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Blessings to you in the coming year.

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You have honored us with your generous support which has been instrumental in the provision of excellent healthcare for our region. **We most sincerely thank you.**

Giving is an act of trust and is often very personal. Each of you, our compassionate donors, has a different story of why you give, what you give to and what you hope to accomplish through your support.

Throughout this annual report, you will read stories of generous donors from across the region. As you read the varied stories, we hope you will see some of yourself in their motivations, their ways of giving or their goals to help others.

Because of each of you, the McLeod Health Foundation has assisted McLeod Health in meeting the needs of all who seek excellent local healthcare when and where they need it most.

ON THE COVER

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INVESTING IN THE CULTURE OF MCLEOD HEALTH

Why the Kings Generously Support Local Healthcare

Angela and Tony King moved from North Carolina more than 15 years ago to run a family business -- Jake's Heating and Cooling, now located in Little River. They have since become valued members of the North Myrtle Beach community.

Angela recently retired from a healthcare company after 34 years. In her role, she often worked with McLeod Health, and she came to deeply respect the culture.

"No matter how large the organization grew," Angela recalled, "McLeod Health maintained a hometown feel."

Despite busy schedules, the couple has taken time to learn more about McLeod. Both have participated in McLeod Fellows, and Angela also serves as the Vice Chair of the McLeod Loris Seacoast Foundation Board.

"We have been a part of McLeod Health Foundation events where we met staff, physicians, and administration," Tony explained. "It is obvious that everyone is proud to be a part of McLeod Health. The culture is in the people."

In recent years, the need for a comprehensive cancer center in the Grand Strand region has become clear. Angela and Tony have worked hard to help make this dream a reality. They have also sponsored and even helped plan the McLeod Foundation's Jockeys and Juleps event and the annual golf tournament, both of which support the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research at Seacoast.

"Going on the tour of the McLeod Cancer Center at McLeod Regional Medical Center was so impactful," Angela reflected. "We have an elderly neighbor with cancer, and we had no idea what he was going through being sick and driving all over the region for treatment. That is when it clicked for me that we needed a comprehensive cancer center in our community."

Tony continued, "The new McLeod Cancer Center at Seacoast will have a tremendous impact on so many patients who will now be able to receive all their care in one location. We want to invest in making that happen."

Interestingly enough, the previous location of the King's business is now the site of the new McLeod Cancer Center at Seacoast.



Angela and Tony King understand the impact the new McLeod Cancer Center will have on the coast.

Personal Experience Leads to Generous Support

The Dentons Believe in Providing HOPE



The Dentons' personal support of the HOPE Fund stems from Leslie's own battle with cancer.

Dr. Pat Denton moved to Florence in 2001 as the first physician leader charged with growing Sports Medicine into a more comprehensive program throughout the regions served by McLeod Health. **He had no idea his own family would soon need the excellent care provided by McLeod Health.**

Four years after joining McLeod, Dr. Denton's wife, Leslie, went in for a routine visit with her primary care physician. Prior to her appointment, she had felt a lump in her breast. She decided to ask the doctor about it.

After examining her, the physician immediately sent 33-year-old Leslie for a mammogram and suggested she speak with a surgeon. When Leslie walked into the mammography room, her husband was already there.

She knew then this may be very serious.

Leslie soon received her results which confirmed an aggressive form of breast cancer. The couple was shocked by the news.

Throughout her treatment, Leslie and her family were relieved to have access to excellent oncology care and treatment close to home.

"Pat had so much faith and trust in the doctors here at McLeod," Leslie recalls.

Looking back, Leslie vividly remembers waiting for her radiation treatment and noticing a basket of snacks set out for patients to enjoy. She distinctly recalls feeling a pang of guilt, realizing so many patients did not have her same support system of family, friends, and community.

"It was in that moment," Leslie explained, "that I understood how many patients faced realities far

different from my own."

Years later, Leslie was invited to join the McLeod Health Foundation's HOPE (Helping Oncology Patients Everyday) Fund Advisory Committee by Committee Chair Robin Aiken.

