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FAMILY CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY BY DONATING TO CHILDREN'S KINGDOM

Monday, December 10, 2018, RIDGECREST, California: On Tuesday, December 4, 2018 Ricca Charlon, the grandmother of Tucker Leroy Griffin, honored Tucker on the occasion of his first birthday with a plaque on the Children's Kingdom wall located at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. Present along with Charlon and Tucker were Tucker's parents, Josh and Hilary Griffin and his grandfather, Chuck Pruett.

Charlon and her family have a long-time tradition of celebrating and honoring their family memories and milestones with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. Not only were all of Charlon's siblings, grandchildren, nieces and nephews born at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital, Charlon is a member of RRHDF Women in Philanthropy. Charlon has celebrated the first birthday of two other grandchildren in the same manner. In November, Charlon's family honored the memory her late father, Dick Rivers, by adding a leaf to the Tree of Life located in the hospital's lobby.

The Children's Kingdom memorial wall is a great way to celebrate the birth of a child or a special birthday. All donations received on behalf of the Children's Kingdom go to the RRH Development Foundation to benefit the campaigns they support. If you have questions regarding the Children's Kingdom or are interested in making a donation please contact the RRH Development Foundation at (760)499-3955.





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Notes to Editors:

About Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Development Foundation

Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Development Foundation is a 501 (c)3 organization established in 2013 to secure resources to support the future sustainability and growth of Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. Over the past few years the Foundation has assisted in purchasing state-of-art medical equipment for the hospital as well as raising money for the purchase and renovation of a future hospice home. The Foundation also financially supports several smaller but just as necessary campaigns. For more information, please contact the Development Foundation at (760) 499-3955 or via email at Kimberly.Metcalf@rrh.org.

About Ridgecrest Regional Hospital

Ridgecrest Regional Hospital is a nonprofit, full service, acute care hospital, accredited by DNV Healthcare. Located in Ridgecrest, California, it was founded in 1945 by Dr. Thomas A. Drummond, who realized the need for medical care, to support the then recently established Naval Ordnance Test Station. Today, RRH continues as the only regional healthcare system providing a variety of services to the rural communities of the Southern Sierra. Our Vision is to be a leader with other healthcare providers in offering the highest quality, patient-centered, affordable healthcare and wellness services to the people of our service area.

The RRH health system currently consists of 78 active medical staff members and advance practice professionals, offering multi-specialty healthcare and state-of-the-art facilities, including Gastroenterology Lab, Cardiology, Dermatology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics and an accredited Sleep Lab, to name a few. The hospital also offers a Cancer Center, as part of an ongoing oncology affiliation with UC Davis Health Cancer Care Network, and is one of only a number of hospitals across the country to install FDA-approved state-of-the-art automated breast screening ultrasound technology in the Women's Imaging Department, clinically proven to increase cancer detection by 35.7%. The hospital has been awarded the ACR gold seal of accreditation in Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, representing the highest level of image quality and patient safety and the Emergency Department has been designated by Kern County Public Health, as a Level IV trauma center, providing stabilization and advanced trauma life support.

Future plans include a new Emergency Room, new helipad for air ambulance services and construction is currently underway for the relocation of the South Medical Plaza. For more information, visit us at: rrh.org/ and [Facebook.com/RidgecrestRegionalHospital](https://www.facebook.com/RidgecrestRegionalHospital).