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# Press Release

## Providence Credit Union Donates \$5,000 to the Providence St. Vincent Medical Center Foundation for "My Little Waiting Room"

**Portland, OR, September 24, 2009:** On September 22, Carolyn Mah, Providence Credit Union Marketing VP and Crystal Thai, Providence Credit Union St. Vincent Operations Supervisor, presented a check for \$5,000 to Amy Paterson and Melissa Moore, Co-Founders of "My Little Waiting Room". The funds will be used to help build a drop-in child care center (near the Providence Credit Union branch) at the Providence St. Vincent Medical Center where parents who are seeking medical help can drop their children off in an environment that is convenient, safe, and fun.

"My Little Waiting Room" was founded by two Portland women after one of the moms, Amy Paterson, was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 34. Amy had 144 medical appointments in one year, which meant she had to arrange child care for her toddler 144 times before she could begin to heal. Although she felt she was very fortunate to have a husband and family members to look after her son, she thought of other parents who may not have the same resources and privileges. Amy and Melissa believed since Fred Meyer, Ikea, the courthouse, community center and gyms offer the service, the hospital should too.

One of the greatest benefits of "My Little Waiting Room" is that children will have a safe, fun, and supervised place to go in the hospital that is just for them where they can have a positive experience. The center will be free and is slated to open early 2010.

"We couldn't be happier to be able to play a small part in helping them make their incredible vision come true," said Shirley Cate, Providence Credit Union President/CEO. "Providence St. Vincent Medical Center Foundation was looking for some support, and after hearing Amy's inspiring story, we were touched by her courage and selfless foresight. As we all know, it's already difficult enough that a parent has to seek medical help, but to have to worry about seeking child care, and a child stressing whether their mom or dad will come back, is too much on a family. We're here to help."

Providence Credit Union was founded in 1962 and serves more than 11,400 members with assets nearly \$86 million. Providence Credit Union serves Providence employees and the health care industry with two branches and a Service Center in Oregon and one branch in Washington. To learn more about Providence Credit Union visit their web site at [www.providencecu.org](http://www.providencecu.org).

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