

With Attached Photo: (Top photo) Suzanne Palmer, Brunswick Campus Volunteer of the Year. (Bottom photo) Dennis Conlon, Camden Campus Volunteer of the Year.

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## **Southeast Georgia Health System Names Palmer and Conlon Volunteers of the Year**

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: May 3, 2021 – Southeast Georgia Health System Volunteer Services recently announced Suzanne Palmer as the Brunswick Campus Volunteer of the Year and Dennis Conlon as the Camden Campus Volunteer of the Year. The awards were presented during National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 2021.



Palmer, a retired Glynn County teacher of 31 years, began volunteering in the Brunswick Campus Gift Shop in 2001. She was one of the first volunteers to return when volunteer activities resumed after being suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020.

“Suzanne not only assists customers in our Gift Shop, she takes very good care of them,” says Peggy Tuten, president, Brunswick Campus Volunteer Services. “Customers are made to feel extra welcome by her warm and friendly manner while benefitting from her 20 plus years of experience. She is very committed, rarely absent, and is always willing to lend an extra hand to her fellow volunteers when needed.”

Palmer and her husband, Bob, have two sons and four grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, gardening, traveling and cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs.



A long-time resident of Camden County, and a dentist for more than 42 years, Conlon is very familiar with the Health System. After retiring from his dental practice, Conlon wanted to stay busy while also giving back to the community, so he decided to become a Health System volunteer.

“We were happy to welcome him to our volunteer program,” says Deana Belcher, president, Camden Campus Volunteer Services. “He started at the Guest Services desk in 2018, and in this short time, Dennis has proven to be a reliable and supportive volunteer to our team members and fellow volunteers. He stepped up to cover an additional shift when another volunteer was out for an extended period of time, and he often covers additional shifts when needed.”

Conlon also volunteers with the Humane Society of Camden County and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife, Pam, have one daughter and two grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing and reading.

Volunteer Services was suspended in March 2020 due to the pandemic. In June 2020, the Health System's volunteers began to slowly return to service in various departments. Despite the coronavirus pandemic, between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021, volunteers provided 7,413 hours of service to the Health System, valued at more than \$211,000.

More than 250 volunteers generously share their time and talents to assist patients, visitors, and team members at the Southeast Georgia Health System Brunswick and Camden campuses, as well as the Senior Care Centers in Brunswick and St. Marys. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact Kristin Doll, CAVS, director, Volunteer Services, at 912-466-1071, or visit [sghs.org](http://sghs.org).

**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. For more information, visit [sghs.org](http://sghs.org).**

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