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Dear Friends,

At AnMed Health, providing excellent care is always our highest consideration. As a not-for-profit healthcare organization, we can focus on our healing mission rather than focusing on earning income for stockholders. In fact, being a not-for-profit organization means the money we earn is reinvested right back into providing new health services, programs and technology to benefit you, your family, and our community. You may also be interested to know that AnMed Health is a private, charitable organization that is not supported by your tax dollars.

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AnMed Health now home campus for medical students

In one sense, it was a new day when the first AnMed Health medical students walked onto campus for the first time in July. In another, it was the next chapter in a century-old story.

The campus became a clinical teaching site officially on July 29 with the arrival of 10 third-year medical students from Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Carolina Campus (VCOM-CC).

Another 12 will join them next summer, filling the capacity of the two-year program. The medical students will rotate through each major discipline of medicine and will see patients once a week at the Anderson Free Clinic. AnMed Health's new pre-doctoral

education curriculum emphasizes primary care and seeks to recruit and retain students from the Upstate to continue their practice locally.

"AnMed Health has played an important role in education for a long time and this is the next logical step. We are excited to see how this new program positively affects our community," said Dr. Stoney Abercrombie.

Dr. Abercrombie and Dr. Matt Cline have newly expanded roles in AnMed Health's medical education program.

After serving as director of the residency program since 2002, Dr. Abercrombie continues as director of medical education and designated institutional officer

while Dr. Cline takes over as director of the residency program after serving as associate director since 2000.

"It's not the first time AnMed Health has used education to fulfill local needs," Abercrombie said. Beds filled quickly when the original hospital opened in 1908 and within months an education program was launched to meet the need for caregivers. AnMed Health has been educating health care professionals ever since.

AnMed Health has played an important role in education for a long time and this is the next logical step.

- The AnMed Health Family Residency Program, a three-year post-graduate training program for doctors was established in 1975 to address the need for more primary care physicians in the Upstate. Today 296 physicians have completed residency through AnMed Health. They are caring for patients in 33 states, including 129 who have stayed home to serve patients in South Carolina. Over 50 practice in the greater Anderson area.
- In an expanded feature of the residency program, AnMed Health with Oconee Medical Center offers the Seneca Lakes Family Practice Resident Program for two new residents each year, with six residents active at any given time. This component of the program is for physicians in pursuit of a career in rural medicine.
- A fully accredited one-year fellowship in sports medicine gives residents a hands-on experience with some of the nation's best college athletes. The partnership with Blue Ridge Orthopaedics and the athletic departments of Anderson University and Clemson University puts residents on the front lines of a busy sports medicine practice. Fellows become junior faculty members in the AnMed Health Family Residency Program.
- Just three months after the original hospital opened in 1908, the trustees established a nursing school. The school was a response to a growing need for caregivers – a familiar theme throughout AnMed Health's history.
- The nursing program was transferred in 1969 to a new home where it became the Clemson University School of Nursing. AnMed Health and the university continue to have a strong relationship through nursing.
- A school for laboratory technologists was created in 1950 and accredited in the early 1950s.
- The AnMed Health Radiologic Technology Program is the only hospital-based radiography program in South Carolina, allowing students to learn imaging in a professional environment. At the end of this two-year program, students receive a certificate and are eligible to take the National Certification Examination, sponsored by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.
- The Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at AnMed Health is designed to help clergy and laypersons develop skills in the pastoral and spiritual care of individuals and families. AnMed Health's CPE program is accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.



Dr. Stoney Abercrombie



Dr. Matt Cline



Dr. Brian Mulroy

Ten medical students began calling AnMed Health their home campus, where they split time between classroom instruction, making rounds with physicians and serving the Anderson Free Clinic.

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“Now I’m working out and gaining some strength and I’m starting to shake the blues.”



