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With each passing year, our community continues to celebrate achievement. Spartanburg County is recognized nationally as one of the most desirable destinations in the country to do business and raise a family. In 2022, Spartanburg County alone saw \$3.2 billion in new business investment - equal to \$8.8 million every day.

Drawn in part by a cost of living well below the national average, the number of new residents will climb above the average for years to come. By 2026, the Upstate is expected to add nearly 90,000 newcomers, with more than 34 people moving to the area each day.

As a healthcare system, we are proud to play an important role in enhancing the quality of life for all residents - and those to come.

Through innovation and community investment, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System is constantly improving access to care and the patient experience. The goal is to empower patients to improve their health and wellness by placing them at the center of a vast array of best-in-class services that include virtual visits, primary care, clinical innovations, pharmacy and access to specialists.

In 2022, Spartanburg Regional adopted a new mission that reinforces this focus on partnering with patients: Advance Health Together.

Our healthcare system also continued to be recognized nationally for the excellent care provided to patients in 2022, including:

- *U.S. News & World Report* named Spartanburg Medical Center the top-ranked hospital in the Upstate while rating 11 adult procedures and conditions as high-performing.
- Spartanburg Medical Center received the HeartCARE Center National Distinction of Excellence from the American College of Cardiology.
- Pelham Medical Center was listed in the top 5 percent in the nation for outstanding patient experience, according to Healthgrades.
- Gibbs Cancer Center & Research Institute received two distinctions from the National Cancer Institute. The NCI awarded the Upstate Carolina Consortium Community Oncology Program NCORP the Platinum Certificate of Excellence for patient enrollments, including the Tomosynthesis Mammographic Imaging Screening Trial for breast cancer screenings. Gibbs also received a Certificate of Excellence for participating in the Cancer Moonshot Biobank, which collects tissue and blood samples throughout a patient's cancer journey to learn more about how cancer changes over time, and the course of medical treatments.

As we continue to evolve as a healthcare system, our focus remains on this community. Our associates and caregivers look forward to building a healthier future, together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Holstien". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bruce Holstien

CEO

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System



When I came to Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System 10 years ago, I knew it would be an exceptional experience. During the interview process, I met talented leaders with a passion for supporting health. The healthcare system was recognized nationally for its quality of care, and it offered residents extra resources that are not available in many similar-sized communities. There was already so much to be proud of that had come from the dedication of existing and past health visionaries.

Many people and events made an impact on me and influenced the work of the Spartanburg Regional Foundation. One special person who inspired me was Katie Hodge. Katie was a long-standing leader and supporter of the healthcare system. She cared deeply for the health of our community, she was passionate about Spartanburg and she was a trusted mentor to many. In her 90s, her energy seemed boundless. Katie's servant leadership style had a profound impact on me and on the Foundation. It was clear the success of our Foundation was due to a rich quilt-work of leaders like Katie, who shared their skills and passion so that our organization could offer help when needed.

As I celebrate the people and experiences of the past 10 years, I am proud of the work of our healthcare system and our Foundation. Since 2013,

Spartanburg Regional has more than doubled in size to meet community needs. We have grown through the addition of hospitals, outpatient clinics, expanded services and investments in new facilities. The Foundation was able to offer important support during this time of growth and change because of your partnership.

Over the past decade, the Spartanburg Regional Foundation received more than \$52 million in gifts from your generosity. In turn, we have spent \$57 million for projects in cancer, heart, hospice, pediatrics, community health, annual grants and other needs throughout the system. Some of our recent efforts include Gibbs Cancer Center at Pelham, mobile mammography and community health.

My family will soon move to North Carolina. As we prepare to leave, I reflect on how Spartanburg is like Katie Hodge: strong, feisty and talented. The future is bright for our community, healthcare system and the Foundation that will remain close to my heart.

Thank you for your partnership and support. I am grateful.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristy Caradori".

Kristy Caradori
Executive Director
Spartanburg Regional Foundation
Senior Vice President
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

The group of community servants who make up the Spartanburg Regional Foundation's Board of Trustees bring a wealth of experience, expertise and dedication to the well-being of others. They support the strategic vision of the Foundation

and provide effective stewardship, ensuring that philanthropic gifts make the greatest impact on our healthcare system and community. We are grateful for the guidance and support of this exemplary group of leaders.

2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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TWO INDUCTED INTO THE ROBERT H. CHAPMAN LEADERSHIP SOCIETY



Two longtime Spartanburg Regional Foundation leaders and supporters were honored at the Foundation's Board of Trustees meeting in December.

Brenda James and John Harrill Jr., MD, were inducted into the Robert H. Chapman Leadership Society, which honors those who have served two terms on the Foundation's board.

In 2007, after serving as a member of the Foundation's Heart Division board, James joined the Board of Trustees. She went on to become the third woman to serve as chair.

James came back to the board in 2016 and served in several leadership roles once again. She has been a tireless volunteer and advocate for the Foundation and for Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.

Dr. Harrill first served as a Foundation trustee from 1995 to 2000. After his retirement as a radiologist, he agreed to rejoin the Foundation board for a second term. He served in several leadership roles, including board chair in 2019.

Both James and Harrill played instrumental roles in planning and helping to oversee the Foundation's new office on the Mary Black Campus.

"Brenda and John have contributed so much to

the Foundation and the healthcare system over the years," said Kristy Caradori, executive director of the Foundation. "The impact of their leadership and their passion for the well-being of others will be felt for many years to come."

Foundation trustees established the leadership society in 2019 in honor of the legacy of Rob Chapman, a respected businessman, philanthropist and civic leader. Chapman died unexpectedly in 2017. He had been a two-term Foundation trustee and provided instrumental support for projects, such as the new emergency center and the Bearden-Josey Center for Breast Health.

