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**YOUNG SURGICAL PATIENTS “DRIVE” TO SURGERY IN MINI-HUMMER**  
***Dobles Chevrolet-Buick-HUMMER Donates Pint-size Vehicle to Elliot Hospital***



Manchester, NH: In an effort to help reduce children’s anxiety before surgical procedures, Dobles Chevrolet-Buick-HUMMER has donated a mini HUMMER to Elliot Hospital. Pediatric patients will be invited to drive the small, motorized vehicle to the operating room at Elliot Hospital or the Elliot 1-Day Surgery Center. The mini-HUMMER was delivered in high-style in the back of an adult-sized HUMMER H2SUT to the front of the hospital.

The donation was initiated by Gerard “Monty” Montembault prior to his passing in May. Elliot created special license plates for the HUMMER - “VIP” (Very Special Patient) and “MONTY” in honor of his donation.



“Thank you to everyone at Dobles for this generous gift, especially to Monty, who was a great friend of Elliot Hospital for many years,” says Liz Castrogiovanni, Director, Elliot Women’s and Children’s Services. “He has left a wonderful legacy of giving behind and we look forward to carrying on his memory through the use of this mini-HUMMER.”

Approximately 700 children are admitted to the Elliot Pediatric/Adolescent unit each year. Hundreds undergo surgical procedures through Elliot Surgical Services and the Elliot 1-Day Surgery Center.

“Surgery and a stay in the hospital can be frightening for a child,” says Mary Beth Jenkins, Director, Elliot Surgical Services. “It’s important for us to do everything we can to make our young patients comfortable. This little vehicle will be a fun way for the children to travel to their procedures, hopefully relieving some of their anxiety along the way.”

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The donation was made possible by the HUMMER Courageous Kids program, which has donated similar mini-vehicles to hospitals across the country.

“All of us at Dobles Chevrolet-Buick-HUMMER are proud to carry on Monty’s wish to help the children of Elliot Hospital,” says Peter Marston, Sales Manager at Dobles. “Knowing that the HUMMER will help comfort children is an honor that we’ll enjoy for years to come.”

The concept was first implemented by the GM Assembly in Shreveport, Louisiana, home of the H3. Workers at the plant developed the program to give children a sense of “control” over a situation where they are undergoing new and frightening experiences, as well as to lessen their fear.

Photo captions:

Top: (Left to right) Mary Beth Jenkins, Director, Elliot Surgical Services; Liz Castrogiovanni, Director, Elliot Women’s and Children’s Services; Peter Marston and Dave Turner, Dobles Chevrolet-Buick-HUMMER.

Middle: Nigel Kennett, a patient in the Elliot Pediatrics/Adolescent Unit, takes the HUMMER for a test drive.

Bottom: Mary Beth Jenkins, Director, Elliot Surgical Services; Liz Castrogiovanni, Director, Elliot Women’s and Children’s Services and Peter Marston, Sales Manager, Dobles Chevrolet-Buick-HUMMER, congratulate Nigel Kennett, a patient in the Elliot Pediatric/Adolescent Unit, on his test drive of the mini-HUMMER.

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