



# Investing in a Healthier Tomorrow

2023 - 2024 Annual Impact Report

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CommonSpirit's mission, vision and values inform every aspect of our work each day, and remind us that we serve our patients, their families, our communities – and also each other.

## Our mission

As a part of CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

## Our vision

A healthier future for all, inspired by faith, driven by innovation and powered by our humanity.

## Our values

### Compassion

Care with listening, empathy and love.  
Accompany and comfort those in need of healing.

### Inclusion

Celebrate each person's gifts and voice.  
Respect the dignity of all.

### Integrity

Inspire trust through honesty. Demonstrate courage in the face of inequity.

### Excellence

Serve with fullest passion, creativity and stewardship. Exceed expectations of others and ourselves.

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Commit to the power of working together.  
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# A message from our leadership

Dear Friends,

The annual impact report serves as a chance to pause and reflect. It is our opportunity to express gratitude for your unwavering support, and celebrate the collective achievements we've made over the past year.

At CHI Memorial, our leadership, medical professionals and staff recognize the pivotal role philanthropy plays in upholding our hospital's standards of excellence today and in pioneering innovative approaches to patient care for tomorrow. Your inspiring and generous contributions have propelled groundbreaking programs, facilitated the development of state-of-the-art facilities and equipped our clinicians with the necessary tools and technologies to provide the highest quality care to our community.

**With the support of over 2,400 donors, we've raised \$9,641,431 in total revenue to further our mission and enhance access to quality healthcare for all.** It's your compassion and generosity that enable CHI Memorial to deliver exceptional care. Medicine continues to progress, and our work remains unfinished. Together, we will continue making a meaningful impact and actively transform the lives of every patient we serve. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your confidence, collaboration and steadfast support. We are profoundly grateful for you.

With gratitude,



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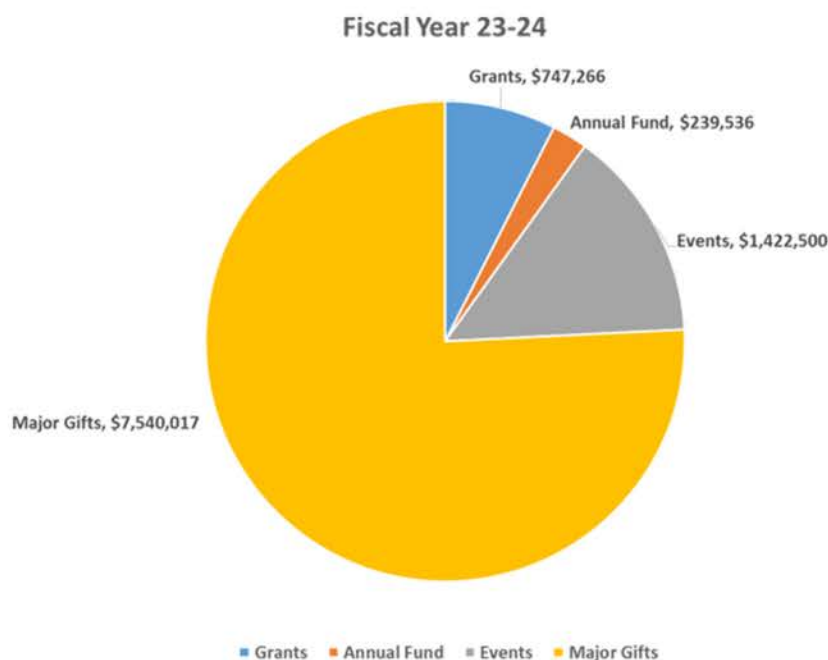
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# How funds are raised

At CHI Memorial Foundation a diverse group of donors supports our ministry in a variety of ways—annual donations, grants, planned and estate gifts, and attending events — we, and the patients we serve, are forever grateful.

Donations, both large and small, enable the foundation to provide cutting-edge technology, build and support health education and community outreach programs, and support those who cannot afford the costs of health care.



