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## **Premie Cup Events Raise More Than \$72,000**



A total of \$72,178 was raised during the 2016 Premie Cup events held to benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart. Proceeds will go toward the expansion of the NICU, which provides care to babies who are premature, sick and injured from throughout Northwest Florida.

Events included a pre-party and silent auction at The Lee House in Pensacola, a regatta on Pensacola Bay with an awards ceremony at the Pensacola Yacht Club, relay-style paddleboard competition at Coastal Paddle Company on Little Sabine Bay and, new this year, a fishing tournament. In its inaugural year, the fishing tournament attracted more than 30 anglers.

During 2015, the NICU provided care to a total of 1,000 sick, injured and premature babies. The average stay in the NICU is 18 days.

The 2016 Premie Cup events were presented by Kids Dentist Stu Bonnin, DMD, Wind Creek of Atmore and Pediatrix Medical Group.

### ***About The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart***

The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart is a 117-bed facility that serves as the only children's hospital in Northwest Florida. The hospital offers a wide range of services to meet all of a child's medical needs, from a pediatric emergency room and NICU to a medical staff of more than 120 board-certified physicians across 29 pediatric specialties.

Since 1969, the hospital has provided quality, compassionate care to children, regardless of their parents' ability to pay. For more information about the services available at The Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart, visit [www.sacred-heart.org/childrenshospital](http://www.sacred-heart.org/childrenshospital).

### ***About Ascension***

Ascension ([www.ascension.org](http://www.ascension.org)) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. In FY2015, Ascension provided nearly \$2 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Approximately 160,000 associates and 36,000 aligned providers serve in 2,000 sites of care -- including 137 hospitals and more than 30 senior living facilities -- in 24 states and the District of Columbia. In addition to healthcare delivery, Ascension subsidiaries provide a variety of services and solutions including physician practice management, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, clinical care management, information services, risk management, and

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