The Robert H. Chapman Leadership Society

G. Ashley Allen, Ph.D.

Jeff B. Berline

Mellnee G. Buchheit

William H. Burton

Harrison S. Chapman (deceased)

Robert H. Chapman (deceased)

Phyllis B. DeLapp (deceased)

Marsha H. Gibbs

Ellen H. Gramling

Robert A. Harley (deceased)

John A. Harrill Jr., MD

Katie A. Hodge (deceased)

Brenda M. James

Julian C. Josey Jr., MD (deceased)

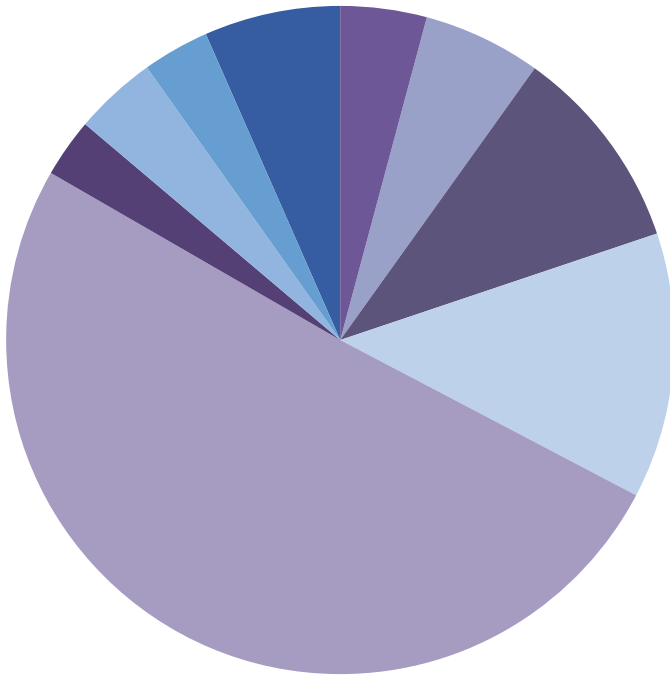
Samuel H. Maw Jr.

Norman F. Pulliam

L. Terrell Sovey Jr.

Thomas R. Young III (deceased)

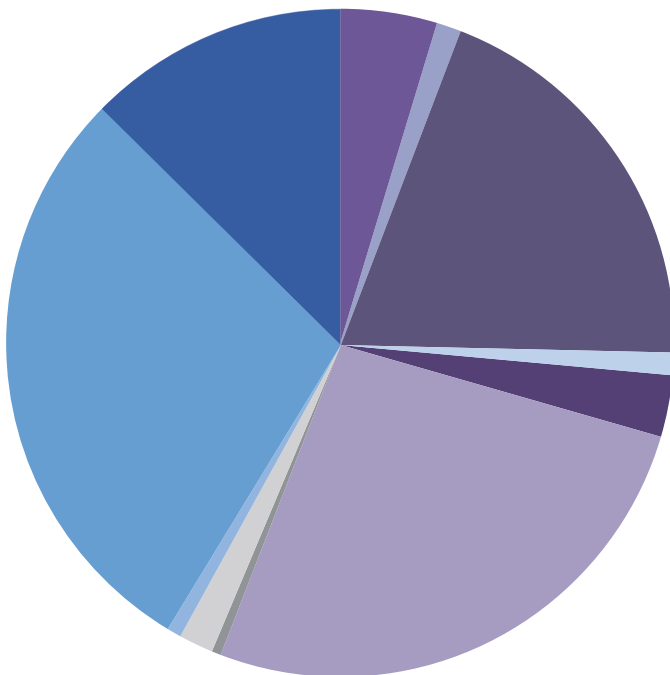
FOUNDATION FINANCIALS



2022 FOUNDATION GIFTS RECEIVED BY SERVICE AREA

\$5,287,151

- 4.1% Gibbs at Pelham Campaign
- 5.8% Cancer
- 9.9% Heart
- 12.9% Hospice
- 50.7% Community Health
- 2.8% Education
- 4.0% Women and Children
- 3.2% Facility Improvements
- 6.6% General Fund



2022 FOUNDATION PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$10,456,709

- 4.6% Hospital Grants
- 1.2% Community Grants
- 19.6% Cancer
- 1.1% Heart
- 3.0% Hospice
- 26.4% Community Health
- 0.4% Education
- 1.7% Women and Children
- 0.7% Facility Improvements
- 28.7% Gibbs at Pelham Campaign
- 12.6% General Fund

2022 FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS



The Foundation contributed more than \$10 million to support health and wellness.



In fiscal year 2022, the Bearden-Josey Center for Breast Health performed 43,902 breast cancer screenings.



A Foundation grant funded renovations to support care for adolescent behavioral health patients in the Spartanburg Medical Center Emergency Center. Connect Spartanburg funded a mural and furniture in the new unit.



The Heart Services Fund provided 180 blood pressure monitors for patients who take part in programs at the Heart Failure Center.



The Foundation celebrated the one-year anniversary of its new home on the Spartanburg Medical Center - Mary Black Campus by hosting an open house event.



More than 600 children received Christmas gifts through the Judy Bradshaw Pediatric Rehab Assistance Fund. The gifts support patients' therapeutic goals.



Local teenagers took part in Connect Spartanburg's Photovoice project. They created photographic displays exploring real-life issues faced by young people in our community.



More than 3,000 teddy bears were given to families as part of Spartanburg Regional Hospice's bereavement program.



Anne Flynn and Jon Jensen

SOLID FOOTING

2023 brings new board leadership

As she wraps up her tenure as the chair of the Spartanburg Regional Foundation Board of Trustees, Anne Flynn expresses both pride and gratitude.

