

# Turning Vision INTO Reality

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



As our Lowcountry community continues to grow and age, Beaufort Memorial is caring for more patients than ever—many with increasingly complex health needs. We are proud to be the trusted healthcare provider our neighbors turn to during life's most critical moments, and we remain steadfast in our mission to deliver compassionate, high-quality care to everyone who walks through our doors.

But like hospitals across the nation, we face a growing financial challenge: the cost of caring for patients often exceeds what we are reimbursed. Whether through Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance, the payments we receive frequently fall short of the actual cost to deliver care, especially for patients with chronic illnesses, complicated procedures, or long-term needs. That gap places immense pressure on our operating budget.

Your support helps us do more—not because care wouldn't happen without it, but because we believe our community deserves the very best care. Philanthropy doesn't replace care, it elevates it, enabling us to go beyond the basics of traditional healthcare. Through initiatives like our Sickle Cell Anemia Clinic, expanded mental health services, patient transportation, and programs addressing food insecurity, we are working to remove barriers to care and support healthier lives for all.

On behalf of all of us at Beaufort Memorial, thank you for believing in the transformative power of philanthropy and the vital role of local healthcare. Your partnership ensures our hospital remains a place of healing, hope, and innovation—for you, your loved ones, and the generations to come.



Russell Baxley, MHA  
President & CEO, Beaufort Memorial

## Philanthropy IN Action

**Endowment Payout** \$ 907,277.08

### Capital Equipment Purchases

Echocardiogram Machine  
Electrocardiogram Machine  
Fetal Wireless Monitoring System  
EEG System  
Vein Visualization System  
Interventional Radiology Upgrade  
Ultrasound and Glidescope for ER  
Treadmill and Elliptical for LifeFit

**\$ 1,907,575.21**

### Program Support

Addiction Medicine Clinic Support  
Pharmaceutical Assistance  
Sickle Cell Clinic Support  
Healthcare Career Scholarships  
Housing Downpayment Assistance  
Cancer Patient Transportation Support

**\$ 288,044.83**

**TOTAL:** **\$3,102,897.12**



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# Better Healthcare *Here*

When it comes to lifesaving care, every second is crucial, which makes having high-quality care closer to home even more important.

Bill and Marcia VanDerBeek

Nobody does community like Beaufort Memorial, and Bill VanDerBeek would know.

Bill, a New Jersey native, has spent his whole life in the service of his community, from his years of military service in Vietnam to three decades in law enforcement – six of them as a police chief.

Even in his retirement to the Lowcountry, he has been committed to improving safety in his community of Oldfield, acting as the neighborhood's security chair. That dedication to service also drew him to the Beaufort Memorial Foundation, where he was on the board from 2019-2023.

During that time, the Bluffton Community Hospital was a lofty goal and a mere concept.

Now? That dream is becoming a reality.

"It's phenomenal," Bill said. "I'm thrilled. This hospital will save lives."

Bill himself had a recent trip to the Beaufort Memorial Pratt Emergency Center for a cardiac scare – which, as he pointed out to the paramedics who responded to his call, is located two miles and 10 minutes closer to Oldfield than other area hospitals. "Minutes count," Bill pointed out, "and we just have better healthcare here."

With Beaufort Memorial as the only hospital in the county with 24/7 critical care coverage, there is an internist onsite at all times. *(Once operational, the Bluffton Community Hospital will be even closer to Bill, other Oldfield and Bluffton residents.)*

Bill commended the speed, professionalism and compassion of the EMS responders, as well as the ER staff.

"I am very well aware of how a good EMS service and a great hospital can save lots of lives," he said. "I can't emphasize how good my care was. That is something people need to know – how good this hospital is."

Beaufort Memorial is unique in its status as a "community hospital," and you don't get that community aspect everywhere, Bill said. "Us older people, we know about community hospitals," he added. "With Beaufort Memorial, you make friends. You make connections – big hospitals don't have that."

Those connections are far reaching here. In fact, Dr. Saeed Rehman, the ER medical director at Beaufort Memorial, is also the medical director for Beaufort County Emergency Services.

It's not just the connections within the community, but the outreach as well. The Beaufort Memorial Foundation offers pharmaceutical assistance, transportation support, healthcare career scholarships, and over \$1.9 million in capital support to improve technology and facilities.

Having a hospital and the patient-centered, quality care that Beaufort Memorial is known for in Bluffton will be a "game-changer," Bill said. "It's not just more care," he added, "it's quality care, and it is needed."

The Beaufort Memorial Foundation Vision Campaign is centered on growing a strong healthcare workforce, establishing innovative delivery systems for that high-quality healthcare, and expanding access to that care.

The Bluffton Community Hospital, a 28-bed facility utilizing state-of-the-art technology and employing over 250 individuals in its first year of operation, is a critical part of this Vision.

Explore how the Vision Campaign is expanding access to healthcare in the Lowcountry, and how you can be part of the change. Visit [BeaufortMemorial.com/Vision](https://BeaufortMemorial.com/Vision) or scan the QR code to make a lasting impact.







Kianna Brown speaks to a group at the Keyserling Cancer Center.

## Side BY Side: Philanthropy's Role in Healing and Hope

When someone hears the words "You have cancer," the world can suddenly feel very small. Fear, confusion, and isolation often follow. But at Beaufort Memorial, no one has to face that news, or the road ahead, alone.

"There's a village here," says Kianna Brown, LMSW, an oncology social worker who walks beside patients during some of the hardest moments of their lives. "And we're here to catch them when they feel like they're falling."

