

Top photo: Scott Raynes, MBA, MA, president & CEO, Southeast Georgia Health System; Paula Di Landro, MS, LMHC, CCM, executive director; Hospice of the Golden Isles; Amy Broderick, development manager, Hospice of the Golden Isles; Denny A. Carter, MD, chief, Medical Staff, Brunswick Campus. **Bottom photo:** Camden Miracle Field representatives Dillon Lacoste, board president; Nicole Ludwig, board member; Sarah Johnsen, board vice president; Buddy Dan Fredericks and player Lisse Nettles with Janise H. Whitesell, MD, chief, Medical Staff, Camden Campus (2nd to left). **Contact:** Laura Young, director, Marketing & Public Relations; laura.young@sghs.org, 912-466-2148

Southeast Georgia Health System Celebrates National Doctors' Day with Charitable Donations

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: April 1, 2024— In recognition of National Doctors' Day, Southeast Georgia Health System cranked up the volume to celebrate the more than 300 physicians at its multiple facilities in southeast Georgia.

From spreading hope to saving lives, doctors rock our world every single day. In appreciation, the Health System Medical Staff team organized a week of "Our Doctors Rock!" festivities, including specialty coffee carts by Wake Up Coffee, car washes by Russell's Exclusive Detailing Service, chair massages by Salt Air Massage, and sweet baked goods from Volunteer Services. The Health System also added a breakfast and luncheon to the celebration.

To further recognize and show appreciation for their ongoing commitment to patients and the community, charitable donations were made to local organizations on behalf of the physicians.

To honor the Brunswick Campus medical staff, the Health System made a \$2,500 donation to Hospice of the Golden Isles. With a team of skilled medical professionals, counselors, and volunteers, Hospice of the Golden Isles ensures comfort, dignity, and support for patients facing life-limiting illnesses. Their holistic approach encompasses physical, emotional and spiritual care, aiming to enhance quality of life and provide peace during a challenging time.

The Camden Campus medical staff were similarly honored through a \$2,500 donation to the Camden Miracle Field. This community initiative provides inclusive recreational opportunities for individuals with special needs. With its rubberized surface, wheelchair-accessible dugouts, and other adaptive features, the Camden Miracle Field ensures that everyone can enjoy the thrill of playing baseball regardless of physical or cognitive challenges.

Initiated in Winder, Georgia in 1993 by Eudora Brown Almond, wife of physician Charles B. Almond, MD, Doctors' Day honors physicians, their work, and their contributions to society and the communities they serve. Eudora encouraged the community to mail greeting cards and place red carnations, the symbolic flower for Doctors' Day, on the graves of deceased doctors. She chose March 30 because it was the date of the first administration of ether anesthesia for surgery in 1842 by Crawford W. Long, MD. President George Bush officially designated March 30 as National Doctors' Day in 1990.

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 is one of the few centers in Georgia to offer

CyberKnife® M6 with MLC. Additionally, the Brunswick Campus is accredited by The Joint Commission as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center and the Camden Campus is accredited as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital. The Southeast Georgia Physician Associates medical group includes more than 160 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, a highly integrated hospital network focused on significant initiatives designed to enhance the quality and value of care provided to our contiguous communities. For more information, visit sghs.org.

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