She helped guide the Foundation through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Leaders quickly moved to create a fund that provided assistance for healthcare system employees affected by the economic consequences of the pandemic. The fund also supported unforeseen needs in the hospitals as the pandemic took shape.

“One of my philosophies is that you don’t always have control over what happens – you only have control over how you respond,”

“We are here to support our hospital system, and that’s exactly what we did. And the generosity of our donors made it possible.” Flynn said.

Incoming chair Jon Jensen is also proud of the Foundation’s commitment to meeting the realities of COVID-19.

“The Foundation responded to the needs of the community, the hospital system and associates in a grand way,” he said.

Even as COVID-19 took center stage, Foundation leaders continued to pursue other priorities and opportunities. Among those was the renovation of a building on the Spartanburg Medical Center – Mary Black Campus that is now the new home of the Foundation.

The Foundation also became home to the Connect Spartanburg adolescent health collaborative, providing oversight of its \$4.4 million federal grant, while advancing other initiatives throughout the healthcare system.

“It was important that we responded to COVID-19 without losing sight of other needs and opportunities,” Flynn said.

Secure in her legacy as the board’s leader, Flynn is also confident about the future – including the transition to a new board chair. She touts the experience and talent of Jensen, who is in the insurance industry and has served on local and national boards.

He became a supporter of the Foundation following the passing of his first wife, Terri. She had fought a 10-year battle against cancer. Jensen was grateful for the care Terri received at Gibbs Cancer Center and wanted to give back to help others.

Now, as he prepares to succeed Flynn as chair, he feels the Foundation is on solid footing.

“With a lot of organizations, when the board chair changes there’s a change in the agenda,” he said. “But I want to see us build on things we’ve accomplished as we move forward.”

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— Jon Jensen

SHARED PURPOSE

Donors are committed to honoring family, supporting the needs of others

When you're in the presence of Carole and Mac Davis, MD, you cannot mistake their devotion to one another. They smile a lot. They express admiration, concern and respect.

They share values that are centered on family – but extend to the needs of others. And that's why their connection to the Spartanburg Regional Foundation is so meaningful.

Carole and Mac were married in 1991. They both had families by then, and they were deeply embedded in the Spartanburg community. They were involved in their church, in civic organizations and in their careers.

"This community has meant so much to us," said Mac, a retired pathologist who served at the former Spartanburg General and Mary Black hospitals, both now part of Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.

A family tragedy led the Davises to develop a close relationship with the Foundation.

In 2007, Carole's daughter, Missy Rowland Turner, died following a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Missy was known for her engaging personality and kindness. As a patient at Gibbs Cancer Center, "When she was there for appointments, they said she would be an uplifting presence for the nurses," Mac said.

"She touched a lot of people's lives," Carole added.

After Missy's passing, friends and family members wanted to find a way to honor her.

The Missy Rowland Turner Fund was established to help symptomatic women gain direct access to a screening visit at the Bearden-Josey Center for Breast Health. For example, a woman may find a lump in her breast and recognize that she should be screened for breast cancer – but she may not have a primary care provider or insurance to cover the cost of screening.

"For women facing an unexpected and frightening health situation, this fund provides timely support that can be life-saving," said Kristy Caradori, executive director of the Spartanburg Regional Foundation. "It's a wonderful tribute to Missy's giving spirit as well as a testament to the love and admiration so many people have for Carole and Mac."

Over the years, the Davises' bond with the Foundation has strengthened. They have donated in support of numerous funds. Carole served two terms on the Foundation's Cancer Division board and was a co-chair for the 2016 Uplifting Event fundraiser.

"It has been gratifying to see so many community members come together to support our wonderful cancer center and help those in need," she said.

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— Carole Davis



Carole and Mac Davis, MD



Vic Bailey III

CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY

Business leader's deep roots fuel commitment to giving back

Few local businesspeople have a deeper and more personal connection to the local economy than Spartanburg Regional Foundation board member, Vic Bailey III.

People from all walks of life shop at Vic Bailey Automotive, the family company that dates back to the late 1960s. They interact with Bailey and his sales staff as they decide on purchases that will be important parts of their day-to-day lives. They return over the years for maintenance appointments, repairs and new vehicles.

Bailey understands that the success of his business depends on “taking care of the customer.” Making an initial sale is important, “but it’s service that makes the relationship last,” he said.

Bailey’s experience and perspective make him a valuable resource to the Foundation and a strong advocate for the healthcare system. Bailey has shared his leadership skills as investment committee chair, board treasurer and as an active member of the executive committee.

“Vic brings a dedication to helping others, as well as business savvy and a talent for strategic thinking,” said Foundation Executive Director Kristy Caradori. “We are grateful for his many contributions to our Board of Trustees.”

Bailey said his father, Vic Jr., who founded the company, promoted a commitment to philanthropy. “He taught us that it was important to give back because the community has been good to us,” Bailey said.

Bailey is proud that his three children, who are part of the family business, have embraced the importance of supporting charitable causes.

In 2018, Leslie Bailey Calicutt, Neely Bailey Darr and Vic Bailey IV were named Young Philanthropists of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals — Piedmont Chapter. The Spartanburg Regional Foundation nominated the Bailey siblings.

Bailey is pleased by the quality of care at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System and recognizes its importance to the local economy. The healthcare system is an essential resource that Bailey is proud to support as a donor and Foundation trustee.

“I think we’re very fortunate to have the facilities and services that Spartanburg Regional offers. It’s phenomenal,” he said. “And it depends on support from the community.”

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— Kristy Caradori

PROMOTING ACCESS AND EQUITY

Longtime community leader proves a valuable partner

Russell Booker, Ph.D. joined the Spartanburg Regional Foundation board in 2019 when he was superintendent of Spartanburg School District 7. At that time, he had no idea of the coming pandemic or the many ways in which he would connect with the healthcare system to support health needs across the community.