## What does it mean to be a nonprofit?

CHI Memorial Foundation is a mission driven organization that exists to improve the health of everyone in our community. Philanthropy is an important way to connect those with resources to those in need, offering an opportunity to express gratitude for the expertise, care, and kindness experienced throughout our ministry. Together, we continue to advocate for those who are poor and vulnerable, and innovate how and where healing can happen — both inside our hospitals and out in our communities.

## 100% of your donations benefit the cause.

Thanks to an operating grant from CHI Memorial, 100% of your gift to CHI Memorial Foundation is directed to your chosen designation. Your generosity and expressions of gratitude — individually and collectively — enable us to envision and achieve the remarkable. Thank you for working with us, connecting your purpose and passion with our mission to build more resilient communities.

# Your support at work

When we work together, we can accomplish great things beyond ourselves.  
In Fiscal Year 2023-24, your donations made a difference in our community.



**\$9,641,431**  
Dollars Raised



**\$6.08/\$1.00**  
Return on  
Investment



**\$1.2 million**  
Pink! Gala  
Proceeds



**2,460**  
Donors



**7**  
Staff  
Members



**\$1,606,905**  
Raised per FTE



**\$23 million**  
in assets



**100%**  
of funds raised  
stay local



**\$104,000**  
Scholarships  
Awarded



**\$387,500**  
Projects Funded  
by Employees



## Investing in North Georgia

CHI Memorial, local elected officials and business leaders broke ground Friday, March 22 on the long-awaited new hospital.

The new CHI Memorial Hospital Georgia will incorporate smart hospital technology solutions that help the hospital and staff meet the needs of the community, both today and well into the future, and bring a modernized patient experience to the present.

The new hospital in Ringgold will have 64 inpatient beds including an intensive care unit (ICU), as well as a full-service emergency department with 24 beds, five operating rooms, two endoscopy suites, comprehensive imaging services, non-invasive cardiac imaging, and laboratory. The new building will connect to the current CHI Memorial Parkway building creating a single campus geared toward establishing a central location for inpatient and outpatient services.

Community support is a critical factor in building the new hospital, just as it was 70 years ago when the then-Hutcheson Medical Center first opened. CHI Memorial Foundation gratefully receives individual contributions and grants from a variety of sources, including from family foundations, corporate foundations, regional and national funders, as well as governmental grants. Our Foundation was pleased to receive a \$1.5 million federal grant for the new CHI Memorial Georgia hospital, endorsed by Georgia Senators Warnock and Ossoff. The anticipated opening for the new CHI Memorial Hospital Georgia is December 2025.



# Facts About Mobile Lung Screening

Lung cancer screening is a test to look for signs of lung cancer in otherwise healthy people.

The low-dose CT scan shows a 3-D image of your lungs that is clearer and more detailed than regular x-rays, allowing doctors to diagnose lung cancer at its earliest stage, before there are any symptoms. This is when lung cancer is most curable.

The whole process takes less than ten minutes and there is no need to do anything special to prepare for the screening.

The low-dose CT lung cancer scan has been shown to improve survival by 20 percent according to The National Lung Screening Trial (NLST) by the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

Factors that put you at high risk of developing lung cancer include: Age 50 or greater; smoking history; family history of cancer; exposure to cancer causing agents (asbestos, diesel fumes, Radon, coal smoke, soot, etc.)

Grant funds are available for eligible uninsured and under-insured people to have the low-dose lung CT screening.



## Another Breathe Easy Mobile Lung CT Coach is now on the road!

This is the second mobile lung screening coach for CHI Memorial's outreach efforts to take critical lung cancer screening into the community, made possible by donors to the CHI Memorial Foundation.

The first Breathe Easy mobile coach was introduced in 2018. Since then, the coach has completed more than **10,000** scans as it has traveled thousands of miles throughout Middle and Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia.

With the addition of the second mobile coach, the impact will multiply as the program will be able to reach even more underserved communities and provide potentially life-saving screenings to those who need them most.

Funding for the second Breathe Easy Coach was provided by donations from a national and a local foundation. Ongoing support from these and other grantors assures no one is turned away from our mobile lung or mammography cancer screening coaches. CHI Memorial has a fleet of four mobile screening buses - all funded by philanthropy.

