

2010 Promise Grant Awards

Grant Proposal Title	Division	Program/Project Goal
Neonatal Palliative Care Program	Pediatrics, Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine	To create a multidisciplinary palliative care program for the NCCC aimed at improving the quality of end-of-life care for infants who die in our nursery by increasing and improving communication with families, providing a multi-disciplinary approach and supporting education in palliative care medicine for all care givers in the NCCC.
Extra Comforts for Patients and Families	5, 6 & 7 Children's Inpatient	To establish a supplemental supply of materials and equipment that will improve the comfort of our patients and families and increase their satisfaction with their hospital stay.
NCCC Sibling Program	Neonatology/NCCC	To help siblings of NCCC babies feel included during their baby sister's or brother's stay. The program would also provide supplies to help keep the children occupied so the parents have an easier time switching off to visit with their baby.
Car Seats and education for Children with Special Health Needs	Pediatrics	To obtain car seats for children with special health needs and provide education to families.
NICU Knowledge	Neonatology/NCCC	To provide mobile computer units that can be brought to the bedside, called "COW" Computers on Wheels, and used to help educate our families upon admission, during hospitalization, and on discharge.
UNC AirCare Pediatric Team Blankets & Bears Project	UNC AirCare	To help patients cope with the transport process by providing blankets or bears to help ease the fear of the transport itself, in addition to being separated from their parents or caregivers during the process.
Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome Home Monitoring	Pediatrics, Division of Cardiology	To provide digital scales and five pulse oximeters with sensors to parents of children with HLHS, on a loan basis, during the four to six months between staged repairs.
Carolina Cares	Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine	To help both children and parents cope more successfully with the emergency department experience by providing emotionally supportive tools to offer comfort and distraction to help children cope with stress, discomfort and boredom.
Newborn Critical Care photography for infant loss	Neonatology/NCCC	To provide photography services free of charge to families with a pending infant loss in the NCCC or PICU.
Newborn Critical Care Family Scrapbooking	Neonatology/NCCC	To provide parents with infants in the NCCU with a weekly scrapbooking activity for their babies while sharing in some parent to parent fellowship and support.

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Distraction tools for Pediatric Specialty Team	NCCH, Departments of Pediatrics and Anesthesia	To provide the resources for the purchase of distraction tools for the Pediatric Specialty Team without borrowing from the Child Life Specialist. The tools will lead to improved patient satisfaction and a potential decrease in the amount of sedative drugs used.
MPS Family Meeting	Pediatrics/Division of Genetics & Metabolism	To fund an annual MPS Family Day that provides an educational opportunity for patients and their families to learn more about the management and care of MPS disorders and upcoming research at UNC. The gathering also offers a support network for patients and families.
Improving treatment outcomes in patients with inborn errors of metabolism and Prader-Willi Syndrome through provision of essential supplies and opportunities for education and building social support.	Pediatrics/Division of Genetics and Metabolism	To provide basic resources for improving care and outcome as well as educational and networking opportunities for individuals and families with IEM and PWS in NC. Families are provided with special emergency food so that cost is not a factor in diet compliance as well as other necessary supplies.
Care Journal for Pediatric Intensive Care Families	Pediatric Intensive Care Unit	To provide families of children admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (and with an anticipated hospital stay of at least five days) with a journal in which they can record important medical information and record their questions and thoughts.
Addressing Body Image Concerns in Children and Teens with Cancer Through a Customized Wig Program Initiated at the Time of Diagnosis	The Oncology Patient and Family Resource Center (Member of the Comprehensive Cancer Support Program of the NC Cancer Hospital)	To provide wigs and head coverings at no charge to pediatric oncology patients undergoing cancer treatment. These patients have unique needs in managing their appearance with related side effects of treatments.
Changing Culture, Changing Lives: Promoting Family-Centered Care at UNC	NCCH hospital-wide	To provide on-site consultation, training, and technical assistance through the IFCC to hospitals and health systems for all phases of implementing a family-centered approach to care by exploring what patient- and family-centered care is and what it can mean to an organization.
NC Children's Hospital Newborn Critical Care Center Graduate Reunion	Neonatology/NCCC	To invite the children and their families who have graduated from the NCCC to celebrate the life of their child and the success of their family.
Empowering Parents: Increasing Access to Easy-to-Understand Information about Complex Medical Conditions	UNC Center for Maternal and Infant Health	To provide coordinated care from diagnosis through treatment and return to local community providers. The project will create short video pod casts for families with multimedia explanations of the most common conditions treated at UNC.

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The Practice of Reading to Stimulate Speech/ Language in Infants at High Risk for Developmental Delay	Neonatology/NCCC	To show families ways to promote speech and language development. An age appropriate, high quality book is provided to each child at each clinic visit with recommendations.
Picture the Progress	Neonatology/NCCC	To chronicle the growth and development of patients through the use of a camera that will show evidence of the patient's developmental progress.
Infant CPR Kits for Medically Fragile Infants Discharged from NCCC	Neonatology/NCCC	To provide an Infant CPR Anytime kit that allows families to teach CPR to other people who may be responsible for their baby after discharge as well as review the steps themselves. The entire family can learn either prior to discharge or in the home. The DVD now has a Spanish option.
Specialized Feeding Supplies for High Risk Feeders	Neonatology/NCCC	To purchase specialized feeding equipment so that high risk feeders can pull the liquid through the nipple and eat more safely. The equipment will facilitate feeding rehabilitation in the highest risk infants.
UNC Hospital Newborn Critical Care Center Parent/Family Support Luncheon	Neonatology/NCCC	To allow NCCC social workers to continue to host a weekly Parent Support Luncheon in the NCCC.
Words with Baby	Pediatrics	To support and encourage the parent/infant/child bonding process through literacy with the Words with Baby program which is an expansion of the UNC Reach Out and Read Program (ROR).
Palliative Care Education and Hospital-Wide initiatives in support of families	NCCH hospital-wide	To increase support for palliative care efforts in all areas of NC Children's Hospital; funds will be used for education, family support initiatives, and programs for caregivers hospital-wide
Family Advisory Board Support	Neonatology/NCCC	To support activities of the NCCC Family Advisory Board; areas funded include FAB programs that support families while in the Newborn Critical Care Center and ongoing planning meetings of the FAB.