Booker recalled that in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, school officials had regular conversations with medical leaders “to understand what we were facing.” He credits hospital leaders with helping districts ensure that children safely returned to school.

After retiring from District 7, Booker moved into new roles and took on projects in which his expertise again intersected with health and wellness.

As the new executive director of the Spartanburg Academic Movement (SAM), Booker supports educational best practices along with other factors that lead to student success — including good health.

Booker’s volunteer leadership at Strategic Spartanburg, a group that publishes data trends for the area, has been a call to action for Booker and his wife Sheryl regarding health outcomes among communities of color.

When a recent data report showed racial health disparities in specific areas, the Bookers became active at the grassroots level to promote prostate screenings for Black men.

As a community leader and Foundation trustee, Booker said, “I feel I can bring a voice on these issues.”

The Bookers are also working to foster education and awareness regarding cancer clinical trials. They have partnered with Gibbs Cancer Center to promote the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Moonshot Biobank project. One goal of the initiative is to increase the percentage of clinical trial participation among communities of color.

“We want to help spread the word and be a sounding board in the community,” he said.

Foundation Executive Director Kristy Caradori is grateful to have Booker’s leadership on the Board of Trustees.

“Russell has a deep understanding of our community and a passion for improving people’s lives,” Caradori said. “As the Foundation works to support expanded access to care for those in need, his leadership as a trustee is invaluable.”

“We want to help spread the word and be a sounding board in the community.”

— Russell Booker



Russell Booker, Ph.D.



Martha and John Moore

SOMETHING TO HOLD ON TO

Spartanburg couple helps others experiencing loss of child

Martha and John Moore eagerly anticipated the birth of twin daughters, but 15 weeks into the pregnancy, complications arose.

The twin girls – Mary Williams and Jane Fairey – were born under duress at 23 weeks and passed away in the Spartanburg Medical Center Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Through their pain, the Moores were also grateful for the care and attention that they and their children received in the hospital.

“The dedication, the interest, the personal touch from all of our nurses and doctors – we could not have asked for more,” Martha said.

As part of their grieving process, the couple’s thoughts turned to other families who suffer the loss of a child. They considered whether they could help those families while also honoring the memory of their own twin girls.

“We wanted to find a way to show our appreciation and honor our children while helping others,” John said.

Martha and John created the Mary Williams and Jane Fairey Moore Memorial Fund.

Recently, the fund helped to renovate a private room that is used by families who have lost an infant – a space where parents can say goodbye and begin the grieving process.

Moving forward, the fund will be used by hospital chaplains. Plans include offering mementos to remember the child who has passed away, as well as grief books for siblings that help parents explain the loss to young children.

This is not the first time the Moore family has turned loss into an opportunity to help others. John and his sister, Anne Brady Moore Carlson, established the Betty Ann Moore Colon Cancer Fund in memory of their mother in 2003. The fund assists uninsured and underinsured community members with the cost of a colonoscopy screening.

After a tumultuous two years, Martha and John recently became parents to a daughter, Ann Wilkerson Moore. While this is a joyous time for the couple, they also reflect on the loss of their twins and their compassion for other grieving families.

“We want people to feel cared for,” John said. “And if this fund can help, then that’s something to hold on to and believe in.”

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COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING HOSPITAL CAREGIVERS

Nurse leader is proud of “team-oriented, patient-centered approach”

Fatima Brewton believes that a strong culture among hospital staff members is an important factor in delivering high-quality health care. And she is proud of the culture within Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.

“Nurses who have worked or trained in other places tell us that we have a more team-oriented, patient-centered approach,” she said.

Brewton serves as director of acute care nursing for Spartanburg Medical Center, where she manages more than 400 caregivers and support staff.

She began working for Spartanburg Regional two decades ago as a bedside nurse, and she loves supporting the work of frontline employees who provide care for community members in their times of need. Describing her management style, Brewton said, “It’s sometimes the small things to me – building a personal relationship and getting to know the people you work with. You have to be an active listener and to be open to change and new ideas.”

Brewton believes the Spartanburg Regional Foundation is an essential part of the healthcare system’s culture of togetherness and compassion.

She’s a longtime donor and partner. Brewton serves on the committee that oversees the Foundation’s Employee Emergency Fund. The fund provides assistance for employees who are facing an unexpected financial crisis.

“People may need short-term financial support for a variety of reasons,” Brewton said. “It’s pretty awesome we can help.”

Senior Director of Philanthropy Shelly Sinclair said the Foundation benefits from Brewton’s judgment and thorough approach to the Employee Emergency Fund. “Fatima brings a tremendous understanding of our healthcare system and the needs of employees,” Sinclair said. “And she has a great deal of concern for those who are experiencing an unforeseen hardship. We are grateful for her leadership and her giving spirit.”

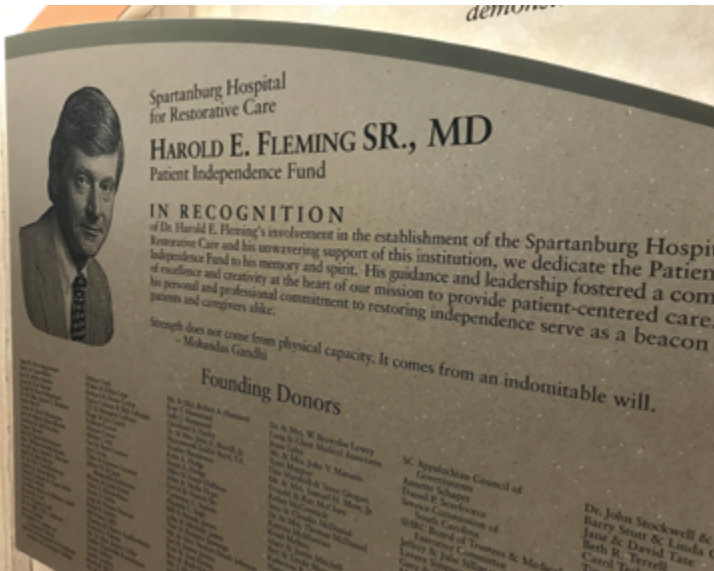
Brewton, who grew up in Philadelphia and has been in Spartanburg since college, said she knew she wanted to become a nurse when she was 13 years old. She’d broken her ankle in PE class at school. “I remember the nurse holding my hand when the doctor reset my ankle. It was a nurse who helped me through the pain and wiped my tears,” she said. “I knew I wanted to be in that role for someone else.”

