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Hugs From Heaven to Asante's NICU

Gold Hill 15-year-old Hannah Joseph made her sixth annual visit to present "Hugs from Heaven" holiday gifts to preemie babies and their families on Christmas Eve at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



The eight-grader from Hanby Middle School started the Hugs from Heaven program six years ago as a tribute to her late grandmother, who wanted to be a "hugger" in the NICU. Huggers are volunteers who hold and gently rock the infants in the hours when parents or family members are not available.



The gifts were donated from community members, who dropped them off through Dec. 23 at Laurel Hill Golf Course. This year's donations filled 36 gift bags with homemade blankets, hats, clothes, diapers and more.

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Asante Rogue Regional is the only one of its kind in the region and provides care to babies born prematurely with birth weights as low as one pound or with high risk medical conditions at birth. The unit serves more than 300 babies every year.

Hannah has also created an annual golf tournament held each year in August at Laurel Hill Golf Course, with all proceeds going to Asante Rogue Regional's NICU.

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