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Hamilton Health Care System's mission: We provide leadership, partnerships, and seamless resource coordination to meet health care needs that advance the quality and dignity of life.

## CEO Letter

These are unprecedented times. What isn't unprecedented is the way our community cares for one another. Northwest Georgia is no stranger to hardship, yet each and every time, friends, families, and neighbors join forces with strength, courage, love, and compassion to see each other through those difficult times. Whether it is an economic challenge, a raging storm, or a global pandemic, we're all in this together.

We are thankful for the strong partnerships we have with area health departments, city and government agencies, and local businesses—especially in times like this. Many businesses have gone out of their way to help provide PPE and have even changed their processes to manufacture needed materials. We are also thankful to the community leaders who volunteer their valuable time to be the stewards of Hamilton's mission through the Hamilton Health Care System and Hamilton Medical Center boards.

One of the ways that Hamilton is our living our mission in these times is through the measures we have put in place to help provide a safe environment for patients, guests, providers, and associates. In addition, because we know how important a support person can be, limited visitation is available for Hamilton Medical Center patients who desire a visit and can safely receive one.

In these unprecedented times, the heart that Northwest Georgia has shown is inspiring. It shows that even though we may have recently spent some time apart, we're all in this together.

Best Regards,



Jeffrey D. Myers
President and CEO

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Armed with a love for our community, advanced care, and personalized service, our commitment to serve with compassion stands strong.



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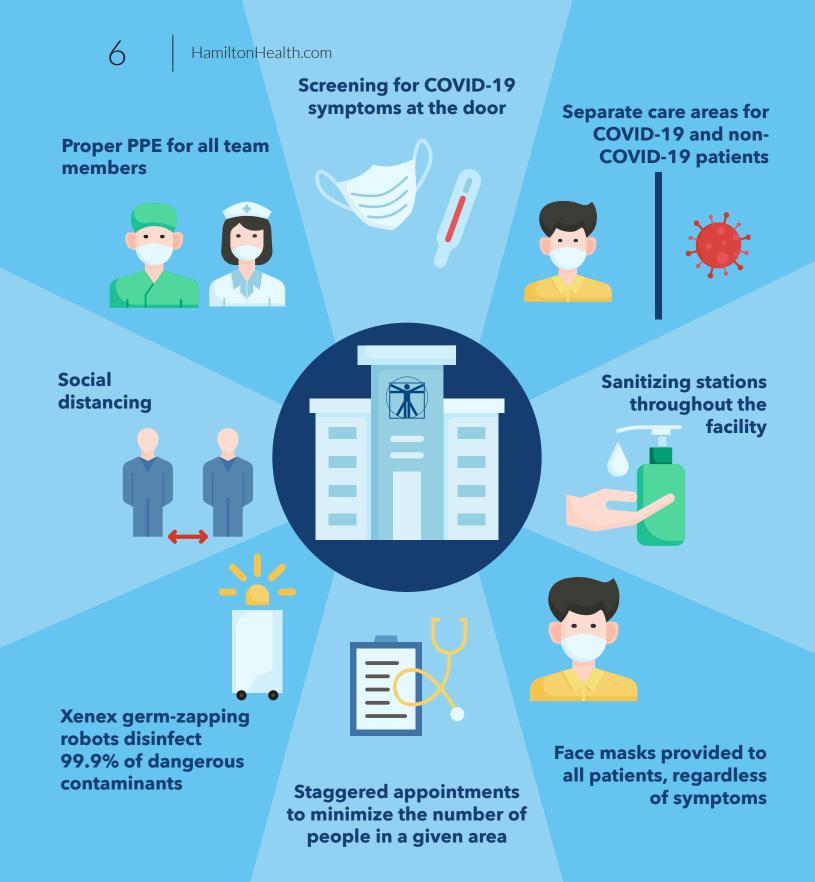
# AS ALWAYS, HAMILTON MEDICAL CENTER IS HERE FOR YOU

# Your health won't wait. Please don't delay medical care.

Hamilton Health Care System is following CDC guidelines. We have put many measures in place to help keep you safe. When you arrive, you'll be greeted by a staff member who will take your temperature, screen you for COVID-19 symptoms, and provide you with hand sanitizer. Plus, Hamilton Medical Center's Xenex germzapping robots use high-powered UV light to kill 99.9% of all bacteria and viruses on surfaces.