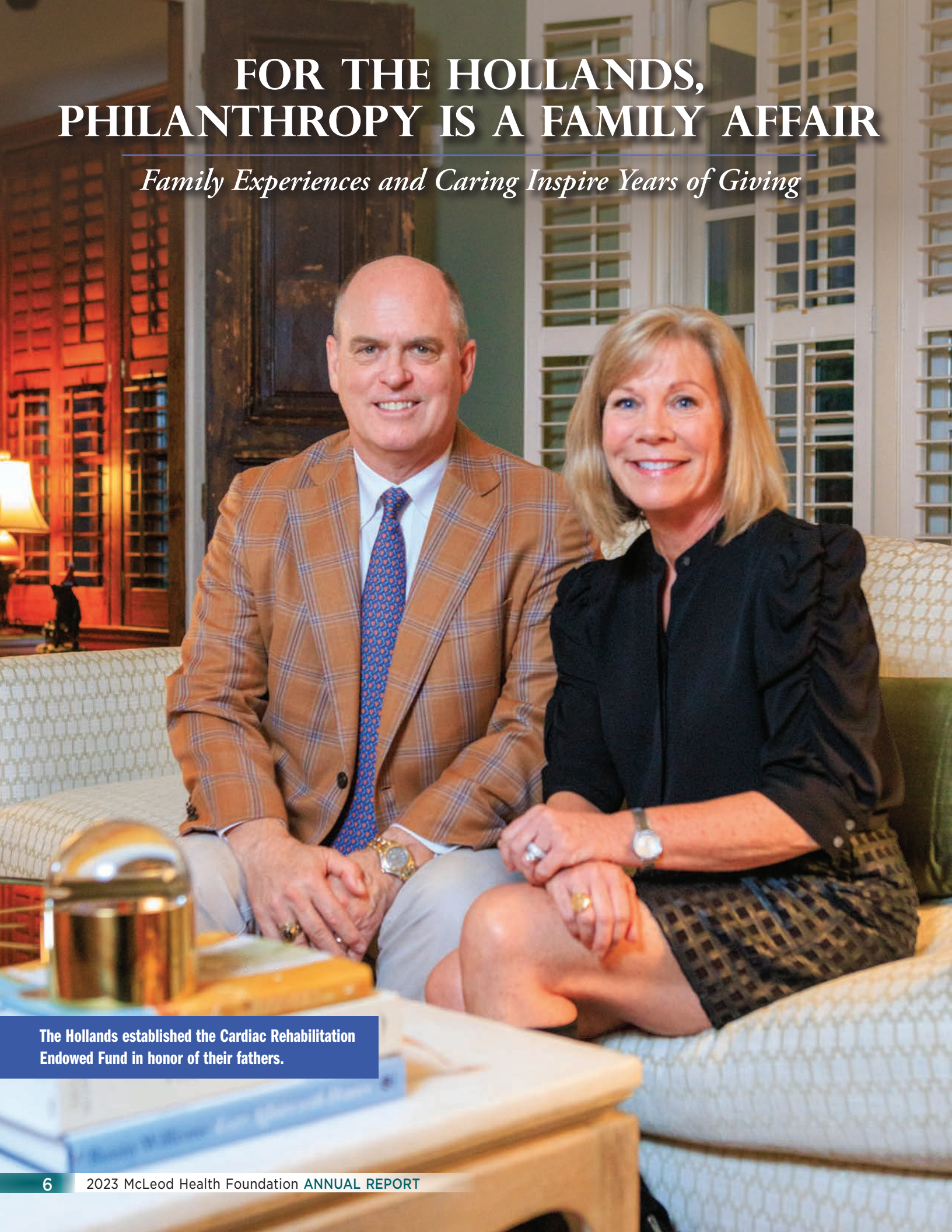
As Leslie attended meetings and learned more about the HOPE Fund, she realized a profound truth.

"The HOPE Fund exists to be a support system for those with few resources," she learned. "Not all cancer diagnoses are fatal, but they could be without the non-medical support one needs to make it through."

Dr. Denton and Leslie now generously support the HOPE Fund. They hope that their contributions, along with the giving of all HOPE donors, reminds patients that they always have supporters cheering them on through their battles with cancer.

FOR THE HOLLANDS, PHILANTHROPY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

Family Experiences and Caring Inspire Years of Giving



The Hollands established the Cardiac Rehabilitation Endowed Fund in honor of their fathers.

For Dr. Evans Holland and his wife, Helen, McLeod Health is so much more than just a place of work. Over the past 27 years, McLeod has truly become a part of their family, and in turn, a part of their legacy of giving.

The Hollands are closely connected to McLeod Health. As a Florence native, Dr. Holland knew he would eventually want to return to establish his practice, and he and Helen hoped to raise their family near their loved ones. After Dr. Holland received his education and training at Wofford College, MUSC, The Medical College of Virginia and the University of Florida, the Hollands moved to Florence for him to begin his work as an Interventional Cardiologist at McLeod in July of 1997.

The Hollands gave their first gift to the McLeod Health Foundation in 2000, shortly after the birth of their second child, Olivia. **At just 11-weeks-old, Olivia contracted an infection that required her to be hospitalized.**

“We were so impressed with the level of care Olivia received,” Helen shared. “We had to give back to show our appreciation.”

