



## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Blood center honors donors during annual dinner**

*(Anderson, S.C. – May 5, 2017)* – The AnMed Health Blood Center honored individual donors and donor organizations by hosting its annual Blood Donor Appreciation Dinner on April 27 in the Camellia Café at AnMed Health Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

The blood center uses the dinner to recognize the many businesses, churches, schools, government agencies and organizations that held successful blood drives during 2016. The center also recognized individual donors who achieved record giving levels starting with five gallons and increasing from there in five gallon increments. The highest level achieved this year was 80 gallons, donated by Bobby Lark.

A blood donor has to give approximately 40 units of blood (roughly four times the amount held in the human body) to hit that five-gallon mark. The blood center collected 7,000 units of whole blood and 700 units of apheresis in 2016. However, what seems like a large amount of donated blood doesn’t mean the ideal amount is always on hand for patients, especially considering the center remains the sole provider of blood and blood products for the entire AnMed Health System.

“Our need is constant and it seems like we can’t get ahead at times,” said Emily Southerland. “The people who attend this dinner call to thank us, but they’re the ones who should be honored for saving lives. We are so grateful to them.”

The dinner also included the presentation of a humanitarian award. This year’s recipient was Mrs. Jimmie Hooper, who regularly hosts blood drives with her church.

To become a donor, please call (864) 512-1135. To schedule a blood drive, call AnMed Health Blood Center at (864) 512-8573. AnMed Health Blood Center is located at 600 N. Fant St. behind the Medical Center. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to noon the second Saturday of each month.

Donor organizations honored at this year's donor recognition dinner are as follows:

### **Full List of 2016 Donor Organizations**

Abbeville Area Medical Center	Electrolux	Patrick B. Harris Hospital
Abbeville Presbyterian Church	Erskine College	Pendleton First Baptist
Abiding Savior Lutheran Church	First Baptist Church of Iva	Pepsi Bottling Co.
AFCO	First Presbyterian Church	Pharma Tech
Alex Burdette Memorial Drive	Forrest College	Plastic Omnium
Anderson County Sheriff's Office	Franklin County High School	Royston LLC
Anderson University	Franklin County Middle School	Sage Automotive
AnMed Health	General Machine of Anderson	Santee Cooper – Rainey Generating Station
AnMed Health Cannon	Gethsemane Baptist Temple	Sapa Extrusions – North America
AutoZone	Glen Raven Mills, Inc.	Sargent Metals
Belton Second Baptist Church	Guthrie Grove Church	Saturday Morning Donor Club
Belton Honea Path High School	Health Department/DSS	Shady Grove Baptist Church
Bethel AME	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Bold Springs VFD	Hope Fellowship	St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church
Bosch Corporation	Hopewell Baptist Church	Stanco Metals
Boulevard Baptist Church	Hosanna Health & Rehab	T.L. Hanna High School
Brookdale Central	JPS Composite	Temple Baptist Church
Brown Health & Rehab	Kravet Fabrics	Tenneco
Cherokee Rose Christian School	Ladies of Harley	Timken
Church of Jesus Christ LDS	LaFrance Elementary	Tri-County Technical College
City of Anderson	Lowe's of Anderson	Tri County Tech Industrial Tech Center
City of Elberton	McLaughlin	United Way
Clarion	Medshore	Varennes Heights
Clemson University	Michelin	Wal-Mart Stores
• Alpha Epsilon Delta	Michelin Starr	#396 – Anderson
• Alpha Phi Omega	Midway Presbyterian Church	#644 – Anderson
Clemson National Guard	Milliken Newton Plant	#1111 – Hartwell
Commercial Bank – Honea Path	Mount Olivet Baptist Church	Western Upstate Realtor
Covenant Baptist Church	Neals Creek Baptist Church	Westside High School
Coveris	NHC Healthcare	Whitefield Baptist Church
Crescent High School	North Anderson Baptist Church	Whitlow Electric Services
Cross Hill Church of God	North Anderson Presbyterian Church	Whitworth Correction Facility
Cruz Thomas Memorial Drive	Nutra	WLOS-TV
Cushman	Oakwood Baptist Church	Wren High School
Dietz and Schell	One World Technologies	Zion United Methodist Church
Donald's Volunteer Fire Department	Orian Rugs	
Easley National Guard	Palmetto Physical Medicine	
Elbert Memorial Hospital		

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*AnMed Health is a 700-bed, not-for-profit health system serving the Upstate and northeast Georgia. The system is anchored by AnMed Health Medical Center, a 461-bed acute care hospital which has earned the prestigious Magnet® designation. The five-hospital system includes AnMed Health Women's and Children's Hospital, AnMed Health Rehabilitation Hospital, AnMed Health Cannon in Pickens, S.C., and Elbert Memorial Hospital in Elberton, Ga. With more than 400 physicians and 3,700 employees, AnMed Health is Anderson County's largest employer. Learn more about AnMed Health, an affiliate of Carolinas HealthCare System, at [www.AnMedHealth.org](http://www.AnMedHealth.org).*

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