The treadmill has become part of Minnie Wansley’s routine (this page) as she works her way back to wellness at the Congestive Heart Failure Clinic. Clinic staff (opposite page) Valerie Mattingly and Lisa Smith monitor the patients’ congestive heart failure as well as any other conditions that may complicate rehabilitation.



Putting congestive heart failure patients on road to wellness

The Congestive Heart Failure Clinic has meant everything for putting Minnie Wansley back on her feet and on the road to recovery.

The road seemed extremely long just a couple months ago when Wansley couldn't even play catch with her grandsons without lying down to rest. But that was before her doctor referred her to the Congestive Heart Failure Clinic.

"Now I'm working out and gaining some strength and I'm starting to shake the blues," Wansley said.

That is exactly the goal of the staff at the Congestive Heart Failure Clinic at LifeChoice in Anderson. They want more area doctors to know about the services they offer and how they can partner with physicians to get patients working toward recovery.

The clinic works on coordinating the management of the overall health of the patient, while focusing on the immediate concerns associated with congestive heart failure.

"We're looking at congestive heart failure concerns but we're looking at

everything else, too," said Michael Gibson, nurse manager for LifeChoice. "We make sure they have the right medications. We often help them deal with other co-morbid conditions, and sometimes we also have to grapple with socio-economic issues. There is an education component, and we make sure they meet with a dietician."

The very first thing RN Lisa Smith and Nurse Practitioner Valerie Mattingly do with a new patient is sit down and go through

- a detailed medical history
- a full physical
- current medications
- depression screening
- functional assessment and
- activity tolerance.

From there, Smith and Mattingly create a plan to get the patient back on track. They then begin the process of educating patients about their medications and the things in their lives that may trigger concerns.

"Our ultimate goal is to increase their heart function and their quality of life," Mattingly said.

Understanding what medications they are on and the importance of taking them correctly are two of the biggest issues patients struggle with. That was no different for Wansley when she first went to the clinic.

"I was taking so many pills a day, and I didn't really know what they were all for. Now that Valerie's found what works for me, I don't have to take as many. It's been very effective," said Wansley who now works out at the clinic three days a week.

For the first few months, patients go to the clinic every two to four weeks, with close telephone monitoring or weekly follow-up for less stable patients. Once stable, they come every three months, then every six months.

"We try to manage them as much as we can by phone so they don't have to come in," Smith said. If symptoms become unmanageable — or if another concern arises — the staff will immediately send the patient back to the doctor for further evaluation. "We're a partner with their physician and cardiologist."



The Strength to Fight

National weightlifting champion captures title during radiation treatments

If it takes strength to fight cancer, Thomas Walters was well prepared for his fight against a prostate tumor.

As Dr. Vic Tomlinson counseled the 75-year-old Walters before he started radiation treatments at the AnMed Health Cancer Center, he learned that his patient intended to enter a national weight-lifting competition.

“I told him it might affect his strength and he said, ‘Oh, it won’t bother me,’ and I said, well, it might,” Dr. Tomlinson says, shaking his head with amusement.

If there was a negative effect from the radiation, it wasn’t obvious. During the course of his treatment, Walters travelled to several weight lifting competitions and set national records for his age, qualifying for the world competition in Ukraine.

Walters admits now that he wasn’t as confident as he appeared to Dr. Tomlinson.

“I didn’t know what the radiation would do,” he says. “I had entered the senior nationals and it was in May and I thought I’m not going to do much there, but I set national records for my age and qualified for the world competition, which is why I went there.”

According to Dr. Tomlinson, patients have fewer side effects with radiation, and, for the most part, go about their daily business. For Walters, his daily business includes working out and competing at a national and international level in a sport that has been part of his life since childhood. It started in 1948 in a New Jersey garage.

"I hit a baseball down the driveway into a garage where some guys were working out and pretty soon I got to training with them and by the time I was 12 or so I was actually competing," Walters said. "I placed in a few competitions in my early teens, had steady improvement. Initially those big guys were the things I set my sights on."