Because we know how important a support person can be, limited visitation is available for Hamilton Medical Center patients who desire a visit and can safely receive one. Please visit our website at HamiltonHealth.com for more information on visitation policies.

"Though our processes and services look and feel different now, we're committed to providing the safest and highest level of care," said Sandy McKenzie, COO. "We are here and ready to meet your healthcare needs."



We are following CDC guidelines and have put many measures in place to help keep you safe. When patients arrive at Hamilton Medical Center, they are greeted by a staff member who will take their temperature and screen them for COVID-19 symptoms.



# HAMILTON HEALTH CARE SYSTEM'S COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT 2019

We are here for you. The following community benefit report highlights the services Hamilton Health Care System provided to our community in 2019.

# Investing in the Latest Technology

Hamilton Health Care System has earned a reputation for leading the way with the latest technological advances. In 2019, Hamilton invested \$78 million in approved capital upgrades, \$13 million in new clinical and diagnostic equipment, and \$65 million in facilities enhancements.

# Serving the Community

Hamilton takes great pride in our community. In 2019, Hamilton contributed over \$55 million in service to the community through direct patient care and education, screenings, and support activities. Every year Hamilton provides vital medical services to thousands of patients who are without the means to pay for the care they receive. This "uncompensated care" is defined as the sum of the health system's non-reimbursed services and charity care of over \$38.6 million, plus other below cost payments of \$14.9 million.

# New and Enhanced Services

#### **Peeples Cancer Institute**

Hamilton's new comprehensive, state of-the-art cancer institute opened January 2020. The new freestanding, four-story cancer institute houses a medical oncology practice, as well as radiation oncology, outpatient infusion, and breast and diagnostic imaging services.

#### Bandy Endoscopy Center at Hamilton Medical Center Opens

The new Bandy Endoscopy Center opened July 2019. The state-of-the-art center adjoins Hamilton Medical Center and has both its own entrance and convenient parking at the corner of Memorial and Broadrick drives. With the addition of the new center, Hamilton doubled the number of procedure suites and added 16 private patient rooms. Both gastrointestinal endoscopy and bronchoscopy procedures are performed at the center.

#### Hamilton Medical Center Granted Certificate of Need for Open Heart Surgery

Hamilton Medical Center was granted a Certificate of Need (CON) to develop an open heart surgery program by Georgia's Department of Community Health. With an ever-increasing growth rate of cardiovascular disease in the region, this service will save lives and better the health of our community.

#### Anna Shaw Children's Institute Opens

Anna Shaw Children's Institute opened in April 2019. The Institute provides specialized services for children from birth to age 11 with autism spectrum disorder, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and developmental delays. Children and families can receive diagnoses, treatment, therapy services, and support all under one roof.

## Hamilton Physician Group Opens New Practice

Hamilton Physician Group opened a new practice named Hamilton Physician Group-Specialty Care which houses multiple specialties including infectious disease and pulmonology. It is located at 1243 Broadrick Drive in Dalton.

#### Hamilton Vascular Center Opens at Hamilton Physician Group-Murray Campus

Hamilton Vascular Center opened a practice inside Hamilton Physician Group-Murray Campus. Hamilton Vascular Center develops treatment plans for those with vascular disease. Treatments include lifestyle changes, medication, and if needed, surgical procedures to repair an aneurysm or restore blood flow.