A few years later, their first born, Billy, required an emergency appendectomy at the age of nine. This routine procedure ended up being more complex and his surgeon, the late Dr. Joseph “Jay” Pearson, recommended an extended stay for Billy to recover in the McLeod Children’s Hospital. Once again, the Hollands were inspired to give back to the McLeod Foundation in gratitude for the outstanding care provided to their family.

“When we moved here, we recognized that Florence was truly a medical hub,” Helen explained. “To have a growing, improving community means having a hospital dedicated to expanding and enhancing care to meet that growth.”

As Helen’s understanding of the McLeod Foundation deepened, she was prompted to become personally involved. Helen participated in the McLeod Fellows program in 2014, and then became the Chair of the Community Partners Program Committee, connecting leaders in the Florence community with the work of the McLeod Foundation.

In 2019, the Hollands decided to establish a Cardiac Rehabilitation Endowed Fund. Dr. Holland witnesses daily the paramount need for constant follow-up and reinforcement through regular participation in cardiac rehabilitation stating, **“Both are equally as important to a patient’s recovery as the procedures that I perform.”** Their gift will help provide lifesaving cardiac rehabilitation for those patients who would not otherwise be able to afford to stay in the program due to financial barriers to care.

Their gift was made in honor of Evans Parnell Holland, Sr., who worked tirelessly for the benefit of McLeod Health and in memory of Helen’s father, William Reeves Dunn, who died suddenly at 54-years-old of an aortic aneurysm. If technology had been different, he may have survived and been an advocate for the cardiac rehabilitation program.

The Hollands are truly honored to be able to recognize such incredible mentors in their lives and to ensure that their legacy lives on in the lives of those treated through McLeod Cardiac Rehabilitation.

Helen added, **“We are loyal to McLeod for many reasons, but especially due to the fact that Evans has dedicated his entire adult life to the hospital. It’s so important for our children to see us supporting our local hospital and community. We hope to inspire them to also invest in their own communities, wherever they choose to call home.”**

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-HELEN HOLLAND

Years of Support Comes Full Circle

Giving to the McLeod Children's Hospital Comes Back to Personally Benefit a Generous Family

McLeod Health and the Pee Dee community share a common history of service. This relationship has long inspired Luke and Katie Wilcox, faithful supporters of the McLeod Health Foundation, to give back.

"We believe it is essential to give back to McLeod," said Luke, "because McLeod gives so much to us here in the Pee Dee."

The couple has always valued the care McLeod Health provides, and they enjoy participating and giving through the McLeod Foundation. Luke and Katie have participated in McLeod Fellows, and Luke is a member of McLeod Men and serves on the McLeod Children's Hospital Golf Classic Committee.

Recently, a room in the new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) was named to honor their dedicated support of the McLeod Children's Hospital.

"I've always had a soft spot for kids," Luke explained. "How could you not want to help children in this community?"

On New Year's Eve 2022, Luke and Katie's generosity to McLeod Children's Hospital came full circle.

That day, they welcomed a healthy baby boy, George, into the world at McLeod Regional Medical Center.



Giving to support the McLeod Children's Hospital came full circle for Luke and Katie Wilcox with the care their son George received in the NICU.

"The staff was just excellent," Katie reflected.

"Everyone from the doctors to the nurses to my lactation consultant was a calming presence that made me feel at ease."

However, their "textbook" pregnancy and delivery soon turned frightening. At 3:00 a.m. on January 1, a nurse woke Katie. She informed her that George had been transferred from the newborn nursery to the NICU because he was spitting up and turning blue.

After four days, George recovered without serious intervention. Though this was initially a harrowing experience, George was home with his grateful family on January 6.

George's experience proves how interconnected McLeod is with Foundation donors and the communities it serves. In 2021, Luke had participated in the McLeod Children's Hospital Golf Classic, which helped fund the lifesaving equipment that his son would eventually require. The same services the Wilcoxes' generosity had made possible for other families at McLeod were now available for them.

"Never did we think we would need a NICU stay," Katie remembers. "But if we could not have George at home with us, McLeod was the best place for him."

Generous Couple Gives to Benefit Their Community

The McGraths Make McLeod More Than Just Their Medical Home

Community is like family, and you have to take care of each other.

This is the guiding principle for the generous support Melissa and Kevin McGrath provide to the McLeod Health Foundation.

Melissa is from North Myrtle Beach and she and Kevin both graduated from Coastal Carolina University. The Grand Strand has been a wonderful place to raise their four children and establish a family business, Value Systems POS and Beyond.

Many McLeod Foundation donors, inspired by their own experiences at McLeod, start giving back to help others access the same compassionate care they received. Melissa and Kevin have taken a slightly different path. The couple changed their healthcare provider to McLeod Health after Melissa got involved with the McLeod Foundation.