Two of those older guys continue to lift weights in that same New Jersey garage, but Walters went around the world.

He joined the Navy right out of high school and over the course of his 21-year career, he kept working out. He went to Vietnam with the Navy and the Marines as a Navy medic. He was stationed in Charleston several times during his career and retired from the Navy there. He moved to the Upstate 15 years ago following his grandchildren to the area when his son moved here for work. Walters and his son -- both cancer survivors -- sometimes work out and compete together.

He marked his 12,000th workout in October. He did mostly Olympic lifting for



Dr. Vic Tomlinson

most of his life, a technique-driven style of lifting known for its two key moves: the snatch and the clean-and-jerk. When his shoulder was surgically replaced, Walters was told he would be unable to lift his

hands above his head, so he focused mostly on powerlifting, which features the dead lift, squat and bench press.

"Power lifting didn't require as much technique but in physical therapy I quickly found that I could lift my hand above my head," he says. "I did have limitations but I managed to work around them."

Walters sees no reason to curb his participation in the sport.

"I don't see any slowdown right now," he says. "I have a little osteoarthritis and that's it. There are a few of us competing in their 80s and I'd like to get there."

It was springtime when he slipped off to the senior nationals and won. In November 2012 he felt even better and entered a world competition in Las Vegas.



Thomas Walters didn't see why prostate cancer should interrupt the regimen that has kept him strong for 75 years. He continues lifting weights today, logging his 12,000th workout in October.

In a Detroit power lifting event, he set 12 world records in the National Masters Championship.

"I was able to compete and beat the Russians," the Cold War Navy man says with satisfaction. "I'm a current national and world champion and so over the years I have developed a cadre of friends around the country and the world. It's almost like a social event for us."

Olympic lifting at the Pan American Games earned him another championship and a chance to compete against the world in the Ukraine, but it's an expensive trip and Walters decided not to go.

His collection of medals and trophies is too much for one house and are spread across the miles, including some at TNT Sports in Williamston where he works out now.

His experience with the AnMed Health Cancer Center was a positive one with the right outcome.

"I think the physical training helped me get through it," he says. "I have gratitude for the outfit and the treatment, and they make a good pot of coffee. I miss them, but I don't want to go back."

Since Walters' treatments, AnMed Health has become home to the most advanced technology available in South Carolina for radiation therapy. The

Varian TrueBeam™ STx with ExacTrac and BrainLab Radiosurgery system uses sophisticated 3D imaging to provide 4D targeting and treatment of tumors of all shapes, sizes and locations with pinpoint accuracy while minimizing exposure to nearby healthy tissue.

The comprehensive AnMed Health Cancer Center offers an assortment of treatment options, according to Tim Laugh, director of the center.

"We have all the care you need under one roof -- infusion and chemotherapy centers, navigation, social work, genetics, radiation oncology, research, nutrition, lab, radiology, pharmacy, patient resource area and boutique," he says. "Many in our community may take our comprehensive center for granted, but what we have is truly special and would rival the best centers in the nation. We not only have the latest in technology, but a loving and caring staff that treats our patients like family and not a number."

AnMed Health is one of 12 charter members of Levine Cancer Institute's cancer care network of the Carolina Health System based in Charlotte. AnMed Health has earned Accreditation with Commendation from the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.

A conversation with Dr. Allison Gratzter Venturella

Dr. Allison Gratzter Venturella recently joined the medical staff of AnMed Health Carolina OB-GYN and she will work one day each week in Elberton, Ga., as part of an affiliation between AnMed Health and Elbert Memorial Hospital. Dr. Venturella graduated with honors from Rhodes College and University of Tennessee College of Medicine. She completed residency in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Washington University in St. Louis.

Q. When did you decide to become a doctor?

A. In high school I always enjoyed all of the science classes. When my grandfather became ill and I found myself at his house helping to take care of him, I realized that I belonged in the medical field.