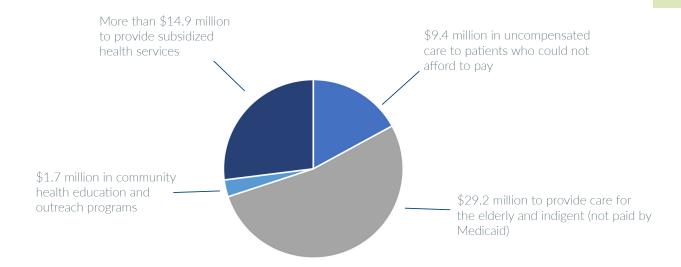
#### Hamilton Medical Center Expands Capabilities with EkoSonic® Endovascular System Treatment

Hamilton Medical Center recently began using a procedure called EkoSonic® Endovascular System (EKOS) to treat pulmonary embolisms, allowing patients to receive the advanced care close to home. EKOS helps to treat pulmonary embolisms and deep vein thrombosis (DVT).



# Hamilton Health Care System Summary of Community Benefit

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019





## **AWARDS** AND RECOGNITIONS

Hamilton Health Care System consistently receives awards, accreditations, and national recognition in a wide variety of areas.

## Hamilton Medical Center Ranks Among Top Hospitals in the Nation

Hamilton Medical Center has again been recognized with multiple medical excellence and patient safety awards by CareChex® - an information service of Quantros, Inc. Hamilton is ranked as number one in the Dalton, Chatsworth, Chattanooga, and Cleveland market in Medical Excellence in Overall Hospital Care, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Gastrointestinal Care, Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage, and Vascular Surgery. Hamilton is also ranked in the top 100 in the nation in Medical Excellence in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and in the top 10 percent in the nation in Overall Hospital Care, Overall Medical Care, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, and Orthopedic Care. For Patient Safety, Hamilton is ranked as number one in the Dalton, Chatsworth, Chattanooga, and Cleveland market in Cancer Care, Gastrointestinal Care, General Surgery, Major Bowel Procedures, Orthopedic Care, Trauma Care, and Vascular Surgery. Hamilton is also ranked in the top 10 percent in the nation in Patient Safety in Cancer Care, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, and Pneumonia Care.

## Hamilton Medical Center Named One of the Top Large Hospitals in the State

Hamilton Medical Center was recently named one of the Top Large Hospitals in the state of Georgia by Georgia Trend magazine. Hospitals were ranked based on their Total Performance Score, a measure calculated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and based on clinical process, patient experience, outcome, and efficiency.

## Hamilton Health Care System Recognized for Leadership Excellence

Vizient MidSouth recently recognized Hamilton Health Care System with a Leadership Excellence award. Hamilton received this award for three years in a row and is the only hospital to do so. Hamilton is also the only hospital to score in the top quartile in each of the evaluated areas.

## Hamilton's Anna Shaw Children's Institute Building Awarded for Best Design, Architecture

Healthcare Design awarded Anna Shaw Children's Institute

and ESa with the Award of Merit (highest award) for best design and architecture in the healthcare industry in their 2019 Healthcare Design Showcase.

#### Hamilton Medical Center Earned Stroke Award

Hamilton Medical Center received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. Hamilton also received the association's 2019 Target: Stroke<sup>SM</sup> Honor Roll Elite Plus award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

#### Hamilton Emergency Medical Services Awarded with American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Recognition Award

Hamilton Emergency Medical Services received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Award for implementing improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

#### Hamilton Medical Center Again Earns Chest Pain Center Accreditation with Primary Care Percutaneous coronary intervention Distinction

Hamilton Medical Center once again earned the Chest Pain Center Accreditation with Primary Care Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) Distinction. This means that Hamilton has proven exceptional competency in treating patients with heart attack symptoms and has primary PCI available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

## Hamilton Health Care System Awarded for Excellence in Marketing and Public Relations

Hamilton Health Care System recently received two Gold awards and one Silver award from the Georgia Society of Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations. Hospitals across the state were judged on creativity, layout and design, functionality, message effectiveness, production quality, and overall appeal.

