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GHS AUTISM PROGRAM GETS \$2 MILLION LAUNCH FROM NORTH AMERICAN RESCUE

North American Rescue, Inc. (NAR) provided Greenville Hospital System Children's Hospital with a \$2 million donation to launch a comprehensive autism program that will include critical early diagnosis, treatment, research, support, and community outreach. The program will retain at least 7 clinicians.

One in every 150 children is diagnosed with a form of autism, including nearly 900 children treated at GHS alone every year. Robert Castellani, President and CEO of North American Rescue, Inc. and his wife Lisa, a gifted pediatrician, resolved to donate the munificent amount when their son Cole was diagnosed with autism at age 3. Lisa left her practice to stay home with Cole and provide him with intense therapy, which has led to him becoming a high-functioning, loving boy.

"Our faith is what led us to adopt this child," said Lisa Castellani, MD. "And we thought there must be a greater purpose beyond just making this one child better. This is a way we can really take what happened in our lives and make something good and positive happen for this community."

Dr. Castellani will personally head an outreach component which will be separately funded by North American Rescue.

The \$2 million gift is one of the largest GHS has ever received. GHS President and CEO Michael Riordan said, "This program will literally be a lifeline for parents struggling to help their children—not only here at GHS but in the broader community."

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