# The Martin Cardiac Amyloid Center of Excellence in honor of Dr. Henry Cheng

Cardiac Amyloidosis is a deadly condition in which abnormal protein deposits in cardiac tissue results in congestive heart failure. Even though Cardiac Amyloid is not a newly discovered disease, we are beginning to hear much more about it because treatment is only recently available to stop disease progression. Early diagnosis and treatment is critical.

Data indicates approximately 20-30% of patients over the age of 65 with diastolic heart failure have undiagnosed Amyloidosis with a much higher percentage in African-American patients. In fact, patients often go undiagnosed until they are in end stage heart failure.

Ultimately, we envision a dedicated space where patients and families will have diagnostic testing, clinical evaluation, counseling, and treatment all in one location.

Funds will be used to renovate dedicated program space, and purchase new and update existing Echo machines with Amyloid diagnostic capabilities.

Philanthropic support will also help with program start up to include community education and outreach efforts, and hire necessary program staff including Advanced Nurse Practitioners, a nursing coordinator, on-site social workers, and a geneticist.

In addition to the Amyloid screening and treatment program, this center will also house a cardio-oncology program in partnership with Tennessee Oncology to initiate a cardiotoxicity screening program for patients undergoing targeted chemotherapies.

In just the first year, the Amyloid program has diagnosed 80 patients and identified three families with the genetic mutation carrying the disease across numerous family members.

We anticipate screening at least 1,500 individuals, not including broader community events, over the next five years and more than 300 patients diagnosed with Amyloid.



The Martin Cardiac Amyloid Center of Excellence led by Dr. Henry Cheng will be the first comprehensive amyloid program in the United States.

Over the last 12 months the CHI Memorial Foundation was able to fulfill a \$2.5 million dollar matching gift from a grateful patient to bring this program to reality.

# Arts Therapies and Well-Being Program Benefits From Grant Award

CHI Memorial's Arts Therapies and Well-Being Department is proud to be a recipient of the Just One More grant award for Arts Therapies for their work in the Chattanooga community.

CHI's Music Therapist/Community Relations Coordinator Alexandria Rodriguez (MT-BC) has partnered with the Chattanooga Public Library and Avondale Community Center over the past 1.5 years to offer students and community members ages 7-18 the opportunity to engage in creative arts.

Students participate in activities on a weekly basis with goals of expression, emotional regulation, group dynamics, identity development, stress reduction, and learning about community and culture through the arts.

Activities range from songwriting, group drumming, and boomwhackers to collage-making, group murals, mosaics, clay stop motion, storytelling, and much more as ways to engage their minds, heal, express, and learn in a therapeutic environment.

Whether making art alone, with family, in the community, or with a creative arts therapist, creative coping can help us work our way to better health.



*Alexandria Rodriguez (MT-BC) leads a community music class*



# A Journey of Hope: The Schmissrauter Center for Cancer Support

The diagnosis of cancer can be a life-altering event, filled with uncertainty and fear. But at CHI Memorial, the Joe and Virginia Schmissrauter Center for Cancer Support offers a beacon of hope, providing comprehensive and compassionate care to patients and their families throughout their journey.

"Our goal is to support the patient and their family in every way possible," says Kim Shank, BSN, RN, OCN, the center's oncology clinical services director. "We believe in a holistic approach, addressing the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of each individual."

The Schmissrauter Center is a testament to the power of collaboration, bringing together a dedicated team of professionals under one roof. Eight nurse navigators guide patients through the complexities of diagnosis and treatment, offering clarity and support. Three oncology social workers address financial and legal concerns, provide counseling, and help manage stress. Three oncology dietitians ensure patients receive the optimal nutrition they need to maintain strength and well-being during treatment. An oncology chaplain offers a listening ear and spiritual guidance, providing comfort and solace. The center also offers physical therapy and genetic counseling services.

