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**Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute's pediatric program receives its largest donation to date from the Chartway Promise Foundation**

HAMPTON, Va. -- The Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute's (HUPTI) pediatric gift-giving program, HUPTI Smiles, has received a \$10,000 grant from the Chartway Promise Foundation (CPF) for use in the 2023 calendar year.

The donation will be used to buy gifts for the pediatric patients HUPTI treats in 2023 as the center works to update its children's lounge to be more accessible and accommodating. HUPTI Smiles, founded in 2021, is a specially designed, ongoing charitable program designed to address the emotional needs of pediatric cancer patients and their families. This initiative is a project where children and young adults being treated at HUPTI receive a new, wrapped toy or gift card during their treatments.

HUPTI has collaborated with leading medical centers such as the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters (CHKD), Portsmouth Naval, Virginia Commonwealth University, The University of Virginia, etc., to ensure our young patients receive new gifts during their treatment, which can range up to 44 consecutive visits.

"HUPTI Smiles is an important part of achieving our mission of easing human misery and saving lives because providing a positive outlet for children and their parents during an unbelievable time can give them just enough motivation to keep going," said Tiffany Rodgers, Director of Marketing at HUPTI. "We understand how meaningful this project can be in helping the children and their families. I would like to thank the Chartway Promise Foundation for providing organizations like ours with opportunities to provide a smile for our little ones battling cancer." As a result of the CPF's 6th Annual Putting for Promises Golf Tournament, 23rd Annual Charity Golf Classic, and other campaigns, its board was able to approve \$770,000 in charitable grants, according to the foundation's website.

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“Chartway Promise Foundation strengthens the communities we serve by partnering with companion charities like HUPTI Smiles to provide the financial support needed to make wishes come to life for children facing medical challenges,” stated Chartway Promise Foundation president, Christine Wilson. “That’s why we’re honored make a difference right here in one of the communities we serve – bringing joy, hope, and smiles to courageous children through this partnership.”

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**About Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute (HUPTI)**

The Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute (HUPTI), established in 2010, has successfully helped fight the cancers of more than 3,500 patients from across the globe. Located in Hampton, Virginia, HUPTI is the largest standalone proton treatment center in the country, and at its inception, was the eighth such center in the United States.

Proton therapy is universally accepted as a viable and effective method to treat many forms of cancer— one of the top killers in Virginia. It is a noninvasive option that precisely targets the tumor, sparing healthy tissue. At HUPTI, patients receive outpatient treatment in about 30 minutes, which means no hospital stays, allowing them to maintain their current lifestyle. The center treats several types of cancer, including breast, lung, prostate, head & neck, ocular, brain & spine, gastrointestinal and pediatric tumors.

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**About Chartway Federal Credit Union & Chartway Promise Foundation**

Since 1959, Chartway has been unlocking the potential of individuals and families so they can thrive. Member-owned and values-driven, our \$2.6 billion credit union proudly serves more than 200,000 members with branches in Utah, Texas, and Virginia. We’ve been recognized by Forbes as one of America’s Best-In-State Credit Unions in 2022, included on American Banker’s Top Credit Union to Work For 2022 list, and received numerous other top workplace and best credit union accolades. Reflecting a bright way forward, our charitable arm – the Chartway Promise Foundation – has raised nearly \$14 million to bring joy, hope, and smiles to children facing medical hardship or illness. For information on our vibrant organization, please visit [www.Chartway.com](http://www.Chartway.com) and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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