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HCA Healthcare Foundation awards \$25,000 to YMCA of Coastal Georgia

Savannah, GA (March 26, 2025) – Memorial Health announced today that the HCA Healthcare Foundation has awarded a \$25,000 grant to support the YMCA of Coastal Georgia’s Wellness Wednesday program. The funding is through the HCA Healthcare Foundation’s Healthier Tomorrow Fund, a community impact fund focused on addressing high-priority community needs.

"At HCA Healthcare, we believe partnerships are essential to advancing our mission to care for and improve human life," said Joanne Pulles, president of the HCA Healthcare Foundation. The Healthier Tomorrow Fund supports partnerships with health and workforce-related nonprofits along with charities that have evidenced-based programs that address community needs and aligned health focus areas.

Brad Talbert, Memorial Health chief executive officer said, “The Wellness Wednesday program at the YMCA of Coastal Georgia impacts the mission of both organizations’ to improve the lives of our community. This partnership allows us to provide health education on important topics such as heart disease, stroke, fall prevention, cancer prevention and more to YMCA members to help build a healthier community.”

“We at the YMCA of Coastal Georgia are excited and thankful about the partnership that we share with HCA Healthcare, especially as we were awarded \$25,000 through the HCA Healthcare Foundation,” said Joel Smoker, YMCA of Coastal Georgia chief executive officer. “This funding will help us strengthen and sustain our wellness programming at all locations, continuing to deliver meaningful health education to the communities we serve.”

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The Healthier Tomorrow Fund at the HCA Healthcare Foundation is one example of the many ways HCA Healthcare is making a positive impact in the communities it serves. In 2024, HCA Healthcare provided charity care, uninsured discounts and other uncompensated care at an estimated cost of \$4.4 billion. Additionally, HCA Healthcare contributed more than \$50 million to community organizations in 2024.

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About HCA Healthcare Foundation

The mission of the HCA Healthcare Foundation is to promote health and well-being and strive to make a positive impact in all the communities HCA Healthcare serves. We accomplish this mission by providing leadership, service and financial support to effective non-profit organizations working individually and collectively.

About Memorial Health

Memorial Health has provided quality healthcare services since 1955, giving patients access to highly trained physicians and advanced technology. Our 711-bed hospital is one of the region's leading acute care facilities, serving 35 counties in southeast Georgia and southern South Carolina. Located in Savannah, Georgia, we are a regional referral center for heart care, cancer care, trauma care, children's care, high-risk pregnancies and high-risk newborn care. Our hospital includes the region's only Level 1 trauma center, the Memorial Health Dwaine & Cynthia Willett Children's Hospital of Savannah, a primary and specialty care physician network and Consult-A-Nurse®, our 24-hour call center. We also have a major medical education program that trains physicians in numerous specialties and our campus is home to the Savannah Campus of Mercer University School of Medicine. And, in 2025, Memorial Health is celebrating its 70th anniversary.

About YMCA of Coastal Georgia

The YMCA of Coastal Georgia has been serving the Coastal Georgia community for over 160 years, and continues to work every day to advance our cause to strengthen community through three areas of focus; youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. They operate 11 units, in Bulloch, Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, Liberty, McIntosh and Glynn Counties; included is the YMCA before and after school program (YBASE), operating in 55 elementary and middle schools throughout the markets served. The YMCA serves men and women, girls and boys of all ages and from all walks of life regardless of the ability to pay. All of this and more is accomplished while putting forth the Y mission to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.