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Service League sponsors family room

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Submitted PhotoThe Valdosta Junior Service League presented the South Georgia Medical Center Foundation with \$25,000 recently which supported the development of a special patient family room for women and children services.

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VALDOSTA — South Georgia Medical Center’s Foundation thanked the Valdosta Junior Service League at a recognition event for sponsoring a patient family room for women and children services.

"Through the generosity of VJSL, this special family room on the labor and delivery floor will offer families a private space to spend quiet time together during sensitive labor and delivery situations," according to a SGMC press release.

"The room was inspired by service league member Meshea Hardeman," said Alyssa Pate, 2016 Service League president. "Most of our members are mothers and this was a great opportunity to partner with our local health system to support other mothers in our community."

The league’s donation supported the design of the room, which features special artwork.

VJSL’s partnership with SGMC dates back to the 1980s, when members volunteered at the Coffee Corner, now known as the All Spice Café, according to the press release. The league has donated more than \$73,000 to the foundation through the years.

"We are thankful that our local women’s civic group has placed an importance on local health care," said Johnny Ball, SGMC assistant administrator for communications and public affairs. "Although this donation directly benefits women and children services, philanthropic gifts essentially benefit the entire organization as it allows financial opportunities to be utilized in other areas."

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