This comprehensive approach to care is made possible by the generosity of our donors. Thanks to grants from the American Cancer Society and an anonymous foundation, as well as countless individual contributions, all services at the Schmissrauter Center for Cancer Support are free of charge. No insurance companies are billed, ensuring that every patient receives the support they need, regardless of their financial situation.

Your contributions are making a real difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families. You are helping to alleviate the burden of stress and uncertainty, allowing them to focus on healing and hope.



# Giving Societies

## Johnson Society

The Johnson Society recognizes benefactors who have made cumulative contributions to CHI Memorial of \$100,000 or more. It is named after H. Clay Evans Johnson, the Founding President of the Hamilton County Hospital Association, the Association that raised money to open CHI Memorial in 1952.

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The Legacy Society recognizes an estate gift established during a donor's lifetime. These generous, forward-thinking people have made arrangements for CHI Memorial to be included in their estates by remembering us either in their wills or through some other type of estate planning instrument. If you have included CHI Memorial in your estate plans, please notify our office so we may include you in the Legacy Society.

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Named in honor of Sister Thomas de Sales Bailey, long-time administrator of CHI Memorial, this Society was created to encourage and give recognition to committed benefactors who desire to invest in healthcare excellence. The de Sales Society recognizes donors who have made contributions of \$10,000 or more over a three-year period or less.

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# The de Lellis Society

The de Lellis Society is a group of young professionals who are committed to improving the health care of the greater Chattanooga community by giving \$2,500 or more annually.

The de Lellis Society honors the legacy of Saint Camillus de Lellis, the patron saint of hospitals and the sick. Saint de Lellis did not immediately feel called to ministry, becoming ordained at the age of 34. He felt moved to provide better care for patients suffering in hospitals, particularly the poor, and assembled a group of lay followers to help tend to those in need, calling his group the “Servants of the Sick.” The de Lellis Society seeks to honor this faith-based commitment to improve care for the sick, and like de Lellis himself, identifies with early and mid-career individuals.



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# Pink! 2024

CHI Memorial Foundation's 19th annual Pink! gala, chaired by Tyler and Brittany Carman, and Beaumont and Jabo Covert, raised a record-breaking **\$1.2 million dollars!** All proceeds stay in our local community benefiting the MaryEllen Locher Breast Center at CHI Memorial.

This year's theme, "Under the Tuscan Sun," invited guests for a sunset visit to Italy along with unforgettable stunning views of the Italian countryside. The evening was complete with a Tuscan family meal where it's more than food - it's about the people around the table. **Special thanks to our presenting sponsor Henderson Hutcherson and McCullough (HHM) - for their dedication to the MaryEllen Locher Breast Center.**

Pink! proceeds ensure the MaryEllen Locher Breast Center at CHI Memorial has the latest technology available and provides the highest quality care available to women in need, as well as, helping provide college scholarships to children who have had a parent experience breast cancer.



**Pink! 2024 raised a record-breaking \$1.2 Million to stay in our community directly impacting local families!**

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# Color Chattanooga Pink!



**January 20 - 27, 2024**

For the past 19 years the Pink! gala has been held to raise funds to support the nationally recognized MaryEllen Locher Breast Center. Most importantly, Pink! has raised funds to ensure top-notch breast cancer detection and treatment capabilities right here at home.

Many people came forward to ask how they could help support this vital cause, so Color Chattanooga Pink! was held the week leading up to the Pink! gala, January 20-27, 2024. It's an opportunity for the Chattanooga community to be creative and show support for the MaryEllen Locher Breast Center.

On Friday, January 19, 2024, City of Chattanooga Deputy Director of the Office of Community Health, presented a proclamation from Mayor Tim Kelly declaring January 20-27, 2024, as Color Chattanooga Pink! week.

We are grateful for our Color Chattanooga Pink! sponsor, Wendy's and our Color Chattanooga Pink! co-chairs Amy Cloud and Katie Sanchez. Wendy's hosted our mobile coaches at 10 of their locations, supporting our mission to provide access to care. Thanks to all our friends who supported our efforts to turn Chattanooga Pink and spread the word about breast health and early detection of breast cancer.