"Melissa had to educate me about McLeod Health because I was not aware of all the services and the impact the system has across the region," shared Kevin.

Melissa participated in McLeod Fellows and serves on the HOPE (Helping Oncology Patients Everyday) Fund Advisory Committee. The generous couple have also been honored to give back by sponsoring Jockeys and Juleps and as members of the McLeod Foundation's Founders' Society.

And love for their community inspired their most recent commitment – a generous donation to the Hope and Healing Campaign to help build the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research at Seacoast.

"We have several family members who have been diagnosed with cancer, and we know how valuable it will be to our community to have all of the services provided in one location," explained Melissa. "When you are going through a difficult time like cancer you don't need to have to travel, too."

Kevin added, "Our company was created specifically to offer a one-stop service experience for everything related to your point-of-sale system. This is the same concept as the new Cancer Center. It just makes sense, and we want to be a part of making it a reality."

Kevin and Melissa are dedicated to promoting and educating their beloved community about the Foundation and McLeod Health.

They incorporate a segment in their weekly business newsletter to share news about the care provided locally and are quick to tell others of the conveniently located services available at the McLeod Health Carolina Forest campus.

Kevin and Melissa McGrath are dedicated to promoting the McLeod Foundation to others.



Caregivers' Compassionate Experience Leads to Supporting Others

How The Scott Family Makes an Impact Through the Butterfly Fund

Caregiving is one of life's highest callings. This is especially true when caring for a loved one through their end-of-life journey.

Denise and Steven Scott have long demonstrated their love through caregiving. When Steven's mother battled cancer, Denise and Steven, while living out of state, maintained contact with siblings and relatives in regards to her hospice care.

Near the end, McLeod Hospice came to the home to help her transition peacefully. Years later, the family gathered at the McLeod Hospice House to surround Steven's aunt with care in her final days.

Denise recalled arriving at the Hospice House with her young son to visit Steven's aunt. The volunteer receptionist offered to help with her baby.

"It is very rare you meet people who care that much and show that level of compassion," Denise explained.

The Scotts generously support various programs through the McLeod Health Foundation, including McLeod Hospice. Upon learning about the Butterfly Fund, they reflected on their personal experiences and knew they wanted to help.

"I cannot imagine having to go through such trying circumstances with no support or help," Denise shared.

"We know how challenging it is caring for a loved one. When we heard about the Butterfly Fund, we knew we had to help provide this resource for patients and their families."

The Butterfly Fund was established to assist McLeod Hospice and Palliative Care patients experiencing a wide range of immediate needs. These include nutritional supplements, necessary equipment, oxygen, and other individualized needs.

"God has blessed us with the ability to help," Steven explained. "We want to be a family that steps up so that others don't have to worry about financial obstacles during their care."

Denise also serves on the Butterfly Fund Committee to help ensure donations are used when and where they are needed most.

"The McLeod Foundation's Butterfly Fund strives to remove any barriers a patient may face so that they can have peace and comfort during their care," Denise said. "That is something well worth supporting."

Denise and Steven Scott are giving to support the Butterfly Fund to help hospice patients in need.



Shared Values Guide Generous Support

Couple's Cancer Journey Motivates Giving to Help Others

Tim Carlisle, CEO of Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union, had his world rocked in 2023. Doctors diagnosed Pam, his beloved wife of 34 years, with breast cancer.

"It is a scary journey and you do not know where to turn because time is not on your side," Tim reflected. "You focus on getting to the right people, which is a complicated process."

Tim and Pam's journey would show them the importance of having a comprehensive cancer center close to home. When Pam went in for a routine screening mammogram, she was told she needed to follow up with a diagnostic mammogram which led to the need for a biopsy. However, the local healthcare system was so overwhelmed that it was difficult to get an appointment for a biopsy in a timely manner.

In frustration, Tim and Pam decided to travel to Wilmington, North Carolina, an hour and a half away from their home in Myrtle Beach for Pam's cancer treatment.

Pam was blessed that Tim could drive her to Wilmington every time she had a treatment. It was very apparent to them that not everyone has that luxury.

"When a person is struggling through their cancer journey, transportation should not be something to have to worry about," Tim said. "This is why local care is so important."

Tim's experience with Pam's cancer journey also revealed how important it is to have access to comprehensive cancer care available near home.

With this knowledge, Tim has guided Carolina Trust to provide generous support for the McLeod Health Foundation.

This includes sponsoring Jockeys and Juleps, and a very significant commitment to the Hope and Healing Campaign for the new McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research at Seacoast.

"McLeod and Carolina Trust have common values," Tim explained. "We are both non-profits and we put people ahead of profits. We are both about relationships, which is why we partnered together."