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— Fatima Brewton



Fatima Brewton



The Harold E. Fleming Sr., MD, Patient Independence Fund

MEETING THE NEED

Special assistance fund helps patients return home

Following knee surgery and a two-month stay at the Spartanburg Hospital for Restorative Care (SHRC), Jackie Roberts was happy to be returning home to Gaffney.

But her rehabilitation would be ongoing, requiring the use of a wheelchair. To help Roberts navigate the front entrance to her home, her case manager arranged for the construction of a ramp.

The cost of the project was covered through the Spartanburg Regional Foundation's Harold E. Fleming Sr., MD, Patient Independence Fund.

"I was elated," Roberts said. "It made it possible for me to be here at home. And there was no way I could have afforded it on my own."

SHRC associates provide comprehensive care for patients facing long-term – and often complex – medical challenges. Their goal is to help patients return home in a safe and comfortable environment, prepared to live life to the fullest.

For this to happen, many patients will require medical equipment such as raised toilet seats or bathtub safety rails. Some, like Roberts, may need a handicapped-accessible ramp following reconstructive surgery or an amputation. These needs are not always covered by insurance.

"It is really terrific to have this fund available to us when needed," said patient case manager Ron Rousseau.

Dr. Fleming was a longtime leader in Spartanburg's medical community and a passionate advocate for SHRC. He helped launch the patient independence fund, which was named in his honor after his passing in 2009.

Each fall, a committee hosts a day of fun activities for associates to show appreciation and raise awareness of the ways the fund benefits patients in need.

"We're really grateful for the hard work and enthusiasm of the committee and for the many employees who donate to the fund," said Shelly Sinclair, senior director of philanthropy. "They are a great example of the way departments and hospital campuses can partner with the Foundation to provide an additional layer of support for the patients they serve."

Rousseau added, "Hospital associates and other community members who contribute to the Patient Independence Fund are truly meeting an important need. For many of our patients, the fund makes it possible to be back at home. And that means so much to them and their families."

"For many of our patients, the fund makes it possible to be back at home."

— Ron Rousseau

ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

Mother and daughter share passion for the healthcare system

As the first executive director of the Spartanburg Regional Foundation over 30 years ago, Jo Ann McMillan was tasked with attracting financial gifts to support the healthcare system.

She quickly proved she could do the job well. She led the inaugural campaign for the Montgomery Tower and laid the groundwork for decades of Foundation funding to support health and wellness needs at the hospital and in the community.

When McMillan accepted the job at the Foundation, she was a nurse and a mom to two daughters, Holly and Shelly. Her intelligence, warmth and ability to connect with others helped her develop strong relationships with hospital staff and donors, especially the nurses. “So many people embraced the vision for the Foundation and wanted to support a strong health system,” she said.

Among the best supporters of the Foundation were healthcare system employees who were proud to work at the hospital and happy to support hospital projects and patient needs. Under McMillan’s leadership, the Foundation established an annual employee giving campaign – something uncommon in healthcare systems then and even today.

An early donor to the employee campaign was McMillan’s youngest daughter, Shelly Sinclair, who had taken a position as a health educator with the healthcare system. Like her mother, Sinclair had a passion for helping others and advancing the cause of good health.

Following McMillan’s retirement, her daughter applied to join the Foundation to manage the annual employee campaign. Sinclair, who by then had gained fundraising experience working at the Medical University of South Carolina, was a perfect fit.

Under the helm of mom and then daughter, the employee campaign continued to grow. It remains a key part of the Foundation’s annual work. “Our employees give their all to support those in need, and I cannot say enough about their generosity as donors,” Sinclair said. “Employees are among the Foundation’s most loyal supporters.”

In 2021, Sinclair was promoted to Senior Director of Philanthropy. She has enjoyed taking on an expanded leadership role while remaining involved in the employee campaign. As with her mother, employees have a special connection to Sinclair and appreciate her straightforward style and warm heart.

Sinclair is proud to build on the work her mother undertook three decades ago. “My mother has always been an inspiring example of service and leadership, and it’s an honor to continue her legacy,” Sinclair said.

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— Shelly Sinclair




Spartanburg Regional
Healthcare System Foundation

Jo Ann McMillan and Shelly Sinclair



**Medical Group of the Carolinas
— Radiation Oncology**

INVESTED IN WORLD-CLASS CARE

Physician group provided key support to expand Gibbs Cancer Center

When Gibbs Cancer Center opened in 1999, it represented a new direction for cancer care in the Upstate. The center was designed to promote holistic care and clinical collaboration.

Fifteen years later, leaders prepared to take the next step. They envisioned construction of a significantly expanded and enhanced cancer facility on the Pelham Medical Center campus, situated in the rapidly growing area between Spartanburg and Greenville.

The project would cost more than \$75 million, of which the Spartanburg Regional Foundation was challenged to raise \$16 million.

Physicians with the Medical Group of the Carolinas — Radiation Oncology practice believed the new facility had the potential to transform cancer care in the region. As a group, they made a generous financial commitment.

