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McMaster Presents \$25,000 Gift to CAMP KEMO

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster visited with campers and staff from CAMP KEMO today, and presented the Palmetto Health Foundation with a check for \$25,000.

The money is part of a multi-state settlement the Attorney General's Office reached with Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. in a federal antitrust case surrounding the cancer drug Taxol®. The states alleged that the drug company enforced patents on the drug that were obtained fraudulently in an effort to delay the entry of generic competitors into the market.

According to the settlement, the funds were to be distributed to a charitable organization with express conditions that the funds be used to benefit cancer victims or their families.

McMaster visited the CAMP KEMO campers while they were away from camp, on a trip to the Pine Island Club on Lake Murray.

Amy Colquitt, an assistant to McMaster, has a daughter who is a camper and the inspiration for the gift.

"It is with heartfelt gratitude for the many people associated with the CAMP KEMO program that we present this gift today," said McMaster. "I hope that the proceeds from this settlement can help ease the recovery of these brave boys and girls."

Contributions to CAMP KEMO programs support the week long camp for pediatric cancer patients and their siblings, a weekend retreat for families with newly diagnosed patients, the Lasting Impressions support group for teens with cancer and Camp New Horizons, a weekend bereavement camp for children who have lost siblings to cancer. This year, the camp (located at Camp Kinard, near Batesburg-Leesville) is being held July 25-30 and will host more than 125 campers.

The camp is made possible by the support of statewide patrons whose donations and in-kind services allow the children to attend CAMP KEMO at no charge.

For more information about CAMP KEMO, sponsored by The Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, and other cancer programs for children, visit:
http://www.palmettohealth.com/facilities/cancer/Help/help_children.html.

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