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INNOVATIVE DIAGNOSTIC CAMERA OFFERS AREA PREMIES A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Specialized Equipment, Donors Featured in Dec. 2 Event

\$76,300 in grants and donations will provide the Covenant HealthCare Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (RNICU) with a digital retina camera (RetCam), the first of its kind in the region. RetCams are used to diagnose premature infants with Retinopathy of Prematurity, an eye disease that when undetected or untreated can lead to blindness.

A community presentation and media preview of the new equipment will be held at Covenant HealthCare to celebrate the new RetCam, which has been made possible thanks to a \$15,000 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Outstate Michigan, a matching \$15,000 donation on behalf of the Frankenmuth Auto Fest and a \$46,300 grant from the Covenant HealthCare Foundation.

What:

- **A community presentation of Covenant HealthCare's new RetCam**
- **Video opportunities in the Covenant HealthCare RNICU**
- **\$15,000 RMHC of Outstate Michigan check presentation**
- **\$15,000 donation presented by Tony D'Anna, on behalf of the Frankenmuth Auto Fest**

Photo and interview opportunities will be available

When: 10:00 am on Thursday, December 2

Where: Andersen Board Room, Second Floor
Covenant HealthCare
1020 Almira
Saginaw, MI 48602

Who:

- Connie Downing, Director of Women's and Children's Services, Dawn Banning and Lee Ann Chadwick, Co-Managers of the Covenant RNICU
- Carol Cottrell, Director of the Covenant HealthCare Foundation
- Lesa Dion, Executive Director of RMHC of Outstate Michigan
- Tony D'Anna, chairman of the Frankenmuth Auto Fest and a local McDonald's owner/operator

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Founded in 1990, RMHC of Outstate Michigan has awarded grants totaling more than \$6 million to approximately 350 Michigan organizations. For more information on RMHC of Outstate Michigan visit www.rmhcoutstatemi.org.

Covenant HealthCare, a Saginaw-based nonprofit medical center, has a long history of meeting the medical needs of families, particularly women and children. Expertly trained and experienced physicians deliver nearly 4,000 infants annually within Covenant's birth center. North of Flint, Michigan, Covenant HealthCare offers the only Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Level III Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. These specialty treatment centers provide the finest care to critical children in 18 Michigan counties. For more information about Covenant HealthCare visit <http://www.covenanthealthcare.com/>.

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