



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **AnMed Health Foundation announces plans for 2020 Camellia Ball**

*(Anderson, S.C. – Nov. 20, 2019)* - The AnMed Health Foundation is excited to announce Phil Ashley and the Bonitz, Inc. team as the chairs for the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Camellia Ball, presented by Glenn Constructors. Ashley serves on the AnMed Health Foundation board of trustees. He is a member of the Gilmer Society and has been involved with the Camellia Ball for more than 17 years.

The Camellia Ball will take place on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at the Bleckley Station in historic downtown Anderson. The theme of this year's ball is a modern twist on the twenties, diving underground with a prohibition-style event highlighting a decade of great uproar and extraordinary changes. Guests will be entertained by the Shimmer Band and will be treated to a gourmet menu catered by Sullivan's Metropolitan Grill.

As Anderson's premier philanthropic event, the black-tie evening sells out every year. Tim Self, Executive Director of the AnMed Health Foundation, said, "We have a phenomenal group of volunteers who come together year after year to make this event such an incredible success, and we are honored to have Phil and his team driving the vision for the 2020 Camellia Ball." Sponsorship tickets are available now, and a limited number of general admission tickets will go on sale on January 1, 2020.

With outstanding community support and partnerships over the last 25 years, the Camellia Ball has raised more than \$2.7 million for the benefit of AnMed Health patients. Most recently, the funds raised have helped thousands of children receive physical, occupational and speech therapy services from Pediatric Therapy Works (PTW). PTW currently serves more than 500 children in our community, and the cost of this specialized care often exceeds the ability of what most families can pay. The funds raised through the Camellia Ball and other AnMed Health Foundation events help offset the difference to sustain this vital program for the Anderson community. It is invaluable to the children and families in our community to have access to the therapy they need close to home.

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