Q. What made you choose OB/GYN?

A. In medical school, I enjoyed both primary care rotations and surgical rotations.

OB/GYN lets me do both. It also offers a variety, from caring for women during pregnancy all the way through menopause.

Q. Why did you choose to live and work in Upstate, South Carolina?

A. I married a man who was born and raised in Honea Path, S.C. On our many trips to visit family, I fell in love with the area.

Q. Part of your duties with AnMed Health will include filling a void for women's health in Elberton through our relationship with Elbert Memorial Hospital. Why did you find that part of the job attractive?

A. I am excited about the opportunity to offer women's healthcare to an underserved area.

Q. What is the most valuable thing you have learned so far from practicing medicine?

A. No two patients are the same. Every day and every patient is a new challenge that I look forward to embracing.

Q. Do you hope your minor in Spanish from Rhodes College will help in your medical practice?

A. Being able to speak some Spanish is very helpful. I initially decided to study it so that I could go abroad in college. Now I realize that speaking to patients in their native language is comforting. I'm

reassured by the fact that AnMed Health has qualified medical interpreters available to ensure the quality of care to all patients, including those who are deaf or hard of hearing

Q. Is there a single piece of medical advice that you find yourself giving over and over?

A. Take care of yourself. Eat a healthy diet and incorporate exercise into your daily routine.

Q. What's the best thing a woman can do for her health before the sun goes down today?

A. Get outside and take a walk. Walking will make you feel better physically and emotionally.

Q. What's the best advice you have received in your pursuit of your education, or in your professional life?

A. Follow your heart. Do what you love to do, and you won't "work" a day in your life.

Q. When you're not practicing medicine, what are we most likely to find you doing?

A. These days I find myself spending time outside with my family. I have a 1-year-old daughter that loves to play outside with the chickens. I also enjoy reading a good book, knitting and cooking.

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Dr. Allison Gratzter Venturella

New physicians join AnMed Health family

The AnMed Health Physicians Network added strength to its group of health care professionals over recent months.

AnMed Health Carolina Kids welcomed Dr. Lisa Ruohoniemi. She came to AnMed Health after spending 10 years as a medical missionary in Kathmandu, Nepal. She earned a doctor of medicine and doctor of philosophy at the University of Illinois.

AnMed Health Westside Family Medicine welcomed Dr. Stuart Barnes, a board-certified internal medicine physician with more than 30 years experience. He earned his degree at the Medical College of Georgia and completed residency training at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah, Ga.

Drs. Lawton Salley and Jane Reister joined the AnMed Health Physician Network at AnMed Health Medicus ENT in March. Dr. Salley earned his doctor of medicine at MUSC, and completed his residency at the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Reister earned her doctor of medicine at West Virginia University, where she also completed her residency.

Medicus ENT then welcomed Dr. Thomas Justin Way this summer. Dr. Way is a graduate of Clemson University and the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed his residency at the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Amara Chudhary joined AnMed Health Psychiatry effective July 15. Dr. Chudhary is a graduate of Fatima Jinnah Medical College and completed her residency at Virginia Tech.

Dr. Jeremy Parker, a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, joined AnMed Health Carolina Cardiology. Dr. Parker graduated from Clemson University and MUSC. He completed his residency at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte and completed fellowship training at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

Dr. Allison Gratzter Venturella joined the staff at AnMed Health Carolina OB-GYN. She also serves Georgia residents once a week from an office in Elberton. Dr. Venturella graduated with honors from Rhodes College and University of Tennessee College of Medicine. She completed residency at Washington University in St. Louis.

Dr. Mary Ann Horn joined AnMed Health Pendleton Family Medicine this fall. Dr. Horn graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, Fla., and did her internship and family medicine residency at McLaren Macomb Hospital and Michigan State University.



