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**DIABETES RESEARCH & EDUCATION ADVOCATES OF MICHIGAN  
CONTRIBUTES TO VITAL PATIENT CARE AND RESEARCH AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN C.S. MOTT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

West Bloomfield, MI, November 30, 2016 – The Robert W. Considine Foundation has awarded Diabetes Research & Education Advocates of Michigan (D.R.E.A.M.) a \$250,000 grant to purchase telehealth laptops for the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The laptops will be provided by JEMS Telehealth, a medical device manufacturer of HIPAA compliant portable telehealth solutions for patient consults on mobile devices. This telemedicine equipment will enable the hospital to distribute the devices to children with Type 1 diabetes in rural areas of Michigan, where there is limited access to a pediatric endocrinologist. Telehealth communications allows patients to interact with a healthcare provider in a convenient manner for chronically ill patients. The hospital will collect data for this pilot study on the effect telehealth visits have on controlling blood sugars in children with Type 1 diabetes. It allows children to stay at home, visit with their healthcare provider, then quickly return to school or extra-curricular activities, and get on with their day. As this technology is live-streamed from portable devices, communication can be performed anytime, and from virtually anywhere. This is especially ideal for newly diagnosed patients who are unfamiliar with how to manage diabetes, and in emergency situations.

"On behalf of the RW Considine foundation we are pleased to provide the initial funding for the purchase of the RONCON telehealth units, manufactured by JEMS Telehealth, to the D.R.E.A.M. Foundation. We hope that this gift and the units it provides to children with Type 1 diabetes and their families will find it easier to visit with their doctor or specialist from the comfort of their homes, without the burdens of expenses and time consumed for travel", Bob Boesiger, Board Member of the RW Considine Foundation.

"We are so honored and excited to receive this grant," said Tyler Kramer, Vice-President of D.R.E.A.M. "Thanks to the support from the RW Considine Foundation, we're able to help children with type 1 diabetes throughout Michigan. Having had diabetes for over 10 years, I want to help other kids struggling with my same condition, especially kids living in remote areas who don't have resources or access to their doctor. I've traveled across the country to help kids, and I'm excited to help even more children in Michigan, through our partnership with C.S. Mott Children's Hospital."

For children with Type 1 diabetes, patients need to see a pediatric endocrinologist for their care approximately 4 times a year; however, in Michigan only 46 pediatric endocrinologists are registered<sup>1</sup>. As a result, for patients in rural areas, access to such

physicians can be complicated, expensive and time-consuming for children and their parents.

“We are honored that JEMS is the selected platform to play a role in assisting families in better, more efficient health care,” stated Kevin Lasser, founder and CEO of JEMS Telehealth Technology.

D.R.E.A.M. has partnered with the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital since 2009 to work towards finding a cure for Type 1 diabetes. D.R.E.A.M. is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for diabetes research and has made donations totaling \$60,000 towards diabetes research at Mott, as well as purchasing a camera for the laboratory's microscopes.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with D.R.E.A.M. and JEMS Telehealth to use technology to create new models of care delivery for our patients with Type 1 diabetes." Joyce Lee, MD, MPH, Robert Kelch Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Michigan.

D.R.E.A.M. was founded in April 2009 by the Kramer family as a result of their own first-hand experience with Type 1 diabetes. D.R.E.A.M. President, Evan Kramer, whose son Tyler was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 2005 commented, “Through D.R.E.A.M., we hope to make a difference in the lives of the children with Type 1 diabetes. We are honored to be able to make this donation to the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Tyler was a pediatric endocrinology patient at the hospital for many years, and always received excellent quality health care. This helped him manage his diabetes successfully, and make a smooth transition to adult diabetes healthcare.”

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1. “Pediatric Endocrinologists” US News. U.S. News & World Report, n.d. Web. 07 Oct. 2016.

