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Beaufort Memorial
HOSPITAL *Foundation*

BI-ANNUAL REPORT
TO SUPPORTERS OF THE
BMH *Foundation*

SPRING 2012

Community Gifts Make a Vital Difference

Beaufort Memorial Hospital Foundation funds a \$132,000 wireless upgrade to Beaufort Memorial's fleet of vital monitoring equipment.

Thirty-three new vital sign monitors will be integrated into multiple patient care areas thanks to gifts from generous friends like you! What makes these particular vital sign monitors so unique is their wireless capability, which will sync with Beaufort Memorial's primary clinical information system, Meditech 6.0.

The new monitors will improve workflow by significantly increasing accuracy and minimizing the potential for error. Bar code scanners automatically post results to a patient's medical record while recording who provides their treatment.

"Switching to wireless vital sign monitoring brings yet another area of BMH to the forefront of healthcare technology. Our nurses can save time, improve accuracy and documentation, and, best of all, better tend to the needs of their patients," remarks Kathy Connelly, Third Floor Department Director.

The staff is enthusiastically working to have the new vital signs monitors fully operational by the end of July, after which hundreds of patients will benefit from the new equipment. Thank you for supporting Beaufort Memorial's efforts to provide the best care and latest technology!



Above: Martina Coker, CNA checks on patient Viola Thomas' vitals using the upgraded vital signs monitors.

Below: New wireless monitors with bar code scanners were purchased by the BMH Foundation to enhance patient care.





Mark your calendars!

November 2012
Fall Update for
Professional Advisors

February 9, 2013
24th Valentine Ball
benefitting LifeFit
Wellness Services

March 30, 2013
10th Duke Symphony
Orchestra Concert



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Funding Human Resources to Better Care for Our Patients

*Furthering the education of our
future and current healthcare workers!*

Each year the BMH Foundation awards scholarships to local students whose collegiate studies are in the realm of healthcare. The endowed scholarship fund, established to help meet the needs of aspiring healthcare professionals in Beaufort County, began with proceeds from the 2006 Valentine Ball. Since then twelve qualified students have received \$72,000 in scholarships.



Consistent with the hospital's designation as a Pathways to Excellence hospital in 2011, Beaufort Memorial is encouraging our nurses to pursue higher degrees to better meet the complex needs of patient care in the 21st century.

The goal is for 80% of BMH's 400 Registered Nurses to attain at least the Bachelor's Degree level by 2020. Currently 45% of BMH nurses are BSN-level, while 50% are Associate Degree level.

To support this goal, the BMH Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$15,000 in the coming year to help offset current BMH nurses' costs to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

Beaufort Memorial realizes the importance of having a qualified work force to serve our patients. Our nurses are up for the challenge... with a little help from friends at the BMH Foundation and its generous supporters!

2011 Scholarship Recipients



Amanda Palmer of Beaufort, a nursing student at the University of South Carolina, was awarded a \$5,000 Baccalaureate Scholarship to use towards her nursing degree.



Claire Cuda, a Bluffton resident who is studying to become a physical therapist assistant, was the recipient of a \$3,000 Associates Degree Scholarship.



Bluffton resident Kristin Beste, who is working on her doctoral degree in physical therapy at the University of Delaware, also received a \$5,000 Baccalaureate Scholarship.

Grant from the BMH Foundation Brings Hospital Laboratory *up-to-speed*

Hospital and Foundation Trustees recognized the need for a new Tissue Processor to provide more timely results.

Because of gifts given to the Foundation, Beaufort Memorial was able to purchase a second tissue processor, which allows different specimen types to be run simultaneously.

Small and large specimens require different processing. The larger lumpectomy and mastectomy specimens greatly benefit from the new processor's ability to fix tissues overnight, thus expediting next day review by the pathologist.

"With two tissue processors, we are able to control processing times appropriate for both small and large specimens. For the patient, this means that they will receive their results more quickly, with no delay in their treatment plan," notes Linda Lamendola, Histology Team Leader.

As our diagnostic services increase, so too do the demands on the lab. Thank you to the community for gifting this much-needed equipment.



Although it does its work "behind the scenes," the new processor may benefit you, a family member, friend, or neighbor in the future!



The Pathology Lab is very grateful for the new equipment purchased in 2011 with BMH Foundation funds.

Thank you!

So many people have benefited from your generous support of the BMH Foundation.



Your gifts are helping people access the care they need and equipping our caregivers with the latest technology and resources for excellent patient care. We are always pleased to answer your questions, help you learn more about the hospital and Foundation, and show you firsthand how your dollars are making a difference in local healthcare.

You have made an impact, and we are grateful.

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DID YOU KNOW?

In 2011 the BMH Foundation gave Beaufort Memorial almost \$1 million to help support the hospital. Did you know it would take \$42 million in gross revenue from additional patient care activity for the hospital to generate that same \$1 million to invest in improved technologies and services? The significance of every dollar you have contributed is worth far more than you might have imagined!

Beaufort Memorial Hospital is fortunate to have a growing, thoughtful and generous family of supporters. All of us at the Hospital and the BMH Foundation value your contributions and sincerely thank you.

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Ensuring the Future of Beaufort Memorial Hospital



This year's Endowment payout was presented at the Celebration of Giving on April 26 at the home of Ruth Anne and Rick Lawson.

\$370,148 in unrestricted funds is granted by the BMH Foundation.

At the annual Celebration of Giving, the BMH Foundation presented its annual payout to the hospital from the Foundation's Endowment Fund. Based on 4.5% of the total Endowment Fund, this year's payout totaled \$370,148.

Since its inception in 1991 with a \$10,000 bequest, the Endowment Fund has grown through gifts and bequests from individuals and through careful investing. The fund is designed to provide a perpetual and growing stream of revenue to help Beaufort Memorial offset the ever-increasing costs of running a hospital.

While this year's payout from the BMH Foundation's Endowment Fund is something to be celebrated, there are compelling reasons to keep growing the fund to achieve a lasting and meaningful impact on our healthcare system, now and for generations to come.