After experiencing firsthand the challenges cancer patients in the region face, Tim Carlisle guided his company, Carolina Trust, to support the new comprehensive cancer center at McLeod Health Seacoast.



Local Business Partners with McLeod Foundation

For Carolina Door & Hardware, Generosity is Their “Why”



Lance and Danielle Evans have created a culture of generosity at Carolina Door & Hardware.

For Lance Evans, President of Carolina Door & Hardware, generosity is at the heart of his company.

A privately owned, commercial and automatic door service, Carolina Door & Hardware has served the Florence community for more than 20 years. Its partnership with McLeod Health began in 2010 when Dale Locklair, then Senior Vice President of Planning and Facilities Management, invited them to become a part of the hospital's outside vendor program, which allows local vendors to partner with McLeod departments on different maintenance and engineering projects.

“We have been here since the beginning of the program,” Lance shared.

As his company partnered with McLeod on more and more projects over the years, Lance began to realize they were doing much more than simply installing doors.

“Everything changed for us when we began connecting what we do with why we do it,” he shared. “We aren’t just fixing a door at the hospital. We are fixing a door to help a cancer patient easily get into their treatment, making their day and life a little bit easier.”

Lance’s vision for Carolina Door & Hardware began to include creating a culture of generosity. As such, the company has chosen to support the hospital through the McLeod Health Foundation’s Corporate Vendor Sponsorship program.

Lance appreciates the easy process of working with his team to designate gifts for the areas of the hospital he and his employees are most passionate about.

“The Lord has blessed our company,” Lance explained. “Doors are what we ‘do,’ but we are far bigger than that.”

In recent years, Lance and his wife, Danielle, have begun focusing more on their own philanthropic goals and being a good steward of God’s blessings. After many personal experiences at McLeod, they are grateful for the excellent care provided at all campuses across the system and eager to give back.

“Our heart is in practicing generosity and making a difference in the community we love,” Lance shared.

Make Your Mark with the Corporate Vendor Sponsorship Program

The McLeod Health Foundation strives to inspire the generosity of a caring community with opportunities to improve patients’ lives by supporting continued excellent healthcare. Since, 1986, the Foundation has raised more than \$113.2 million to benefit McLeod Health. Major projects have included the McLeod Hospice House and Expansion, the McLeod Cancer Center, McLeod Children’s Hospital Expansion, McLeod Health Seacoast Emergency Department, the Guest House at McLeod and many other much needed resources to improve healthcare in the region.

The Corporate Vendor Sponsorship Program allows the Foundation to partner with business leaders who recognize the importance of a shared investment in advancing the health and wellbeing of the entire community. The Foundation works to continually attract key businesses and community leaders, volunteers, board and committee members, as well as donors to consider joining the program.

If you are interested in learning more about the Corporate Vendor Sponsorship Program or would like help customizing a plan tailored to your organization’s needs, please contact Davis Sawyer with the McLeod Foundation at 843-777-2138.

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Cancer – Can Any Good Come From It?

These Survivors Respond With a Resounding “Yes!”

Joan Billheimer and Kaye Floyd-Parris’s lifelong friendship and commitment to amazing philanthropic work began 23 years ago when Joan was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Kaye, herself a survivor of Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, visited Joan after her surgery. Joan was thirsty, and Kaye would hold an ice pop up for Joan to drink. In that moment, they created a forever bond.

“I was diagnosed with breast cancer through a regular mammogram,” Joan reflected. “I am so blessed to have had access to that screening. I think of all those who cannot get here, and it drives me to give back to help them have access to this level of care.”

In 2007, Kaye, Joan, and fellow survivor Carol Healy were asked to Co-Chair the McLeod Health Foundation committee raising funds for the first McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit.

This new unit would bring mammography services to women living in the region’s most rural and underserved communities.

The dedicated trio and their team went to businesses and individuals explaining how lives can be saved through early detection.

Sixteen years later, their successful campaign has ensured thousands of women all over the region have access to this lifesaving test.



Joan Billheimer and Kaye Floyd-Parris are cancer survivors who host an annual event that benefits patients treated at the McLeod Cancer Center.

Kaye and Joan also established the Colors of Cancer Benefit in 2006. What began with a few friends gathering for an Italian dinner has evolved into a major community event raising significant funds for organizations supporting cancer patients, including the McLeod Foundation’s HOPE (Helping Oncology Patients Everyday) Fund.

This past year, Kaye learned she would once again be forced to fight cancer.

This time, it was lung cancer. The Colors of Cancer event was planned for a few weeks following the news, but Kaye was unable to attend.

She asked those who wished to help her to instead give to support the Colors of Cancer event.

Kaye’s daughter, Lindsay, faceted her from the event. Kaye’s voice was shaky as she shared how amazing it was to see the outpouring of love and support given in her honor.