Dr. Lisa Ruohoniemi



Dr. Stuart Barnes



Dr. Lawton Salley



Dr. Jane Reister



Dr. Thomas Justin Way



Dr. Amara Chudhary



Dr. Jeremy Parker



Dr. Allison Gratzter Venturella



Dr. Mary Ann Horn

Dr. Kayrouz named vice president of medical affairs

Dr. Thomas M. Kayrouz was appointed AnMed Health's vice president of medical affairs this fall. He is responsible for overseeing credentials and privileges of the medical staff and setting a course that maintains the highest standards of quality and patient safety.

Kayrouz joins AnMed Health from Carilion Clinic in Roanoke, Va., where he practiced pediatric critical medicine since 1998, most recently as director of Pediatric Quality and Outcomes at Carilion Clinic Children's Hospital. He also served the children's hospital as section chief in Pediatric Critical Care since 2004 and medical director of the Pediatric Transport Team since 2000. He has practiced pediatric critical care since 1988 and is board certified in pediatrics.

Dr. Kayrouz has a deep history as a clinician and teacher stretching the length of his medical career, beginning with his M.D. from the University of Louisville in 1984.

"Dr. Kayrouz has been not just a physician but a leader in medicine and medical education since the beginning of his career," said Dr. Mike Tillirson, executive vice president and chief medical officer of AnMed Health. "As a doctor he has contributed to the well being of countless children over the years and across several states, taking care of the sickest of the sick. As an associate professor of pediatrics, he has played an important role in training the next generation of pediatricians and family medicine practitioners."

His most recent academic appointments were at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine in Roanoke and the Joseph Via School of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Va. His career shift to administrative medicine occurred when he participated in Carilion's Physician Leadership Academy in 2009. He has been an active member of the American College of Medical Quality and the American College of Physician Executives.



Dr. Thomas M. Kayrouz

U.S. News ranks AnMed Health

U.S. News & World Report ranked AnMed Health fifth out of 90 hospitals in South Carolina and among the best in the Upstate when the magazine released its 24th annual edition of Best Hospitals this summer.

AnMed Health also was listed as high-performing in cancer, gastroenterology and GI surgery, geriatrics, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, pulmonology and urology.

This year's Best Hospitals showcased more than 720 of the nation's roughly 5,000 hospitals. Fewer than 150 are nationally ranked in at least one of 16 medical specialties. The rest of the recognized hospitals met a standard of performance nearly as demanding in one or more specialties.



Kelly Elrod is the only principal North Pointe Elementary School has ever had and, thanks to early detection and treatment for cancer, the only one the school should know for a long time.

Cancer Survivor throws support behind mobile mammography

Kelly Elrod was busy. A wife and mother of two active teenagers, she was tapped to be the principal of a new elementary school, responsible by day for the faculty, staff and 340 children. She was busy ... with time, it seemed, for everyone but herself.

And that may be how Elrod's grandmother saved her life.

Elrod admits that she was too busy for a mammogram, especially since everything seemed fine. But she knew enough to take precautions. Her late grandmother was diagnosed with breast cancer, and Elrod knew the strong genetic nature of the disease was reason enough to be screened annually.

"I started this back in my late 30s because my grandmother had breast cancer," she says. "And so I've been doing this since about 36, 37 years of age, ... I went for a

regular mammogram every year."

And then in May of 2012, one of the mammograms showed something. Everything happened quickly from there.

"I went back for another checkup and they decided they needed to do a biopsy and they knew that day ... that I was going to be diagnosed with breast cancer," the North Pointe Elementary principal says.

It was a bit much to take, but she knew she was strong. Elrod is a native of Pickens, a graduate of Clemson University and the South Carolina State educational specialist degree program. She has had a successful career in education, the last 12 years with Anderson County District 5. She knows how to accomplish things. But perhaps most important, she is the granddaughter of Annie Mae McElhannon, who took

decisive action and lived out a long life after a mastectomy. Staring at cancer, Kelly Elrod was ready to fight.

"It was overwhelming. I didn't know what to think at first but my initial reaction was: whatever we need to do to handle it immediately," she remembers. "I was ready to do whatever was necessary."

