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**Mississippi Paralysis Association Donates to Memorial Hospital
Foundation**

GULFPORT— The Mississippi Paralysis Association (MPA) recently donated \$37,503 to help fund the Memorial Neurosciences and Rehabilitation's chapter of ThinkFirst, a national injury prevention program aimed at educating young people about brain and spinal cord injury prevention.

The Memorial chapter provides bicycle helmets to school-age children in grades K-5 and Safety T-shirts to children in grades 6-12 who attend a ThinkFirst presentation. The program teaches them the importance of vehicle, bicycle, water, playground, recreation, sports, and weapon safety to protect them from brain and spinal cord injuries.

The MPA is dedicated to helping serve the paralyzed individuals of the state of Mississippi. They provide funding for spinal cord injury research, sports grants, sports equipment to paralyzed individuals, peer counseling, and Habitat for Humanity.



CUTLINE: From left, Lamar Myers, Mississippi Paralysis Association (MPA) Board President; Dave Estorge, President, Memorial Hospital Foundation; Barbara Farley, MPA staff member; Brad Parker, MPA Board Member; Natalie Ellis, MPA 1st VP & Executive Director; Jay Lawrence, Americorp member; Neal Pettigrew, MPA Board Member; Heather Sudduth, ThinkFirst State Chapter Director and Memorial Stroke Program Coordinator; and Mike Blackburn, MPA Board Member.

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