**Last year more than 30,000 patients were served by the MaryEllen Locher Breast Center regardless of ability to pay.**

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# 32nd Annual Golf Invitational

CHI Memorial's 32nd Annual Golf Tournament was held on September 11, 2023 raising \$104,000, bringing total money raised to more than \$2.5 million over the years. The money raised this year has been matched by Mr. Robert Martin to help develop the Martin Center for Cardiac Amyloid in honor of Dr. Henry Cheng, and that has turned those dollars into \$208,000!

We are grateful to our honorary chairman, Zan Guerry, and to the many sponsors and players. It is a tremendous blessing to know we have partners that continue to support us year over year.

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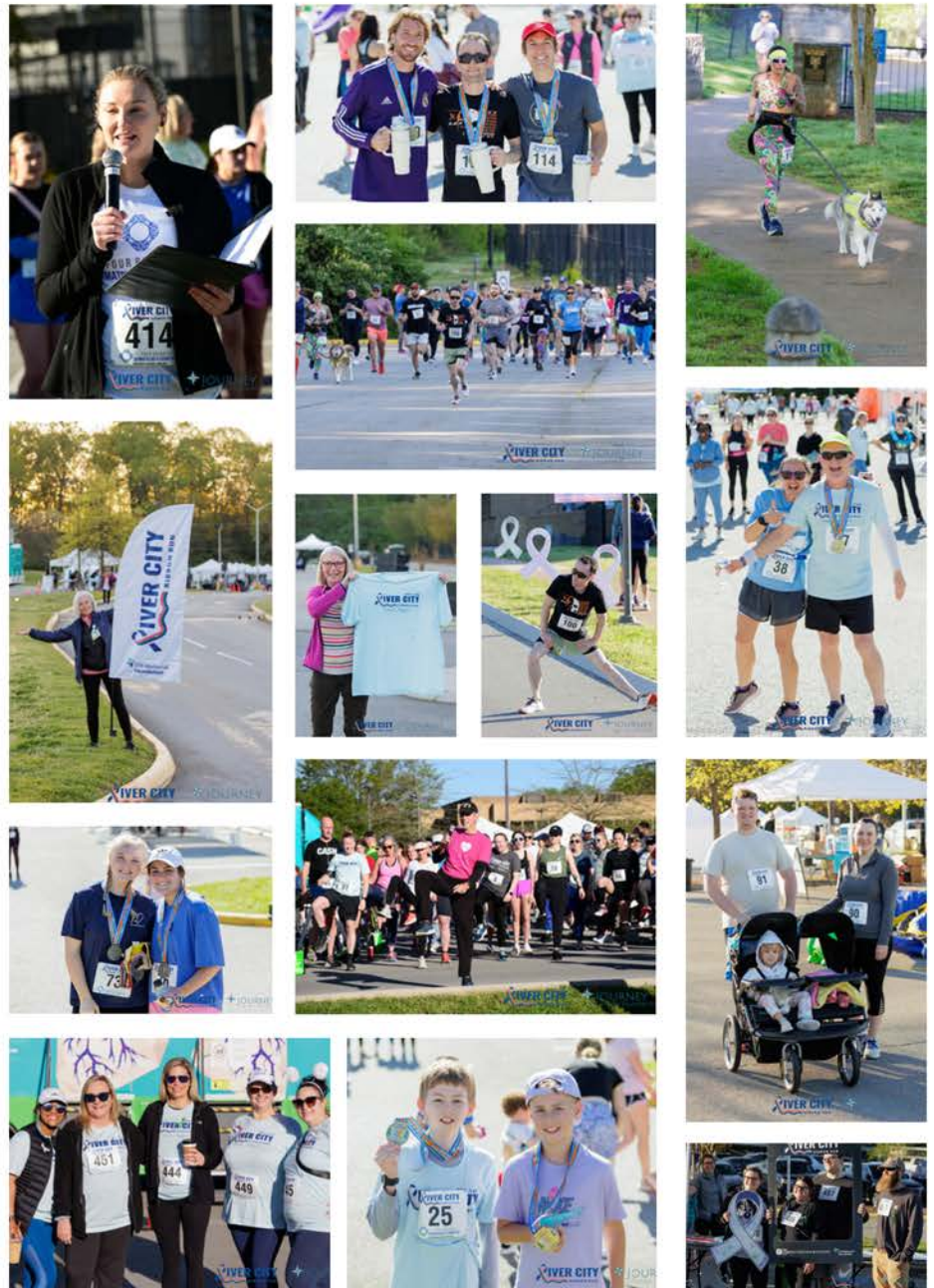