The good news was the mammogram found it early.

"I was very fortunate. We did not have to go too invasive to get everything taken care of," she says. "They told me at that point in time that it was early stage and that I had caught it early on to be able to do the least invasive procedures necessary."

She scheduled an appointment with Dr. William Buice and within a month the surgery was complete and test results were encouraging.

"I also went ahead with genetic testing to make sure it was not something that would carry on to my daughter, who is 13, and got a clear response from that. And then probably six weeks after that I started radiation and had 33 treatments. ... I went through that very easily with Dr. (Vic) Tomlinson and had a great experience through working with his office."

Elrod remains busy, as any mother and principal would, but she does take more time for some of the most important things, like her family and making sure other women have an avenue to health care. It's why she got behind the AnMed Health Foundation effort to raise funds for a mobile diagnostic unit. The mobile unit will enable AnMed Health to take diagnostic tools to women who can't or won't seek health care for themselves in a traditional environment.

"There are so many people out there walking the streets that don't know if they're going to be affected with cancer or not," she says. "One day I was fine; the next I was told I have breast cancer. And so to get information out there, to get people services, to get women involved in looking at what they need to do to keep themselves healthy is so important."

The AnMed Health Foundation announces \$1.1 million goal

The AnMed Health Foundation is turning the battle against breast cancer into a street fight.

The foundation has set a \$1.1 million fund-raising goal to put diagnostic equipment on the road. The funds will purchase a mobile diagnostic unit to take mammography and other screenings to people who can't or won't go to a doctor's office for screenings.

"A number of women out there are already fighting breast cancer and don't know it yet because they haven't been screened," said Kathy Hood, director of radiology at AnMed Health. "We know that for a variety of reasons, some women just don't get screened for breast cancer, but our hope is many of them will if screenings are offered in their neighborhood or at their church through our mobile diagnostic unit. What we want to do is make services accessible so they can begin their fight."

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women and the number two cause of death. One in eight women will be diagnosed; in 2012 in Anderson County that came to 274 women diagnosed with breast cancer. In 30 percent of the cases nationally, by the time breast cancer is diagnosed, it has spread beyond the breast.

"That's why early diagnosis is so important," Hood said. "We have come a long way in diagnosing and treating breast cancer and we have good outcomes when it's caught early, but to raise the number of early diagnoses, we need to raise the number of screenings, and to have more screenings, we need to make them readily available."

In addition to its central purpose of providing breast cancer screening and education, the mobile diagnostic unit also will serve as an entry point health care, providing opportunities to connect women to primary care. A properly outfitted mobile unit can serve more than one cause, too, offering screenings for risks such as stroke, aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and bone density problems.

More than a century ago AnMed Health's founder envisioned a hospital that would provide care for everyone. Today we find new ways to make sure no one is overlooked. The next step is the AnMed Health mobile diagnostic unit. Your support will help us help women take that first crucial step in breast health.

Q&A BOARD PROFILE

Meet Scott Webber

Q. What moved you to get involved with The AnMed Health Foundation?

A. I feel like I've been involved with health-related operations forever, beginning with volunteering with MUSC Children's Hospital to my service on the Board of Trustees for the McLeod Foundation in Florence. After discovering I would be transferring back to Anderson, the CEO at McLeod told me a similar organization existed here and made a phone call recommending me. I actually grew up in Anderson and was born here. Both my children were also born at AnMed Health. My mother, my step-father and my wife have all worked here. That's quite a connection.

Q. You have chaired the Kids Classic. What makes that particular project special to you?

A. I chaired a similar event in Florence where we were able to raise quite a bit of money to support children's services and have fun while doing it. I am thankful that my children and grandchildren have had access to the medical care they need but I can't imagine, as a doting grandfather, watching my grandchild fall ill and be unable to afford proper care. Quality health care should not depend on how much money a person has.