“I think all of us as individuals and as a group feel strongly about the mission of the cancer center. This was a tangible way to support that mission,” said Amy Curtis, MD.

Other physicians in the practice include Heather Allen, MD; Dan Fried, MD; Jeremy Kilburn, MD; and Drew Monitto, MD. They were also joined by Patricia Griffin, MD, who recently retired.

Launching a capital campaign is, of course, a major undertaking. It was important to have buy-in from care providers who best understood the potential of the new cancer center, said Foundation Executive Director Kristy Caradori.

“We received that support from the Gibbs team, and the leadership of the Radiation Oncology group was invaluable,” Caradori said.

The expanded Gibbs Cancer Center opened in 2020.

Dr. Allen described it as “a symbol of peaceful collaboration” where patients can attend physician appointments, receive radiation or infusion treatments, complete lab work, take part in support programs and pick up prescriptions — “all in one beautiful setting.”

As Dr. Allen explained, “Cancer patients often have limited mobility and may have multiple appointments in a day. It is important for the cancer center to make this challenging process as easy as possible.”

The number of patients at the new cancer center has grown since 2020. Gibbs Cancer Center continues to also offer a full range of services at the original facility on the Spartanburg Medical Center.

“Whether it’s at Pelham or in Spartanburg, it feels good to be able to sit down with a patient and tell them that our hospital system has invested in top-rated cancer care that’s close to where they live,” Dr. Curtis said.

“I think all of us as individuals and as a group feel strongly about the mission of the cancer center. This was a tangible way to support that mission.”

— Amy Curtis, MD

CANCER DIVISION

Gibbs Cancer Center a leader in national “moonshot” project

Over the course of his celebrated career, James Bearden, MD, has focused on both personalized care for cancer patients and opportunities to take part in research that advances the medical community’s knowledge about the disease.

That work continues with Gibbs Cancer Center & Research Institute’s role in the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Moonshot Biobank project.

Patients who choose to participate agree to donate biospecimens, including tumor tissue, over the course of their treatment. According to the NCI, the longitudinal study aims to help researchers “learn how cancer grows and changes in people, and to find new cancer treatments.”

In the meantime, clinical researchers conduct genetic testing on the tissue and provide results that may be helpful to the patient’s caregivers.

“It is very exciting to be part of one of the highest priority initiatives for the National Cancer Institute,” said Amy Curtis, MD, who has been closely involved in the project.

Dr. Curtis explained that the NCI is studying tissue donated by “a very specific patient population,” focusing on those with certain stage IV cancers.

According to Dr. Curtis, Gibbs Cancer Center has one of the highest participation rates nationally among community-based healthcare systems.

She credits her colleagues and patients and points to the “relationships Dr. Bearden has cultivated over the years with the NCI and academic centers that allow us access to trials. He led the way.”





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Financial assistance lessens the burden

For patients undergoing treatment for cancer, the harsh effects of chemotherapy or radiation can make normal activity difficult. Some are forced to miss work or leave their jobs altogether. The financial toll can be devastating.

The Spartanburg Regional Foundation's Cancer Special Needs Fund provides direct short-term assistance for financially qualifying patients. Social workers at Gibbs Cancer Center assess patients' situations to determine what needs are most urgent.

For example, the fund can be used to cover utility bills, provide grocery gift cards or pay for transportation so that patients can get to medical appointments.

"I don't know what we would have done without this support," said Julie Hughey, who was treated for breast cancer at Gibbs Cancer Center. "I want to thank donors from the bottom of my heart."



HEART DIVISION

A milestone for cutting-edge cardiac care

Transcatheter aortic valve replacement – or TAVR – is a minimally invasive procedure to treat a condition known as severe aortic valve stenosis. This cutting-edge procedure is an option for patients who, because of advanced age or chronic health conditions, are not good candidates for traditional open-heart surgery.

Structural heart physicians at the Spartanburg Regional Heart Center performed their first TAVR procedure in 2017 and reached an impressive milestone in 2022. They have now treated more than 400 TAVR patients.

Structural heart coordinator Kim Valenti credits healthcare system leadership with making the growth of the TAVR program possible. “TAVR is very much a multidisciplinary approach that involves many different areas throughout the hospital,” she explained.

Most patients return home from the hospital a day after undergoing a TAVR procedure. And at their week-one follow-up appointments, “most patients come to our clinic smiling, with improvement in breathing, increased energy level and feeling less anxious,” Valenti said.

Donors to the Foundation support a wide range of projects and programs that promote world-class care at the Spartanburg Regional Heart Center. “Our healthcare system and community are fortunate to have such an amazing team of heart center caregivers,” said Foundation Executive Director Kristy Caradori. “We look forward to partnering with them to advance state-of-the-art care and expanded access for patients in the future.”





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A place of healing

The Spartanburg Regional Heart Wellness Center offers patients who have suffered a heart attack or other cardiac crisis medically supervised exercise and rehabilitation services. But the lack of adequate insurance is a barrier for some patients in need.

The Foundation's David Ike Fund and Harrison Chapman Fund are helping to fill the gap. In 2022, more than 50 patients received assistance from one of the two funds.

"I cannot express enough gratitude to those who contribute to these funds," program manager Stacie Snyder said. "It truly allows those of us employed here to help change the lives of our patients. This is a place of healing."



HOSPICE DIVISION

Hospice team honors veterans

In October, a group of military veterans visited the Spartanburg Regional Hospice Home to raise and salute more than 50 American flags.

Hospice team members folded and packaged the flags. Each included a special certificate and were given to veterans who were in hospice care. Hospice staff and volunteers delivered the gifts on Veterans Day.