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# 2nd Annual River City Ribbon Run 5K

The 2nd Annual River City Run 5K was held Saturday, April 13, 2024 with over 500 participants, raising over \$56,000 in support of the Rees Skillern Cancer Institute at CHI Memorial. All donation proceeds stay in Chattanooga to help patients in our community with cancer treatment and support.



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# MaryEllen Locher Scholarship Fund & MEL's Club

The MaryEllen Locher Scholarship Fund at CHI Memorial Foundation has awarded 31 college scholarships totaling \$90,000 to Chattanooga area students for the 2024-25 academic year. The fund is a college scholarship program for children who have either lost a parent to breast cancer, have a parent who is a breast cancer survivor, or have a parent who is currently in treatment. The organization was founded as an independent nonprofit in 2002 by MaryEllen Locher, a long-time news anchor and health reporter for WTVC in Chattanooga. Formerly known as the MaryEllen Locher Scholarship Foundation, it joined with CHI Memorial Foundation in January 2021.



MaryEllen started the foundation during her own battle with breast cancer because she was concerned about her son's future education. She did not want other parents to share that concern while they were struggling with this disease. MaryEllen passed away in 2005 after her third bout with cancer. Over the past 22 years, the fund has awarded nearly 600 scholarships totaling more than \$1 million. The awards are designed to ease the emotional and financial burdens faced by families dealing with breast cancer. Recipients for the 2024-25 academic year represent 14 area high schools in Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia.

"Mel's Club" is the educational component of the MaryEllen Locher Scholarship Fund. Launched in 2014, Mel's Club has educated thousands of girls in area high schools on the importance of breast health beginning at an early age. Mel's Club equips students in three key areas: myths and misconceptions regarding breast cancer; facts, warning signs and prevention; and tools and training in how to do a breast self-exam. A breast cancer survivor also shares her story. Participants receive a packet of information to take home and share with other women in their family.

## Scholarship Recipients:

**Abigail Allen** – UTC - **Stephanie Anne Rice**  
**Scholarship**

**Lily Andrews** - UTK

**Lauren Bailey** - UTC

**Allison Baker** (Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences) - Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

**Savannah Blanks** - Dalton State College - **Council Fire**  
**Scholarship**

**Sarah Capps** - University of West Georgia

**Kyla Curry** (East Hamilton) - Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

**Sharayah Daves** - Belmont University

**Bailey Fowler** - University of West Georgia - **Shields**  
**Family Scholarship**

**Emma Fugate** (Rhea County High School) - UTK

**Madi Gross** - Bryan College

**Olivia Hamilton** - University of Georgia - **Angels**

**Among Us Scholarship**

**Margot Kapic** - Covenant College

**Anna Lisowski** (Signal Mountain Middle High School) - UTK

**Elizabeth Malone** (Notre Dame High School) - Coastal Carolina University

**Madison Markey** (Chattanooga Christian School) - Lee University

**Jennifer Martinez** (Dalton High School)

**Joshua McBryar** (Ooltewah High School) – UTC -

**Angels Among Us Scholarship**

**Grace McDonald** - Maryville College

**Matthew Merritt** - Yale University - **Guardian Angel**  
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**Mercedes Mitchell** (Lafayette High School) - Georgia Northwestern Technical College - **Wanda Weller**  
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# 2023 - 2024 Friends of CHI Memorial Council

The Friends of CHI Memorial Council, led by co-chairs Patti Dungan and Kathy Mahn, guides a team of community volunteers in raising funds this fiscal year to provide essential medical care to patients ensuring access to quality health care for all, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Because of the generosity of many donors to CHI Memorial Foundation, essential care was provided to those most needy in our community through:

**CHI Memorial Community Health Center – Hixson:** This Health Center provides primary care to underserved and vulnerable populations in our community including those who are low-income or uninsured.

