



Beaufort Memorial  
Foundation

# Giving Well

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## A Legacy of Kindness

This summer, the Beaufort Memorial Foundation received the largest donation in its history—an extraordinary \$2.5 million gift from longtime Okatie resident Mary McCarthy. The historic contribution will significantly advance Beaufort Memorial’s mission to expand access to high-quality healthcare across the Lowcountry.

Mary’s generosity will directly support several major initiatives designed to serve the region’s rapidly growing communities, including expanded emergency care, primary care, and state-of-the-art medical services in southern Beaufort County and beyond.

“This remarkable act of generosity is a defining moment for the Foundation and for the future of healthcare in our region,” said Kim Yawn, Chief Development Officer for the Beaufort Memorial Foundation. “Mary’s gift will help us deliver care that touches lives for generations to come.”

Originally from Long Island, N.Y., Mary moved to the Lowcountry with her late husband, Edward, and quickly developed a deep connection to the community. Just miles from her home sits the future site of the Beaufort Memorial Bluffton Community Hospital, where the Emergency Department will be named in her honor. Her gift will also support a new 5,000-square-foot primary care facility and the Beaufort Memorial Emergency & Urgent Care on Hilton Head Island.

A lifelong kindergarten teacher, Mary spent more than 30 years inspired by her students’ kindness and empathy. After Sept. 11, 2001, she turned to photography as a way to find beauty and compassion in the world—values that continue to shape her philanthropy. “I am part of this community,” Mary said. “Leaving it better than when I arrived is what matters to me.”

**Learn more about how you can leave a lasting legacy and shape the Lowcountry healthcare landscape with the Beaufort Memorial Foundation. Contact Kim Yawn at (843) 522-5722**



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As we reflect on 2025, I am filled with deep gratitude for the extraordinary generosity of our donor community. Your philanthropic support, at every level, demonstrated a shared belief in our mission and a profound commitment to the health of our community.

Because of you, Beaufort Memorial is poised to do more in 2026 than ever before. Your generosity is helping us expand access to emergency and primary care, invest in advanced technology, and grow facilities designed to meet the needs of our rapidly changing Lowcountry population. These investments are not abstract plans; they are tangible improvements that will touch lives every day.

Philanthropy allows our hospital to think boldly and act compassionately. It gives us the flexibility to respond to emerging needs, the resources to recruit exceptional caregivers, and the ability to ensure high-quality care remains close to home for generations to come.

What inspires me most is not just the magnitude of support we received in 2025, but the heart behind it. Every gift reflects trust; trust in our mission, our leadership, and our vision for the future. We do not take that lightly.

Thank you for standing with Beaufort Memorial. Together, we are shaping a healthier future for our neighbors, our families, and our community.

With sincere appreciation,

Kim Yawn, MS  
Chief Development Officer  
Beaufort Memorial Foundation

## TWO PROJECTS, *One Goal.*

Two major healthcare projects now rising in Southern Beaufort County share a bold, unified goal: bringing high-quality, patient-centered care closer to where people live, work and visit—and the progress made so far signals an exciting future ahead.



At the intersection of Bluffton and Buckwalter Parkways, steel beams stretch into the Lowcountry sky as Bluffton's first hospital takes shape. Just miles away on the southern end of Hilton Head Island, construction is also underway on a new Beaufort Memorial Emergency & Urgent Care facility, expanding access to immediate care for residents and visitors alike.

For years, many residents south of the Broad River have traveled to Beaufort for routine, diagnostic and emergency services—nearly 20% of inpatients at Beaufort Memorial Hospital come from southern zip codes. At the same time, the south end of Hilton Head Island, home to many residents and thousands of annual visitors, has lacked nearby immediate care options.

Momentum is now clearly visible. The \$103 million Bluffton Community Hospital marked a major milestone on December 4 with a “topping-out” ceremony celebrating the placement of its final steel beam. Expected to be completed in late 2026 and open to patients in early 2027, the

three-story, 28-bed hospital will offer a full-service emergency department, surgery center, cardiac catheterization lab, inpatient nursing unit, advanced imaging and onsite laboratory services—bringing comprehensive care to one of South Carolina's fastest-growing regions.

