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MERCYHEALTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE DONATION BENEFITING PEDIATRIC PATIENTS AT MERCYHEALTH

ROCKFORD, Illinois—The Mercyhealth Development Foundation is excited to be receiving a generous donation from a charitable organization, *Sadie's Dream for a Cure*, **Thursday, March 14, at 11 am** at Mercyhealth's Javon Bea Hospital and Physician Clinic-Riverside.

The organization has selected Mercyhealth to receive its donation of 50 handmade, colorful tote bags filled with games, toys, books and other activities that will be given to pediatric patients receiving care throughout Mercyhealth.

Sadie's Dream for a Cure is a 501(c) 3 organization that was created six years ago when six-month-old Sadie was diagnosed with cancer. Members of Sadie's extended family wanted to find a way to lift the spirits of children like Sadie who were hospitalized due to illness or injury.

The fully volunteer-based organization has made countless donations of toys and games to hospitals throughout the country, providing 230 bags alone in March to children from birth through age 16. Sadie is now seven-years-old and enjoys playing soccer and performing ballet in Texas where she resides with her family.

For more information on this organization, visit: sadiesdreamforacure.org

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Note to Media: We invite coverage of this event. Please meet in the Women's and Children's Entrance Lobby (2nd Floor) of Mercyhealth's Javon Bea Hospital-Riverside at 11 am on Thursday, March 14. Lynn Heeren of Freeport will be representing *Sadies Dream for a Cure* and will be available for an interview as well as representatives from Mercyhealth who will be receiving the donation.