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Couple donates Smile Cart to Children's Healthcare of A

Smiles became the order of the day July 17 when Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Eggleston became the first Georgia

that laughter is always inside us.

The Smile Cart, the 41st donated through The Jester &

Number 3 in America and provides vital medical services for families in Georgia as well as having served children from 120 different countries. We believe that The Jester's positive messages reminding children to never give up and always believe in themselves will help these youngsters on a daily basis.

"We know that The Jester and his pal Pharley will be motivating and comforting as they bring laughter to these youngsters," said Oscar Roberts, who joined his wife in distributing the books and dolls.

Joining the Roberts couple for the presentation of the mobile activity center was Mary Beth Bova, Vice President of Nursing of the Eggleston facility; Kristina C. Long Flynn, Public Relations Coordinator; and Steven Wagner, Eggleston Development Officer.

"We are extremely grateful for the Roberts' generosity and thoughtfulness," noted Mr. Wagner.

Jester & Pharley Smile Carts are part of the nonprofit Southern California-based Jester & Pharley Phund's efforts to pro-

vide emotional support and smiles to youngsters coping with illness. In addition to copies of David Saltzman's award-winning "The Jester Has Lost His Jingle" and Jester & Pharley Dolls, the colorful activity center contains a TV, VCR and CD-tape-radio unit donated by Sony Medical Systems as part of its For the Kids program.

"We are thrilled to have the resources of this multi-purpose Smile Cart to help us further the health and bring joy into the



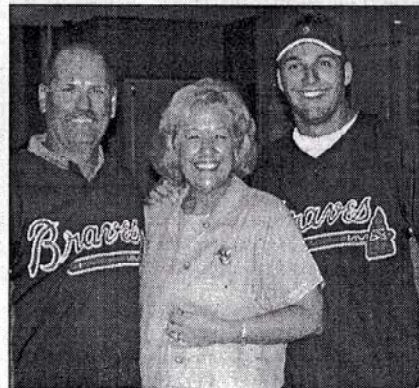
Oscar Roberts, aka Clancey the Clown, right, and husband Oscar donated a Smile Cart to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Eggleston.

to receive a Jester & Pharley Smile Cart, donated by Oscar and Janis Luke Roberts (Mayor Clancey, the Clown of Ocilla).

Laughs and giggles greeted the couple as she read the engaging "The Jester Has Lost His Jingle" by David Saltzman, to the children and then presented each with his or her own copy along with a Jester & Pharley Doll, which reinforces the book's uplifting message

Pharley Phund, will be used in the hospital's Emergency Room to provide wholesome entertainment and diversion for young patients.

"We are so pleased to provide this Smile Cart for the many families helped by the Eggleston children's hospital," said Oscar Roberts, whose mission as a professional clown is also to bolster the spirits of ill youngsters. "Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Eggleston is ranked



Atlanta Braves third base coach Brian Snitker, left, and right fielder Jeff Francouer, right, share a passion with Janis for the children at Eggleston!

lives of the children we care for," noted Eggleston's Bova.

"In addition to copies of 'The Jester Has Lost His Jingle' and Jester & Pharley Dolls that we will be able to give our children,



Madison "Maddie" Goss (left) rings wooden puppet Pharley and captures Janis's heart!

we will make great use of the other educational materials that come with the Smile Cart," adds Child Life Coordinator Lindsay Damron. "They will be of immense value to us in motivating our children. The hopeful message of The Jester touches everyone's heart."

The Smile Cart is inspired by the New York Times best-selling children's book "The Jester Has Lost His Jingle," written by David Saltzman, who died of cancer in 1990 shortly after graduating Yale. The Jester & Pharley Phund is currently celebrating the release of the 10th

Anniversary Special Edition of The Jester.

"We're so pleased that Oscar and Janis Luke Roberts are helping us bring hope and laughter into the lives of many children who may not find their smiles in the hospital area," says Barbara Sal David's mother, who is executive director of The Jester & Pharley Phund.

For more information about The Jester & Pharley Phund and its literacy and outreach programs to benefit ill children, visit www.thejester.org or call 999-9-JESTER.