Today, Kaye has completed her treatment and is doing well. She is already back working with Joan to plan the next great event.

“I have always felt like this community has been so good to me,” Kaye passionately shared. “It’s extremely important for all of us to give back from the heart.”

YOUR GENEROSITY 2023

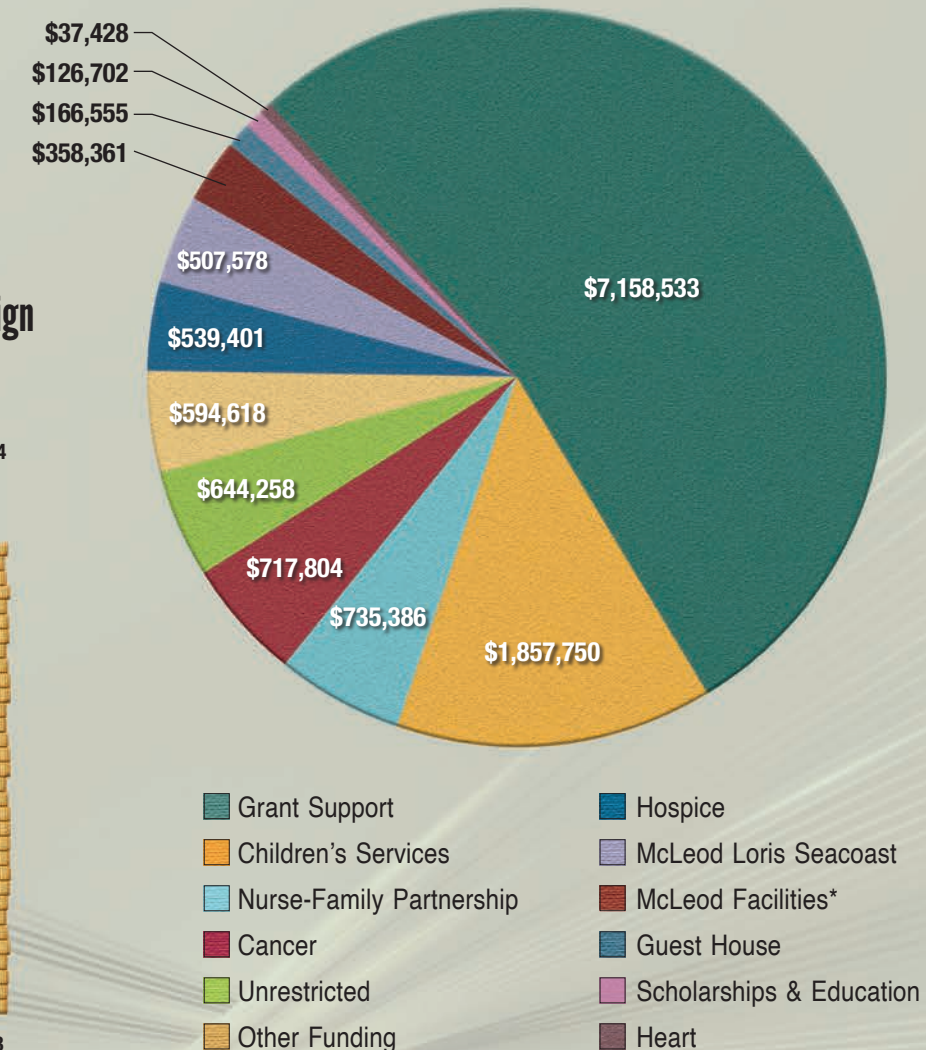
A Year in Review

Total Amount Raised by the McLeod Health Foundation
\$13,444,374

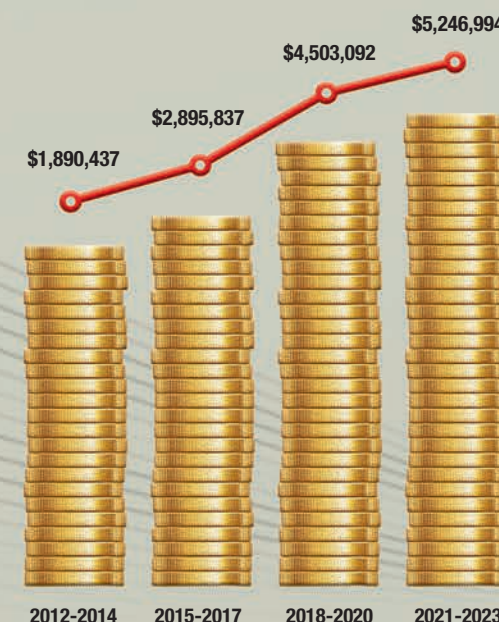
Years of Growing Philanthropy for McLeod Health
37

Total Number of McLeod Foundation Donors
7,035

Your Contributions to Healthcare Services



McLeod Foundation Employee Campaign Giving Results Since 2012



Since the Employee Campaign began in 1987, McLeod Employees have contributed \$17,688,643 in support of McLeod Health programs and services.

