

Building Family Ties to Philanthropy and McLeod Health



Philanthropy and the love of McLeod Health are a family affair for Evans and Mary Jane Holland.

“McLeod has caring doctors and they listen to your needs,” Mary Jane says. “It has always been our hospital.”

In fact, Mary Jane’s father, Frank McLeod Pearce, was named after the founder of McLeod Regional Medical Center, Dr. Frank H. McLeod. Mary Jane’s grandfather, Dr. James H. Pearce, was also a physician and he worked

closely with Dr. McLeod. At the time when they practiced medicine, Dr. Pearce was considered the “country doctor” caring for patients in the Claussen and Mars Bluff communities while Dr. McLeod was known as the “city doctor” serving patients in Florence.

The couple’s history of support began years before when Evans was asked to be a member of the McLeod Hospice Advisory Board - during which he helped raise \$4 million from the region to build the McLeod Hospice House. Today, Evans also serves on the McLeod Health Foundation Board of Trustees. He says charitable gifts are critical to the medical center’s future. “It provides the hospital with funding so they can put money back into their services, programs and technology,” he says.

“The money the hospital receives from services goes right back into those services, so they need additional support for growth,” Mary Jane adds.

The Hollands have provided for the future of McLeod with a charitable gift annuity (CGA). This gift returns lifetime payments to the couple, and the remainder, after their lifetimes, is available for McLeod’s use. “We’ve seen what McLeod has achieved in the past, and we want to be a part of what they do in the future,” Evans explained.

The Hollands have three grown children and six grandchildren ages 3 to 11, whom they say all support their charitable giving. Son Dr. Evans Holland, Jr. is a cardiologist who spends much of his time at McLeod. Through a family foundation for charitable giving, the Hollands are giving each grandchild the opportunity to donate \$500 to a charitable organization of their choice. “This is our way of getting them started on a life of philanthropy,” Mary Jane added.

Gifts such as those from the Hollands help ensure that the region McLeod serves continues to benefit from the latest technologies and the best trained staff available.