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Southeast Georgia Health System Camden Campus Celebrates National Doctors Day with Charitable Donations

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: March 24, 2020 –During the past year, physicians worldwide have faced the pandemic challenge with resilience and bravery, oftentimes prioritizing their patients above their own health and safety. Through their actions, whether it be an encouraging word, kind bedside



gesture or a life-saving procedure, they make a difference each and every day.

On March 30, Southeast Georgia Health System will celebrate National Doctors Day by paying tribute to the physicians that impact our lives. To honor the Camden Campus medical staff, the Health System made a \$2,500 donation to FaithWorks, an organization that actively develops collaborative, ecumenical and secular partnerships that maximize resources to meet human needs.

FaithWorks recently expanded its health care and poverty ministry to Camden County by assuming the operations management of Helping Hands, a long time food pantry of Saint Marys United Methodist Church.

“FaithWorks has shared a positive relationship with the Health System for more than twenty-four years. Their founder and executive director, Wright Culpepper, is the Pastoral Care Program director on the Brunswick Campus,” says Patricia Stephens, manager, Helping Hands Food Pantry. “And we are so thrilled to have them expand to Camden County, joining forces with Helping Hands and aiding us to grow its ministry.”

Pam Unger, director of Camden Ministries for FaithWorks, coordinates with the local ministerial association, businesses, organizations, schools and other charitable groups to help serve the needs of Camden County residents. A St. Marys resident for more than 20 years, she is a successful business woman and was a leader with several booster clubs at Camden County High School.

“One of my projects is to work with the Health System’s Camden Campus to identify needs in the community,” says Unger. “Two areas of need are: (1) car seats for qualifying mothers who deliver their babies at the Health System, and (2) helping homeless patients who have been discharged from the Health System find resources to assist with their needs. I’m very excited to be on the frontlines of these initiatives.”

For more information about Helping Hands or FaithWorks, contact Pam Unger at Pam@FaithWorksMinistry.org

Additionally, Camden County residents have the opportunity to honor their physicians with a gift to the Southeast Georgia Health System Foundation. Physicians being honored will be notified of the contribution in their name. To contribute, call the Foundation at 912-466-3360 or give online at wearethefoundation.org.

Conceived by Eudora Brown Almond, wife of physician Charles B. Almond, M.D., Doctors Day was originally observed on March 30, 1933, to recognize physicians, their work and their contributions to society and the communities they serve. In 1990, President George Bush officially designated March 30 as National Doctors Day.

ABOUT SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM

Southeast Georgia Health System is a not-for-profit health system comprised of two acute care hospitals, two long term care facilities, two comprehensive Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers, including orthopaedic and spine care, joint replacement, breast care, maternity, outpatient rehabilitation, sleep management and wound care. The Brunswick Campus Cancer Care Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and offers the only CyberKnife® M6 with MLC technology in Georgia. Additionally, the Southeast Georgia Physician Associates medical group includes more than 140 providers working in 20 different medical specialties at more than 50 locations. The Health System is part of Coastal Community Health, a regional affiliation between Baptist Health and Southeast Georgia Health System forming a highly integrated hospital network focused on significant initiatives designed to enhance the quality and value of care provided to our contiguous communities. In 2020, the Brunswick Campus was rated High Performing in COPD and Heart Failure by the U.S. News & World Report. For more information, visit sghs.org.

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