“Veterans are a special group of people, and we think this is a nice gesture to show appreciation for their contributions to our community and our nation,” said Hospice Director Mark Nix.

The Foundation’s Hospice Special Needs Fund covered the cost of the flags.

It’s one of a number of ways that the hospice program strives to support and honor veterans.

A Marine Corps veteran, Bill Hesse coordinates bereavement programs for Spartanburg Regional Hospice and also works with veterans who are in hospice care.

He conducts bedside salutes – special ceremonies to express respect and offer gratitude. He feels a kinship with veterans and enjoys hearing their stories.

“It’s important to honor their service and for them to have opportunities to talk about their experiences,” Hesse said.





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A Hospice tradition continues

Thanksgiving is a time for families to come together and build memories. But the planning of a large meal can be overwhelming for those with a loved one in hospice care.

For more than 25 years, Spartanburg Regional Hospice and the Spartanburg Regional Foundation have partnered to provide these families with a meal at Thanksgiving. In 2022, more than 220 families received a meal prepared by Cribbs Catering. Volunteers delivered the meals to the homes of patients and families.



EMPLOYEE DONORS

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System employees share their reasons for giving back in 2022

“Spartanburg Regional is the heartbeat of this community ... I am blessed to be able to give back.”

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“I see the good that we do with our donations, and it makes me want to stay involved and participate!”

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“I consider my coworkers part of my family, and anything I can do to help them is like helping family.”

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“Knowing that my donation is helping a child in need warms my heart.”

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“I donate to the Mammography Assistance Fund because every woman in our community needs access to mammograms regardless of income.”





EMPLOYEE DONORS

“I am so glad to be able to donate to help hospice patients and their families.”

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“I have seen first-hand how some of the programs supported by the Foundation make a difference in our patients’ lives.”

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“I went into health care because I have a passion for caring for others. Giving to the Foundation is another way to provide care to others.”

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“I feel privileged to work here and to have been the recipient of excellent care through Gibbs Cancer Center this past year. I want to give back to show my appreciation!”

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“I once had to request funds from the Rehab Services Fund to obtain a brace for a patient. If it had not been for this fund, this patient would not have been able to receive the brace she needed so badly. I was very grateful this fund existed.”

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“I’m donating because the NICU saved my son’s life last year.”

FOUNDATION HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

Welcoming friends to our new home

To celebrate the first full year in its new home on the Spartanburg Medical Center - Mary Black Campus, the Spartanburg Regional Foundation hosted an open house in November. "After such a long time without events, due to the pandemic, we were so happy to see friends and supporters and to showcase our beautiful workspace. It was a really wonderful evening," said Executive Director Kristy Caradori.





2022 GRANTS

In 2022, the Foundation awarded a total of \$601,000

Grant enhances Project SEARCH

Some young adults with special needs face barriers between the school environment and opportunities to enter the workforce.

Project SEARCH was introduced in 2014 as a partnership between Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation, the Upstate Workforce Investment Board, and Spartanburg County School District 6 to provide students with work experience at Spartanburg Medical Center – Church Street Campus.

The special needs interns gain marketable skills by working in areas such as food services, linen services and environmental services. They also learn about workplace ethics and teamwork.

The Spartanburg Regional Foundation grants program has provided support for Project SEARCH. A 2018 grant funded the addition of an interactive whiteboard for the Project SEARCH classroom located in the hospital.

In 2022, the Foundation provided a \$5,000 grant to purchase five virtual reality headsets, enabling students to experience additional “hands-on” learning and other enriching activities.

“Gaining practical experience in hospital departments is the core of the Project SEARCH program,” said instructor Hannah Drew. “Virtual reality allows us to build on that work in some creative and exciting ways.”



Project SEARCH is growing. Drew expects her group of interns to double in the coming year. With growth in mind, the Foundation grant also covered the cost of a set of scrubs for each intern.

Meanwhile, Project SEARCH has also launched at Cherokee Medical Center. The hospital is working in partnership with the Cherokee County School District.

Grant improves access for inpatient rehabilitation patients and families

In recent years, the Spartanburg Regional Foundation grants program has provided key funding for healthcare system facilities upgrades. The Spartanburg Regional Hospice Home, Ellen Sagar Nursing Center and the Spartanburg Medical Center Emergency Center are among the facilities that have undergone significant renovations in the past two years thanks to Foundation grants.

In 2022, a \$42,089 grant supported plans to redevelop the entrance at the Center for Rehabilitative Medicine, an 18-bed unit located on the Spartanburg Medical Center – Mary Black Campus.

“This will create more of a front door and improve visitor access to the unit,” said Director Clint Hardin. The project includes a covered area and space for short-term parking. “We believe families will really appreciate these upgrades,” he said.

He added that therapists work with patients on getting in and out of a vehicle safely, so the new access to drive-up parking serves a clinical purpose as well.

The unit provides comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation support to meet patients’ unique needs.



2022 Spartanburg Regional Foundation grants recipients

Each spring, the Spartanburg Regional Foundation awards grants to support Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System initiatives as well as nonprofits that promote community health. A committee made up of Foundation board members reviews grant applications. The committee makes recommendations to the full board, which votes to give final approval of recipients. In 2022, the Foundation awarded a total of \$601,000. In June, 34 awardees were recognized at a special breakfast.

