberland, Johnston, and Sampson County residents. Serving patients since 1940, the hospital has over 100 affiliated physicians and 779 employees. For more information, please visit our website at bjrh.org.

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