On Hilton Head Island, shovels hit the dirt in November to launch construction of the Beaufort Memorial Emergency & Urgent Care. Open 24/7 upon completion in late 2026, the innovative facility will combine emergency and urgent care under one roof, ensuring every patient is evaluated by an emergency-trained physician and receives the appropriate level of care at the appropriate cost.

**Together, these projects reflect Beaufort Memorial's commitment to smart growth and community-focused care. With each beam set and each foundation poured, the health system is building a future where access to exceptional healthcare grows right alongside the Lowcountry itself.**

“ AS BEAUFORT AND JASPER COUNTIES CONTINUE TO GROW, BEAUFORT MEMORIAL IS GROWING RIGHT ALONGSIDE THEM.

*These projects represent meaningful progress toward our promise to expand access and make care more convenient for our community.*

– **Russell Baxley**  
President & CEO  
Beaufort Memorial



Beaufort Memorial EMERGENCY & URGENT CARE

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IN DECEMBER,  
THE FOUNDATION PROUDLY HOSTED  
THE SECOND ANNUAL

## Marmo Scholarship

### RECIPIENT BRUNCH

with Trisha Marmo

(L-R) Joy Solomon,  
Kim Yawn, Katie  
Howell, Jason Graham,  
Wendy Hollingsworth,  
Trisha Marmo, Paula  
Madrid, Rachel Zito,  
and Meredith Oliver.

Continuing a heartfelt tradition of connection, encouragement, and celebration, the gathering brought together all six scholarship recipients for a morning filled with conversation and well-earned recognition.

The brunch centered on celebrating the scholars' academic accomplishments over the past year. Throughout the morning, students shared personal updates, meaningful milestones, and memorable experiences from their semesters, creating an atmosphere of inspiration, shared purpose, and laughter.

Trisha spent time connecting with each recipient, offering encouragement and learning about their academic journeys. Her continued involvement reflects the heart behind the Marmo Scholarship: providing financial support while walking alongside students throughout their education.

"When we started this scholarship, we wanted to stay connected with the recipients and support

them through their journey," said Marmo. "It's important to celebrate their wins and achievements along that journey, and this event allows us to slow down and truly connect with these wonderful students."

Adding to the excitement of the year, Meredith Oliver—moved by the impact and success of the program—made a significant gift to the fund in November. Through this generous contribution, Trisha and Meredith hope to expand the scholarship's reach, opening doors for more aspiring nurses as they pursue their education and work toward becoming registered nurses.

The impact of the Marmo Scholarship is already being felt throughout the community. One recipient has graduated and is now proudly serving as a bedside nurse, while the remaining five members of the original cohort are on track to graduate in May with degrees from TCL and USCB.

**From May through June 30, future and current nursing students are encouraged to apply at [beaufortmemorial.org/marmoscholarship](https://beaufortmemorial.org/marmoscholarship) and take the next step toward a meaningful career in nursing.**

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE 2025

In 2025, the Foundation provided support to individuals looking to advance their careers through the PATH program and/or nursing school.

**\$180,000+** SCHOLARSHIPS

**25** PATH GRADUATES

**11** REGISTERED NURSING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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## FOR 82 YEARS OF CARING

This Doctors' Day, we celebrate the physicians whose compassion and dedication continue Beaufort Memorial's legacy of care.

What began in 1944 with just four passionate physicians has grown into a team of more than 250 doctors serving our region today. We are grateful for the care, compassion, and commitment they show to our families, friends, and neighbors each and every day.

This Doctors Day, we proudly say thank you for your unwavering service and dedication to our community.

Say "Thank You" to your doctor with a gift to the Beaufort Memorial Foundation in their honor. Visit [BeaufortMemorial.org/ThankYou](http://BeaufortMemorial.org/ThankYou) or scan the QR code.



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