**Center for Cancer Support:** A cancer diagnosis can be very stressful for patients and their families. The Joe and Virginia Schmissrauter Center for Cancer Support offers guidance and a full range of holistic care. All services are free to cancer patients and their families and no referral is needed.

**Mobile Health Buses:** Providing access to screening and early detection is paramount to good health care. CHI Memorial has two mobile mammography buses and one low-dose mobile lung CT screening bus covering 28 counties across Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. These buses provide the latest in breast and lung screenings to women and men, many of whom might not otherwise have been able to afford or access screenings.

Recognizing that there are many in our community would benefit from learning more about the services and programs offered at CHI Memorial, the Council not only actively raised needed funds, but also sponsored two educational programs for the community featuring nationally known speakers. Funds were also raised to provide **four college scholarships** to health care professionals specializing in nursing.

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# CHI Memorial Foundation Scholarships

In 2024, CHI Memorial was pleased to award \$18,000 in scholarships to nine health care professionals specializing in nursing - made possible by the generosity of our CHI Memorial Foundation donors.



**Hannah Alexander, \$2,500**  
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# Caring Spirit Program

Offering a hand to hold. Giving a reassuring smile. Going an extra step. Sharing an encouraging word.

Simple gestures of kindness mean the most to us. Patients, family members, and friends are often grateful for the difference caregivers make in their lives during their time at CHI Memorial. As a gift of thanks, donations are made to CHI Memorial and a note of appreciation is included. The Foundation presents Caring Spirit Awards as a way to recognize our wonderful caregivers and commemorate the generosity of our donors. These donations are turned back to CHI Memorial to support services chosen by the donor.

*Caring Spirit*  
Honoring those who made a difference



# MAGIC - Memorial Associates Giving to Improve our Community

Every day, we are called to respond to the needs of others around us, whether it's our patients, the underserved in our community, or our fellow co-workers. Our CHI Memorial employees have always answered the call, giving over \$3.5 million dollars since the programs inception in 2003 through contributions to the MAGIC program.

The 2022-2024 MAGIC Campaign supported the Employee Emergency Fund to provide employees with financial assistance during a time of crisis. Since 2003, 594 employees have received help from the Employee Emergency Fund for a total of \$393,489. Departments across our three campuses received much needed equipment and program support with grants totaling \$318,000. Finally, a third of gifts to MAGIC were earmarked to equip our new Georgia hospital facility set to open FY25.



*The Pathology Department is pleased with their new bone band saw.*



*Wade Phillips shows off the Retail Pharmacy's new medication refrigerator.*



*Johnny White and Kahla Brist are thumbs up with their new Stryker Stretcher at the Imaging Center at Ooltewah.*

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CHI Memorial employees enjoyed a visit from some furry friends - helping us celebrate MAGIC week at CHI Memorial!

# Memorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Services

The positive impact of volunteers at CHI Memorial may best be told by those who observe it. Three recent reports describe the volunteers as “Pictures of Kindness,” this year’s Volunteer Week Theme.

Volunteers provide this kind of service in more than 80 different departments on six campuses, greeting and escorting people and assisting visitors and staff as vital members of the healthcare team. CEO Janelle Reilly continues to say, “Volunteers are our secret sauce!”

Volunteers and employees alike were excited about the opening of the new Cloverkey Gift Shop on the Chattanooga campus, and the shop has been booming with business. This partnership will benefit the Auxiliary financially, and be a blessing to everyone.

The Pet Therapy program, which brings joy to patients, visitors, physicians, staff, and volunteers, was given special recognition this year when Volunteer Wayne Gratigny commissioned a statue of his therapy dog Sadie.