*McLeod Facilities: McLeod Health Cheraw, McLeod Health Clarendon, McLeod Health Dillon, McLeod Regional Medical Center

These figures are based on the McLeod Health Foundation fiscal year of October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023.



Krista Meekins and Kim Ruiz Beck with Ruiz Foods present a check to Lauren Snipes and Elizabeth Jones with the McLeod Foundation for \$15,000. The donation, generated from their PINK OUT fundraising efforts in October, go toward breast health services at McLeod. Ruiz Foods has held the PINK OUT in support of McLeod for the past eight years.



The Circle of Excellence, a giving society of the McLeod Health Foundation, is comprised of individuals and couples 45 and under who give \$500 annually to the McLeod Foundation. Members pictured at the group's annual "Sunday Funday" social in 2023 include from left to right: Abby Hines holding Emalyn Hines, Dr. Tripp Hines, Dr. Amaninder Dhaliwal and Ragini Dhaliwal.



Senator Mike Reichenbach and his wife Charisse are pictured with Leslie and Dr. Pat Denton at the 2023 An Evening of Hope cancer benefit.



McLeod leadership, Children's Hospital and Foundation staff celebrate with the Community Broadcasters team the \$144,698 raised from the 2023 McLeod Children's Hospital Radiothon.



The family of Helen Thomas Owen lit the trees in honor and memory of all those touched by McLeod Hospice during the 38th Annual McLeod Hospice Tree Lighting Ceremony.



Mickey Thompson, owner of Sportsman's Choice Marine, his wife Kayla Thompson, Chair of the McLeod Loris Seacoast Foundation Board, and Traci Stanley with Sportman's Choice Marine, present a check for \$15,000 to Colan Jones and Christina Jackson with the McLeod Foundation to benefit McLeod Cancer Services on the coast. The proceeds were raised from the 19th Annual Rumble in the Jungle King Mackerel Fishing Tournament.



The HopeHealth team, represented by Bowman Hiller, Cody Green, Carl Humphries and Clay Oliver, was named the overall winner of the 2023 McLeod Children's Hospital Golf Classic. The tournament was held at the Florence Country Club and raised more than \$110,000 for McLeod Children's Hospital.



Members of the 16th graduating class of McLeod Fellows pose for a group picture after the ceremony. The class included: Michael C. Abbott, Jr., Jefferson B. Aiken, IV, Terence D. Anderson, Kimberly V. Barr, Gunter D. Bullock, Chris A. Cawthon, Shannon B. Chandler, Julie Cord, Sandra M. Eckert, Lance C. Evans, Megan W. Ferguson, Elisabeth Jones, Beth Ann Owen, John T. Rabun, Jr., C. Gregory Robinson, Robert L. Thomas, III, and Caroline J. Toniolo.



Chris and Mary Wallace Moore are pictured at the 2023 Chef & Child Dinner and Auction. Mary Wallace served as Chair of the 2023 Chef & Child Committee.



The third annual Jockeys & Juleps fundraiser was held in May 2023 at The Venue at White Oaks Farm. The Citizens Bank sponsored the First Turn VIP Reception. Representing the bank at the event are from left to right: Gretchen Floyd, Jim Smith, Nicole Rabon, Kim Rue, Josh Wise and Sara Wise.

McLeod News

McLeod Foundation Announces New Board Member



Mendel Bell

The McLeod Health Foundation announced the addition of Mendel J. Bell to its Board of Trustees in 2023.

Bell is the co-owner of Touch MedSpa in North Myrtle Beach. A 2018 graduate of the McLeod Loris Seacoast Fellows Class, Bell has served on the McLeod Loris Seacoast Foundation Board for the past six years. He chairs the Loris Seacoast Foundation's Governance

Committee and serves on the McLeod Foundation Planning Committee.

A former pilot with Southwest Airlines for 20 years, Bell has built two successful businesses on the Grand Strand. He has been active with the North Myrtle Beach Chamber serving as Chairman of the Board twice -- most recently in 2018-2019. He also serves on the North Strand Housing Shelter's Board of Directors.

Bell and his wife, Jessica, and their three children call North Myrtle Beach home and consider McLeod Health their hospital.

Foundation Names Volunteers of the Year at McLeod Loris Seacoast

Each year, the McLeod Health Foundation honors special individuals whose consistent leadership has contributed significantly to the work of the organization. Volunteers are instrumental in helping the Foundation raise funds needed to support the programs and services of McLeod Health.