That village is made up of compassionate nurse navigators, financial counselors, social workers, and a dedicated oncology care team. But beyond the walls of the hospital, it also includes people like you—whose generosity helps us surround patients with the care, dignity, and support they need.

Thanks to philanthropy, this village becomes more than a care team. It becomes a family.

"When our patients walk through the doors at Beaufort Memorial, they're not just another name on a chart," Brown says. "We sit with them. We listen. We ask about their needs, not just the ones tied to their diagnosis, but all of the invisible burdens they carry."

Some are worried about how they'll afford gas to drive to daily radiation appointments. Others wonder how they'll

put food on the table while navigating weeks of treatment. Many are facing their diagnosis far from home, without local family to lean on.

"We ask: Do you have groceries? Can you pay the light bill? Do you have a way to get here every day?" Brown explains. "When someone is fighting cancer, they shouldn't have to fight to keep their home or feed their kids. Your support helps us take those worries off their shoulders."

What you give is more than assistance, it's comfort. It's stability. It's the healing power of knowing someone is in their corner.

"Because of you," Brown says, "our patients feel seen. They feel valued. They feel like they're part of a family that's walking this path with them."

And that feeling? That sense of belonging, of not being alone? It's truly priceless.

So thank you, for being part of the family. For showing up. For making sure that, no matter how dark a day might be, our patients never have to walk through it alone.

**Join us as we surround our patients with hope, compassion, and unwavering support—because no one should face cancer alone.**



## Make a Gift of Healing with Tax-Wise Giving

*"By directing a gift from my IRA to the Beaufort Memorial Foundation, I can support better health for our entire community—while also receiving valuable tax benefits."*

— Bill Staples

If you're 70½ or older, you can make a tax-free gift from your IRA directly to Beaufort Memorial Foundation through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Your gift can support life-saving care, patient comfort, and vital equipment—without increasing your taxable income.

To learn how you can make a meaningful impact today, contact Kimberly Yawn at [Kimberly.Yawn@bmhsc.org](mailto:Kimberly.Yawn@bmhsc.org) or call 843-522-5722.



# A Season of Hope Begins

## WITH A *Child's Imagination*



It may be September, but magic is in the air.

Inside the bright, bustling classroom of the 4-year-old class at the Beaufort Memorial Learning Center, the spirit of the holidays has arrived early. Crayons dance across paper, little hands work with focus and joy, and giggles echo as these young artists pour their hearts into festive designs for the 2025 Tree of Hope Ornaments.

Because hope doesn't wait for December, it lives in us all year long.

It lives in the imagination of a child drawing their soon-to-be sibling with presents under the Christmas tree. It lives in the cherished memory of a loved one, honored during the holiday season. And it lives in the generosity of people like you, who believe everyone in our community deserves access to quality healthcare.

Returning this year, the Tree of Hope campaign from the Beaufort Memorial Foundation is more than a beloved holiday tradition—it's a celebration of life, love, and giving. When you purchase a handcrafted ornament, you're providing hope to those in our community who may need help getting to appointments and are now able to use our

transportation program, or the patient who cannot afford their medication. Through the Tree of Hope campaign, you are improving healthcare right here at home.

Each ornament features one of four joyful, heartfelt designs created by Learning Center students, capturing the wonder of the holidays through a child's eyes. Their artwork reminds us of what truly matters: connection, kindness, and the magic of giving.

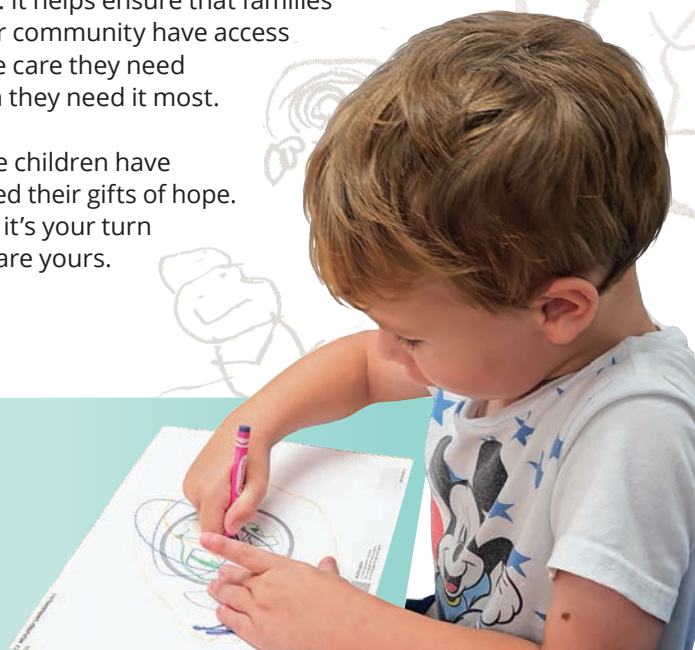
And that's what makes this campaign so special.

Your ornament becomes a symbol of hope. It helps ensure that families in our community have access to the care they need when they need it most.

These children have offered their gifts of hope. Now, it's your turn to share yours.



**Purchase your 2025 Tree of Hope Ornament today for just \$30, and let it serve as a heartfelt reminder this holiday season of the hope, healing, and generosity a community can provide.**



## One gift CAN CHANGE A COMMUNITY

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To learn how you can leave a lasting legacy on healthcare in the Lowcountry, contact Kimberly Yawn, Chief Development Officer, at [Kimberly.Yawn@bmhsc.org](mailto:Kimberly.Yawn@bmhsc.org) or 843-522-5774.