## Pictures of Kindness

- A surgical tech observed **Volunteer Alton Carson** hugging a gentleman; both were in tears. The gentleman had learned his wife had terminal cancer. Alton reached out to the grieving man. The technologist saw the empathy, the comfort, the meaningful connection between them.
- **Student Volunteer Anna Qualey**, a UTC graduate, has volunteered at CHI Memorial since she was 16. *“That time has been a driving force in my life. The volunteers helped me take initiative and built my confidence. They were excellent mentors and helped me choose my life career in physical therapy.”* Student volunteers have returned to serve at CHI Memorial as physicians, nurses, and leaders.
- **A volunteer was praised on social media:** *“I have never ever ever ever experienced such a caring hospital. As soon as I got out of my truck with my cane, a volunteer met me with a wheelchair. Then he took me wherever I needed to go. They are sweet and kind - truly amazing. I have never before had this kind of service. I may start using this as my hospital of choice.”*



## The Auxiliary raises funds to enhance patient care, in addition to their hours of service.

The Auxiliary has pledged to give \$30,000 over three years to the North Georgia Hospital currently under construction, and the Board recently pledged \$2,500 for the purchase of new clothing for the Comfort Closet, which volunteers maintain for patients in need being discharged from the hospital.

For almost 30 years, funding has been provided for a “We Care Weekend” retreat for cancer patients. This year, the Auxiliary gave funds for “We Care Saturday” at beautiful Willow Tree Farm in Georgia. Volunteers also helped share resources on Cancer Survivors Day.

Volunteers were honored in many ways this year. On Veterans’ Day, 25 volunteers who served the United States in the military were recognized. Bob Meyer, the only World War II Vet, received a special lapel pin presented by veteran Willie Harvey.

An Awards Banquet gave special recognition to volunteers who reached milestone anniversaries of service. During Volunteer Week, all volunteers were honored, and the pharmacy paid special tribute to Roy Turley, who has volunteered for 41 years, and his son Mark with 12 years.

## Nearly 300 Active volunteers served 40,954 hours in 80 different department at six locations of CHI Memorial during fiscal year 2023-2024.



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Carol Bishop	Patricia Doubleday	Judy Hoette	Tom McCullough
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Bill Boran	Amiel Fisher	Caroline Ivey	Bob Meyer
Marcia Bouchard	Rita Flemister	Saylor Jackson**	Richard Michaelis
Bill Bradberry	Carol Fortner	Jackie Johnson	John Millsaps
Bill Brock	Leslie Fox	Susan Johnson	Kathy Mindel
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Bill Brown	Anyeli Fuentes**	Lillian Jones	Elena Molton
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Beverly Sanders	Mary Jane Sylar	Jerry White	*deceased
Mark Sanderson	Eliana Tabibiazar**	Chop Whitehead	**student volunteer

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The mission of the CHI Memorial Foundation is to serve our community by strengthening CHI Memorial's mission to improve the health of people we serve. All of our efforts are directed at increasing the resources available to CHI Memorial to provide services to our community.

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## Host an Event

Events are a great way for small business owners and community leaders to bring fun and unique activities to their community with proceeds benefiting CHI Memorial Foundation. All events benefiting CHI Memorial must be approved in advance by calling (423) 495-4141.

## Corporate Sponsorships

A corporate sponsorship to one of the Foundation's annual events gives your business recognition as an organization that gives back to the community. Your company's name and logo can appear on invitations and programs, and in newspapers and magazines, as well as in social media outlets.

A corporate sponsorship also has a lasting impact on the community by making events such as Pink! successful enough to bring back every year and provide funds for programs and services at CHI Memorial.

## Planned Giving

A planned gift to CHI Memorial Foundation is a great way to ensure that your legacy of giving in life continues to impact the next generation of healthcare recipients.

## Become a Friend of CHI Memorial

A Friend of CHI Memorial is an individual who has made an annual gift of \$100 or more. Donors receive recognition in the Foundation's annual report and on the donor recognition wall.

**For more information on ways to give, call (423) 495-4438 or visit [supportmemorialfoundation.org](http://supportmemorialfoundation.org)**



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## I want to support CHI Memorial Foundation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## I would like my gift to support:

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Please make checks payable to:  
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