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Memorial Health Marks Two Years as Part of HCA Healthcare

Savannah, Georgia (February 13, 2020) — Memorial Health recently completed its second year as a part of HCA Healthcare. The Savannah facility integrated into the national healthcare company on February 1, 2018.

“Our mission is: Above all else, we are committed to the care and improvement of human life. We live this mission every day,” said Shayne George, CEO of Memorial Health. “I am very proud of the hard work our team has done to implement new processes and systems, we’ve added new equipment, programs and services, all while remaining focused on providing excellent care for our patients and their families.”

Highlights since the integration in 2018 include:

- Increased investment in the Memorial Health Dwaine & Cynthia Willett Children’s Hospital of Savannah to $66 million. The facility is scheduled to open in late 2020. This will be the only freestanding children’s hospital in southeast Georgia.
- Invested $28 million to build-out the 3rd and 4th floors of the Heart & Vascular Institute to provide care for our patients in a 26-bed medical ICU and a 30-bed cardiac unit.
- Paid $22 million in taxes to benefit our schools, public safety departments and communities.
- Completely renovated the 26-bed adult behavioral health inpatient unit and expanded service to include an intensive outpatient program.
- Recruited new physicians in several specialties including interventional pulmonology, cardiothoracic surgery, pediatric hematology/oncology, and pediatric nephrology.
- Added new technology including two robotic surgical systems in our minimally invasive surgery center, an additional linear accelerator for cancer treatment and imaging upgrades: CT and MRI.
- Launched new services including a procedure for AFib patients to reduce the risk of stroke (left atrial appendage closure), mechanical thrombectomy for stroke patients, and minimally invasive TIF procedure (transoral incisionless fundoplication) for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).
- Contributed more than $550,000 to charitable organizations in our communities.

In addition to the investments made to the Savannah facility, Memorial Health is investing more than $12.45 million to purchase land in Pooler and Richmond Hill to build freestanding ERs. Our goal is to ensure that all of our extended communities have easy access to the highest quality healthcare when an emergency strikes. “We know that when you or a loved one are ill or injured, speed matters,” states George. “We understand that getting the care needed quickly helps to alleviate the pain and worry of both our patients and their families.” Memorial Health is deeply committed to serving residents of Savannah and surrounding communities with the highest quality of care.

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Memorial Health provides the region’s only Level I trauma center for the most acute illness and injuries, as well as dedicated children’s, cancer and heart hospitals to serve a 35-county area in southeast Georgia and southern South Carolina. The system includes its flagship hospital – Memorial Health University Medical Center - a 622-bed academic medical center; Memorial Health University Physicians' primary and specialty care networks; a major medical education program; business and industry services; and NurseOne, a 24-hour call center. Memorial Health is a part of the HCA Healthcare family, the largest provider of care in the United States and the UK.

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