Q. What kind of insight does your profession as a banker give you as a member of the foundation board?

A. First of all I'm comfortable talking about money. Quality health care depends on financial resources. As a banker I'm always cautioning my customers to take less risk and to shun non-profitable ventures.



Scott Webber works for Wells Fargo North America, where he is senior vice president and Anderson County market president. He is a member of the AnMed Health Foundation board of directors.

Because AnMed provides care to all, regardless of ability to pay, many of the services offered will never be profitable, unfortunately. That's why each dollar we raise through the foundation is important.

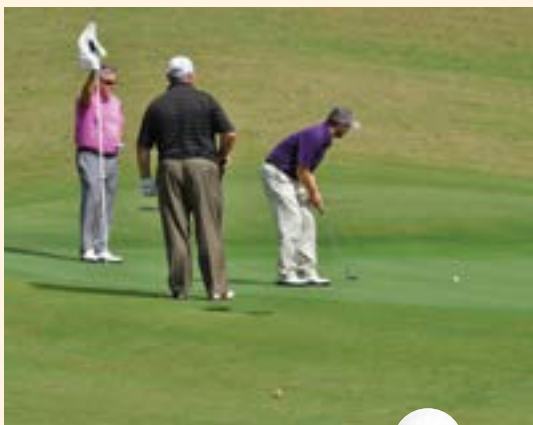
Q. Economically, how important is good health care to a community?

A. A healthy community is naturally strong and vibrant. Potential employers want to have assurance that their employees have access to good health care, which makes them better employees, reduces potential loss and lessens distractions. Retirees also want to live in a place where they can easily access health care that's close by. It all adds up to a great community and a wonderful place to live.

Q. What's better than a good day of golf?

A. Two good days of golf. Actually those who know me know that a day with my grandchildren brings a smile and glad heart even on the darkest days. The future of my grandchildren, and yours, drives most of my community involvement in Anderson.

Kids Classic attracts golfers to Cliffs at Keowee Falls



The fourth annual AnMed Health Foundation Kids Classic golf tournament in October drew support from local businesses and individuals to raise money for AnMed Health Children’s Health Center.

This year’s tournament raised \$41,000 and was played at Cliffs of Keowee Falls. “It was great to see how many people and businesses were represented for this great cause,” said Michael Cunningham, vice president for advancement. “It was a great day for golf and a great day to do something positive for our Children’s Health Center and its patients. We appreciate our corporate sponsors and the individuals who came out to volunteer and play golf. The winners are the young patients of the Children’s Health Center.”

The AnMed Health Children’s Health Center at 500 N. Fant St., provides comprehensive preventive and inpatient care for children from birth through 18 years of age. With five pediatricians and a full support staff, the Children’s Health Center is a vital part of AnMed Health’s commitment to improving the health and well being of children.

As a charitable service, the Children’s Health Center relies on community financial support. The center sees more than 20,000 patient visits annually, many of those from families with little or no health insurance. These families rely on the Children’s Health Center for well-child exams, immunizations, and for treatment of illnesses and chronic conditions such as asthma.

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Arts Infusion puts \$7,600 to a good cause

The 4th annual Arts Infusion Art Show & Sale in August brought in \$7,600 to benefit patients undergoing chemotherapy and other treatments at the AnMed Health Cancer Center Infusion Center who are unable to pay for their medical care.

The juried art show featured work by local artists at the AnMed Health Cancer Center atrium. At the Infusion Center, patients battling cancer and other chronic medical conditions receive critical treatments, including transfusions, chemotherapy infusions, IV medications and other procedures. A majority of Infusion Center patients are unable to pay for these necessary treatments due to financial hardship and insufficient health insurance.

Funds raised through the Arts Infusion event will help relieve some of the financial despair by helping offset the costs for treatments, which can run in the tens of thousands of dollars each month.

"Fighting cancer and other chronic diseases is a stressful time in someone's life," says Cindy Simmons, nurse manager for the AnMed Health Cancer Center Infusion Center.