The McLeod Foundation recognized four very deserving individuals during the 2023 McLeod Loris Seacoast Founders' Society Dinner held at Seaside Vista:

- Daryl LeDuc - Philanthropist of the Year
- Dr. Raymond Holt - Physician Champion of the Year
- Jeff and Amy Martini - Spirit of Giving Award



Christina Jackson and Elizabeth Jones with the McLeod Foundation are pictured with Dr. Raymond Holt and Daryl LeDuc following the Volunteers of the Year announcement during the Founders' Society Dinner.

"Philanthropy promotes quality of life and includes volunteer service in addition to gifts. It is a human experience that is fully appreciated not only by those in need of help or assistance but by the giver that impacts the lives of others," said Christina Jackson, Director of the McLeod Loris Seacoast Foundation. "The secret key to the true spirit of giving is that there is no expectation of anything in return. This is exactly who Daryl LeDuc is, not only a true ambassador for the McLeod Health Foundation, but a humble, kind individual and friend. After experiencing her own personal journey with her husband, Richard, Daryl decided to give back to McLeod Health. For her generous spirit of giving, we honor Daryl as the Philanthropist of the Year.

"She has personally endowed the Richard LeDuc Cardiac Scholarship Program and held the 'A Round for Rich' Golf Tournament. Daryl is continuously giving of her time and efforts as a Foundation board member, donor, and supporter of McLeod Health."

In honoring Dr. Raymond Holt as the Physician Champion of the Year, Jackson said, "McLeod Health is a physician-led organization that strives to make a difference in our local communities. Physician-led means the use of a physician's leadership knowledge, skills, and expertise necessary to identify, engage and elicit from each team member the unique set of contributions needed to help patients achieve their care goals.

As an ambassador for McLeod Health, Dr. Holt is a respected physician, who is enthusiastic about the impact the McLeod Health Foundation is making on the coastal region. As a board member on the Loris Seacoast Foundation Board, his advocacy for the work of the Foundation, clinical knowledge, and expertise greatly benefits the patients we serve. As a recipient of more than 11 Healthcare Hero Awards, he is an example of how patients find him trustworthy and an active voice for our patients. This year, we recognize Dr. Holt whose advocacy is evident by his devotion and care for the welfare of others. His commitment to excellent care is why he is this year's Physician Champion."

The McLeod Foundation also honored Jeff and Amy Martini with the Spirit of Giving award. "This honor is defined as giving to others by using all parts of ourselves including our head, our heart and hands to make a positive difference in our world," added Jackson. "As local business owners, the Martini's are loved by the community for their spirit of giving.

"They have graciously opened their hearts and doors to provide a benefit called 'Dine Out for Breast Cancer' for the past three years promoting awareness for breast cancer and cancer services at McLeod Health. Through their kindness and generosity, they also chose to be open and genuine in sharing their personal journey with cancer. We are thankful for their huge hearts and compassion for others because they make the world a better place."



Jeff and Amy Martini were honored with the Spirit of Giving award. For the past three years, they have offered "Dine Out for Breast Cancer" at their restaurants Midtown Bistro and Bar 19 Twelve.

An Evening of Hope and Inspiration

24th Annual Cancer Benefit Raises \$160,000 for the McLeod HOPE Fund

Providing thousands of cancer patients in the region with assistance related to transportation, medications, nutrition and personal financial challenges, the McLeod HOPE (Helping Oncology Patients Everyday) Fund benefits oncology patient support services and provides oncology staff with improved access for immediate needs for their patients.

This is made possible annually through gifts directed to the HOPE Fund.

Most recently, the 24th Annual *An Evening of Hope* raised \$160,000 to further assist patients through the HOPE Fund.

Held in September 2023 at the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center, the event included inspirational video testimonials featuring Cancer Survivors Leigh Anna Driggers, Sarah Duby, Sharmeika McDuffie, Stuart Snow and Rebekka Taylor.

Attendees were also entertained by Fran Coleman and the Emerald Empire Band with celebrity guest performances by Robby Roberson, Charity Gerald, Leigh Anna Driggers and Emily Ellerbe.

During the finale of *An Evening of Hope*, the celebrity guest performers, Leigh Anna Driggers, Emily Ellerbe, Charity Gerald and Robby Roberson, joined the band on stage for the song, "Don't Stop Believing."



The following list represents members of the McLeod Foundation's Founders' Society. The McLeod Health Foundation is pleased to honor YOU, our donors who generously support the Foundation. Your gifts help make it possible for us to support McLeod Health in providing healthcare for the people of our region.

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Jill Wilkes, Jarrod Tippins and Octavia Williams-Blake are pictured at the donor reception held prior to the 2023 McLeod Hospice Tree Lighting ceremony.

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