Academic Technology and Wellness Academy	\$8,500	Spartanburg Medical Center – Facilities	\$124,688.18
AccessHealth Spartanburg	\$29,901	Spartanburg Medical Center – Inpatient Wound Consult Team	\$5,000
Angels Charge Ministry	\$5,000	Spartanburg Medical Center – Project SEARCH	\$5,000
Children’s Cancer Partners of the Carolinas	\$5,000	Spartanburg Medical Center – Rehab Services	\$15,490.88
Faith Home, Inc.	\$5,000	Spartanburg Medical Center – Mary Black Campus – Center for Rehabilitative Medicine	\$42,089
FAVOR Upstate	\$10,000	Spartanburg Regional Hospice	\$115,000
Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg	\$5,000	SRHS – Corporate Education	\$20,000
Helping Hands Ministries of Woodruff	\$5,000	SRHS – Corporate Integrity	\$4,800
Hope Center for Children	\$5,000	SRHS – Emergency Management	\$8,791.20
Louvenia D. Barksdale Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation	\$5,000	SRHS – Nursing Education	\$17,000
Middle Tyger Community Center	\$10,000	SRHS – Safety	\$16,864.53
Pelham Medical Center – Education	\$4,410.21	SRHS – Training & Optimization	\$30,000
Project HOPE Foundation	\$15,000	Spartanburg Shares	\$4,200
Regional HealthPlus	\$20,000	St. Luke’s Free Medical Clinic	\$11,000
SAFE Homes – Rape Crisis Coalition	\$7,500	The Family Effect	\$5,000
SC School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation	\$9,000	TOTAL Ministries	\$5,000
Spartanburg Medical Center – Cath/EP Lab	\$2,265	Union Medical Center – Nursing Services	\$19,500

SRHS HIGHLIGHTS



TOP RANKED IN THE UPSTATE

Spartanburg Medical Center was the top-ranked hospital in Upstate South Carolina in 2022, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. The publication also rated Spartanburg Medical Center as high performing in 11 adult procedures and conditions: colon cancer surgery, lung cancer surgery, prostate cancer surgery, heart attack, aortic valve surgery, heart bypass surgery, heart failure, kidney failure, diabetes, stroke and COPD.



EXCELLENCE IN HEART AND VASCULAR CARE

Spartanburg Medical Center continued to be recognized nationally for Excellence in Heart and Vascular Care.

The hospital received the Healthgrades 2022 Vascular Surgery Excellence Award and was named by Healthgrades as among the Top 10% in the nation for Vascular Surgery. Healthgrades also named the hospital as a five-star recipient for carotid procedures for 7 years in a row (2016-2022).

Spartanburg Medical Center received the HeartCARE Center National Distinction of Excellence from the American College of Cardiology in 2022.



OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCE FOR PATIENTS, ASSOCIATES

Pelham Medical Center achieved the Healthgrades Outstanding Patient Experience Award for two years in a row (2021 and 2022) and was named among the top 5% in the nation for outstanding patient experience in 2022.

Modern Healthcare also listed Pelham Medical Center as one of the 100 companies and organizations named The Best Places to Work in Healthcare in 2022.



ORTHOAEDIC EXCELLENCE

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System continued to be nationally recognized for excellence in orthopaedics in 2022.

Pelham Medical Center was recognized as high performing in the area of hip fracture and back surgery (spinal fusion) by *U.S. News & World Report*. Healthgrades also recognized the hospital as a five-star recipient for spinal fusion surgery for 9 years in a row (2015-2023).

In 2022, Spartanburg Medical Center was recognized by Healthgrades as a five-star recipient for hip fracture treatment.

In 2022, Spartanburg Medical Center – Mary Black Campus was accredited by DNV with a Hip & Knee Replacement Program Certification.



CANCER RESEARCH

Gibbs Cancer Center & Research Institute received two distinctions from the National Cancer Institute. The NCI awarded the Upstate Carolina Consortium Community Oncology Program NCORP the Platinum Certificate of Excellence for patient enrollments, including the Tomosynthesis Mammographic Imaging Screening Trial for breast cancer screenings.

Gibbs also received a Certificate of Excellence for participating in the Cancer Moonshot Biobank, which collects tissue and blood samples throughout a patient’s cancer journey to learn more about how cancer changes over time and the course of medical treatments.



STROKE CARE

In 2022, Spartanburg Medical Center was recognized by the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association with the Get with the Guidelines – Stroke GOLD PLUS with Target: Stroke Honor Roll and Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll.

Also in 2022, Spartanburg Medical Center – Mary Black Campus was recognized by the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association with the Get with the Guidelines – Stroke SILVER PLUS with Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll.



‘MOST WIRED’ HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) named Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System among the ‘most wired’ as part of its annual digital health survey. Spartanburg Regional earned Level 7 achievement in the acute, ambulatory and LTPAC surveys.



SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

U.S. News & World Report recognized Spartanburg Hospital for Restorative Care’s Skilled Nursing Facility as high performing in short-term rehabilitation, receiving an overall rating of 5 out of 5 in 2022.



METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY ACCREDITATION

In 2022, Spartanburg Medical Center received reaccreditation by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program.

LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society recognizes donors who have included the Spartanburg Regional Foundation in their estate planning. Legacy gifts may include contributions in a will, qualified retirement plans, life insurance policies, trusts and annuities. Foundation staff members work closely with donors who wish to explore these options as they consider long-range opportunities to support health care in our community. Legacy Society members are honored at a special appreciation event each year.

For more information about the Spartanburg Regional Foundation's Legacy Society, contact Shelly Sinclair at 864-560-6727.

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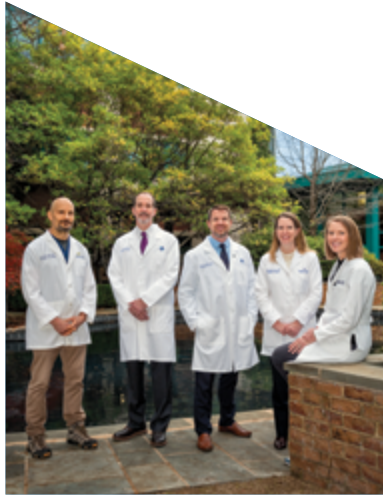
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