

Dr. Charles Jordan:

Caring for Children Then, Now and in the Future



When you have spent half your life building something, you want to ensure that it remains strong after you are gone.

That is how Dr. Charles Jordan feels about McLeod Children's Hospital.

A Life of Service

Dr. Jordan moved to Florence in 1977. When he arrived, the region did not have a children's hospital – no specialists, no rehabilitation, no neonatal

intensive care. Critically ill children from the Pee Dee had to travel hours to receive specialized treatment.

Dr. Jordan saw the need and went to work.

He began by convincing the McLeod Board of Trustees to establish a children's hospital. He then worked to recruit pediatric specialists to practice at McLeod. "The McLeod Health Board knew that Children's Hospitals are rarely profitable," Dr. Jordan explained. "But they invested for the future health of our region and family integrity."

The first McLeod Children's Hospital consisted of a small number of beds that made up just half a hospital floor. Happy with the progress, but not yet satisfied, Dr. Jordan worked with the McLeod Foundation and their generous donors to grow the Children's Hospital into what it is today.

A Personal Connection

Recently, Dr. Jordan's family saw firsthand the importance of this work, when his grandson received immediate, lifesaving care.

Caring for Children Then, Now and in the Future "If McLeod Children's Hospital did not exist, my grandson would have been forced to travel two hours to receive care. He may not have survived," Dr. Jordan reflected.

Leaving a Legacy

"I can't imagine our region without a Children's Hospital," Dr. Jordan said. "We serve more than 56,000 children each year and are one of only four Children's Hospitals in the state. Without donor support, many of the services we provide would not be possible."

For this reason, he has included the McLeod Children's Hospital in his will. With this gift, Dr. Jordan is confident that his beloved Children's Hospital will continue to serve the children of the region through his legacy.