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Grand Opening of Hannah's Garden at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital

Columbia, SC- Palmetto Health Children's Hospital will be having a grand opening of its beautiful new garden on September 8th, 2022, at 9 a.m. The garden will be named "Hannah's Garden" after Hannah and Ron Rodgers and the generous donations they have made to the Children's Hospital over the past number of years. Their support during the Children's Hospital capital campaign was an investment in our state's first and only freestanding children's hospital in 2008. The Rogers' gift to the Children's Hospital Palliative Care Program, known as COMPASS, helped elevate the program, designed to prevent, and relieve suffering of children with life-limiting, chronic conditions. After the loss of their son, Kevin, to cancer, the Rogers made a \$500,000 gift to match a gift from Aflac to support the Endowed Chair for the Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology Medical Director.

In recognition of the generous gift, the Rogers named the Kevin Berry Rogers Infusion Center, in the Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, after their son. Hannah and Ron Rogers have made a lead challenge gift of \$250,000 to help build the garden. Palmetto Health Foundation is working to match their gift with community support. The total garden project cost is \$615,000.

Donors of \$2,500 or more will be recognized in a special area of Hannah's Garden. Children and their families will enjoy sunshine and fresh air in a peaceful space featuring Mexican beach stone, water features, benches, and native South Carolina plants. The Rogers will continue to honor their beloved son through Hannah's Garden.

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**To learn more about how you can support Hannah's Garden, visit
<http://bit.ly/HannahsGarden> or contact Maria DeHart at Palmetto Health Foundation.
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