"Adding the heavy burden of the costs associated with their treatments only multiplies their stress and financial worries. The Arts Infusion is our way to help families in need during an already difficult time."

This year's show and sale featured more than 70 pieces of art, including oil paintings, watercolors, photography, jewelry and other creative pieces.

Winners (l-r) Marion H. Carroll, third place; Paul D. Fredrick, second place; and JoAnne Anderson, best of show.

New class of ambassadors graduates

The AnMed Health Foundation new class of ambassadors will graduate in December. The ambassador program is a structured education series that provides participants insight into the services available at AnMed Health. The ambassadors meet monthly for 10 months with AnMed Health senior management, department directors and program managers to gain knowledge about programs and initiatives. Pictured, left to right, are (seated) Kris Moorhead, Trisha Henderson, Dee Dee Waters, Craig Kinley, and (back row) Eddie Maddox, Sterling Allen, Bradley Richardson and Ron Marchant. Ambassadors not pictured are Carol Burdette, Wes Billingsley, Brandon Cox, Annette Guiseppi-Ellie, Susan Kelly-Gilbert, Chad McBride and Robert Usherwood.



About The AnMed Health Foundation: Established as a 501(c)(3) organization in 1992, the AnMed Health Foundation develops fundraising opportunities in support of healthcare programs and services at AnMed Health. Areas of support include primary care services, cardiovascular services, Pediatric Therapy Works, and patient and employee assistance funds. To learn more about the Foundation, call 864.512.3477 or go to www.anmedhealth.org/ourfoundation.



AnMed Health and Elbert Memorial Hospital make first steps together in new era

Several months into an affiliation agreement between Elbert Memorial Hospital and AnMed Health, a lot of behind-the-scenes preparation is starting to manifest in more quality health care options for Elbert County residents.

When the first patient walked across the threshold of Dr. Allison Venturella's office on a Wednesday in October, it meant modern OB/GYN services again were available locally to Elbert residents.

"Until we had a doctor on the ground in Elberton, changes brought by the affiliation probably were not obvious to people outside the hospital walls," said Garrick Chidester, AnMed Health's executive vice president of network operations and affiliated services. "We have worked hard to build a solid foundation for the affiliation. Now we will focus on enhancing opportunities for people in Elbert County to receive specialty care without traveling to get it."

One of the earliest agreements connected the radiology services of both institutions. AnMed Health radiologists were signed on to interpret imaging studies made in Elberton, giving Elbert

County patients around-the-clock coverage. A radiologist has been added to the Elberton staff, which will broaden the range of diagnostic studies that can be done at Elbert Memorial Hospital.

Another example of expanding possibilities is a new relationship between Elberton's Dr. William Haley and Piedmont Surgical Associates. The relationship facilitated by AnMed Health and Elbert Memorial Hospital gives Dr. Haley's surgical practice a deeper well of medical knowledge and experience inherent in a nine-surgeon team.

"They get together three times a week to discuss difficult cases," Chidester said. "The eight surgeons at Piedmont Surgical and Dr. Haley benefit mutually from those opportunities to glean the wisdom of a larger group. It means more of Dr. Haley's patients can be treated in Elberton, but if needed they also have an avenue to the advanced technological capabilities of AnMed Health operating rooms."

The AnMed Health Lung and Sleep Center is setting up shop in Elberton, too. The lab takes care of overnight diagnostic and treatment for sleep apnea. Patients



AnMed Health Carolina OB-GYN, Elberton, Ga.

are referred to the sleep lab through family general practitioners. Severe cases can be treated the same night of the test.

AnMed Health and Elbert Memorial Hospital also are working to bring more specialties and sub specialties to Elbert County as the two institutions look for ways for further collaboration in fields such as orthopaedics, radiology, cardiology and treatment of ear, nose and throat.

"This is just the beginning, but it's a strong beginning," said Jim Lloyd, chairman of the Elberton-Elbert County Hospital Authority.