



ROCKIN' AND GLIDIN' IN THE WAITING ROOM



Thanks to a generous gift from the Blue Ridge HealthCare Foundation, some patients and their family members will rest easier in some of our system waiting rooms. A \$20,500 Foundation grant has purchased 16 glider rocking chairs for Carolinas HealthCare System Blue Ridge facilities.

This initial acquisition will enhance the waiting rooms of the Imaging Center, the Ladies Health Pavilion, the Cardio Pulmonary Center, and the Surgery Center on the Morganton Campus and the Imaging Center, the Surgery Center, the Cancer Center and Pain Management on the Valdese Campus. Each center will receive two gliders each.

The Blue Ridge First Impressions Team conducted a trial period with these gliders in several outpatient waiting rooms and presented these gliders to the the Blue Ridge Patient Advisory Council which tested and selected the gliders that were rated highest for comfort and accessibility.

“The selected model was a huge hit,” said Capital Projects Director Deanne Avery.

Once the brand was chosen, the proposal for purchase was sent to the Foundation.

Deanne said that the gliders are already so popular, that requests for additional gliders for inpatient waiting areas will be forthcoming at a future date.

