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Quilt donations to warm pediatric cancer patients

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Today 60 quilts were donated by the River City Piecemakers Quilt Guild to the University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute’s pediatric program. The quilts will benefit children who are here for six to eight weeks being treated for cancer and rare tumors. There are on average 20 children on treatment each day, the most of any proton therapy center in the world.

Guild members recently toured the UF Proton Therapy Institute and later voted to give the quilts to the cancer treatment facility as part of their ongoing service project to create and donate quilts to community organizations that benefit those in need. Each quilt is custom made by hand or machine according to the quilt maker’s preference.

“We sincerely thank the River City Piecemakers Quilt Guild members for their generous donation,” said Stuart Klein, executive director of the UF Proton Therapy Institute. “Many of our children and their families are here from other cities and countries and these beautiful quilts will be a welcoming comfort to them.”

River City Piecemakers Quilt Guild is based in the Arlington community of Jacksonville. Founded in 1987, its membership is dedicated to preserving the tradition of quilting. The guild supports projects that promote the continuation of quilt arts, educate and entertain members with programs and workshops, and contribute to the community through philanthropic activities.

UF Proton Therapy Institute is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization affiliated with the UF College of Medicine, dedicated to delivering state-of-the-art cancer treatment and setting new standards for treating and curing cancer. The cancer treatment facility houses both conventional radiation and proton therapy, and delivers proton therapy to 110 patients a day. For more information about the UF Proton Therapy Institute, please visit www.floridaproton.org, or call toll-free 877-686-6009.

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