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## **“Benny” Benefits Glenrose Pediatric Unit**

**Edmonton, AB, November, 2003** – In donating \$25,000, Albert's Family Restaurants has once again become a community catalyst to aid the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation. Beginning in November, whenever an Albert's customer orders the “Glenrose Benny” (eggs benedict), a portion of the proceeds will go towards raising the necessary funds for the donation. The \$25,000 will help to renovate the Parent's Lounge in Pediatric Unit 201, as well as create a new Teen Lounge for the Unit.

“Albert's has a great reputation in the community and this promotion makes them an excellent conduit for the community to help impact this project,” said Patricia Misutka, Executive Director for the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation. “They're an absolutely excellent resource.”

Pediatric Unit 201 normally receives children after surgery and some time at an active-treatment hospital. The children then stay in the Unit from three to 12 weeks while they undergo intensive rehabilitation programs. “Because the rehab programs are really long and intense, parents are encouraged to stay right in the room with the child, and the Unit accommodates this,” said Misutka. “But by also having a separate Parent Lounge, Albert's is helping us create some space where parents can also have some time to themselves.”

The Teen Lounge is a new addition to the unit, geared especially to the older children who come to the Pediatric Unit. Teens generally go to therapy and school at the Glenrose and have free time in the evenings. “They're away from school, they're away from friends,” said Misutka. “We're putting in computers with Internet access so teens can keep in touch with their friends and play games that are geared more to them. We're trying to bring a little more life to the unit so that they can enjoy their free time more while they have to be here.”

This marks the second time that Albert's Family Restaurants has raised money for a Glenrose project. Four years ago, the “Glenrose Benny” promotion helped to build an accessible on-site playground. “It is a very rewarding experience for our staff, management, and ownership group to know that our efforts in raising funds for the Glenrose will make the rehabilitation process easier on both the children and their parents,” said Mark Siderson, Executive Vice President of Albert's Group of Restaurants.

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