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**Raleigh Medical Group practices partner with PMG Research to advance health locally and globally.**

***Through the Greater Gift Initiative, Raleigh Medical Group and Cary Medical Group donate one vaccine to one child for every one clinical trial volunteer.***

**July 13, 2015 - Raleigh, NC and Winston-Salem, NC** – Raleigh Medical Group and PMG Research announced today the donation of 686 vaccines to children in developing nations through their partnership with the Greater Gift Initiative. The practices of Cary Medical Group and Raleigh Medical Group (divisions of Raleigh Medical Group, PA) partner with PMG Research to provide their patients and communities with the unique opportunity to participate in clinical research. Due to a number of factors, including regulatory requirements by the FDA, the clinical trial process is extremely lengthy and a new drug can spend over eight years in clinical trials before becoming available to the public. Therefore, clinical trial volunteers can be left without the immediate knowledge that they have made a difference. Because of this, the Greater Gift Initiative (GGI) was established in 2010. GGI recognizes and thanks clinical trial volunteers by donating a vaccine to a child in need to honor their participation in a clinical trial.

“We are so pleased this partnership with Raleigh Medical Group and Cary Medical Group is in place,” explains Amanda Wright, Executive Director of GGI. “It is great to see the impact GGI has on clinical research participants; so many times their response to the donation is priceless. When their involvement is celebrated and they realize they are directly making a difference in someone’s life, the entire experience becomes more meaningful.”

Through GGI and PMG Research, Cary Medical Group and Raleigh Medical Group donated 686 vaccines in 2014 to children in need worldwide. Their 686 clinical trial participants made an immediate difference in these children’s lives and have contributed to the greater good of helping others while advancing medicine through the gift of their participation in clinical research.

“Raleigh Medical Group is pleased to continue this longstanding partnership with PMG Research that allows us to offer clinical research as a care option to our patients,” states Cynthia Cox, CEO of Raleigh Medical Group. “Additionally, the ability to recognize and thank those who volunteer to participate in clinical research with the Greater Gift Initiative program is a wonderful way to build patient engagement with both our practice and PMG.”

To learn more about participating in clinical research with Raleigh Medical Group and PMG Research, visit [www.PMG-Research.com](http://www.PMG-Research.com).

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**About the Greater Gift Initiative** - The mission of GGI is to advance global health and highlight the greater good of clinical trial participation by gifting a vaccine to a child in honor of every clinical trial volunteer. Since 2010, the Greater Gift Initiative has donated over 54,000 vaccines to children in developing countries as a way to give back and thank the volunteers who participate in clinical trials and contribute to the advancement of health worldwide. [www.greatergiftinitiative.org](http://www.greatergiftinitiative.org)