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## FRIENDS OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WINS \$50,000 DONATION FROM HORNE

**Jackson, Miss. – October 27, 2022:** Friends of Children's Hospital is the deserving recipient of a \$50,000 donation from HORNE and HORNE Community Foundation, but the real winners are the 180,000 pediatric patients each year who receive the critical healthcare services made possible by donations like this.

On Sept. 27, HORNE announced the results of its HORNE360 contest, held in honor of the organization's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The public accounting firm's employees voted on the beneficiary of the \$50,000 gift, and Friends of Children's Hospital received the most votes.

"Philanthropic gifts like this support the construction of larger, more technologically advanced facilities, as well as ensure that Mississippi's youngest hospital patients have access to the most cutting-edge and specialized equipment, resources and services," said Friends Executive Director Caitlin Foreman. "Above all else, though, these funds help create hope for a healthier and brighter tomorrow, and for that, we owe HORNE our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude."

The \$50,000 donation from HORNE will be used to renovate the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's of Mississippi. Specifically, these funds will go towards interactive digital play tablets where fingertip touch guides the child through collaborative puzzles, painting, coloring, and games. Thirty-two infusion/exam rooms will be equipped with this technology to help bring calm to children as they are undergoing treatment.

"Our goal is to ease the burden of our patients and their families, and often the smallest gestures make the biggest impact," Foreman said. "These tablets will provide a calming, happy space where our patients can be kids. Thank you, HORNE, for this selfless donation—the smiles on our kids' faces will be a permanent reminder of your incredible generosity!"

"Throughout the past 60 years, HORNE has grown from a local accounting practice to a nationwide professional services firm with a mission of delivering with care," said Neil Forbes, HORNE's managing partner. "We live and work in the very communities where these worthy organizations are serving, and we're proud to give back to those who are doing so much good."

Friends of Children's Hospital, founded in 1989 by a group of dedicated volunteers from across the state, supports Mississippi's only children's hospital by driving fundraising, growing volunteerism and building awareness. Since its inception more than 30 years ago, the nonprofit organization has raised more than \$45 million to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, construct new facilities and provide vitally important services for all pediatric patients. For more information about Friends of Children's Hospital, please visit [www.friendsofch.org](http://www.friendsofch.org) or email [friends@friendsofch.org](mailto:friends@friendsofch.org).

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