### HAMILTON WELCOMES PHYSICIANS



Danielle Epanchin, DO **Family Medicine** Hamilton Physician Group-**Primary Care-Dalton** 



Leonard Hays, III, MD **Interventional Cardiology** Hamilton Physician Group-Cardiology



Eric Turner, MD Oncology/Hematology **Peeples Cancer Institute** 



Shuang Qin Zhang, MD Oncology/Hematology **Peeples Cancer Institute** 

## **HAMILTON'S BOARD MEMBERS**

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Collaborative generosity transforming healthcare in our region



## Letter from the Executive Director

When we launched the campaign for Peeples Cancer Institute in January 2016, the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation board and Hamilton Health Care System united around one question, "What if all cancer care could be under one roof?" Knowing the challenges patients faced navigating treatment in various locations and the space constraints in Judd Cancer Center which would limit future growth, the Foundation rolled up its sleeves and set about its work of raising funds to support Hamilton's "what if" vision.

Since 1921, this community has been imagining "what if" possibilities with Hamilton as Hamilton continues to bridge healthcare and innovation. From the first MICU in the state of Georgia in 1963 supported by the Bandy family, to the Mashburn Cardiac Pavilion, to the Anna Shaw Children's Institute and Peeples Cancer Institute, Hamilton has continuously reinvented the healthcare experience for patients and their families. Alongside Hamilton has been the support of generous and committed donors of the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation, people who embrace the fact that the health of others is at stake, and together, we have the ability to do something about it.

As I observed the crowd at Peeples Cancer Institute during its opening in January, I couldn't help but think how Shelby and Willena Peeples and other donors had affirmatively answered "yes" to Hamilton's "what if." Seeing Shelby and Willena and more than 1,500 donors contribute to Peeples Cancer Institute is both inspiring and humbling, for it is precisely this depth of commitment that allows Hamilton to navigate its way to better healthcare.

The gifts of visionary people have transformed healthcare for children and families coping with the challenges of autism and other developmental delays, as well as thousands of area patients facing a cancer diagnosis. Meaningful gifts to healthcare create positive change in our communities. As we continue our involvement in healthcare, let's expand our partnerships and possibilities with fresh dialogue with fellow optimists who want to join us to solve the "what ifs." Let's continue bringing our healthcare priorities to center stage and aligning ourselves and our strategies around a shared vision. Let's push each other to confront and resolve emerging healthcare needs in our Hamilton communities. Everyone must be at the table as we develop priorities and engage support. Look how far vision has taken us, and as we rise to face our next healthcare challenge, let's imagine together how much further we can go.

**Jane Snipes** 

Executive Director, Whitfield Healthcare Foundation

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### WHITFIELD HEALTHCARE **FOUNDATION**

### Golf Invitational

On October 21, 2019, 136 golfers, 20 sponsors, and 48 silent auction donors joined together to raise funds for Hamilton's Peeples Cancer Institute. They raised \$152,845 to benefit patient care programs at Peeples Cancer Institute.

Plan to tee it up on Monday, October 19, 2020 at the Foundation's 28th Annual Golf Invitational, the second biggest golf tournament in Georgia this fall. Hint: Unfortunately, The rescheduled Master's will compete with us. Surprises are in store and you won't be disappointed. Join us for a great day of golf this October!





# SAVE THE DATE



WHITFIELD HEALTHCARE 28th Annual **FOUNDATION** 

# Golf Invitational

Monday, October 19, 2020

The Farm Golf Club | Rocky Face, Georgia

10:00am Registration

11:00am Lunch

12:30pm Shotgun Start

Awards Reception to follow play with hors d'oeuvres and bar

Whitfield Healthcare Foundation, P.O. Box 1168, Dalton, Georgia 30722-1168

For information, call or email Patsy Ogles at (706) 272-6128 or pogles@hhcs.org HamiltonHealth.com/foundation

# Peeples Cancer Institute Opening Culminates Four-year Capital Campaign

The Whitfield Healthcare Foundation celebrated the opening of the \$46 million, 55,000 square foot Peeples Cancer Institute in January following a four year fundraising campaign. Contributing benefactors were recognized at a special evening event on January 18, 2020. Key supporters, including legacy donors Shelby and Willena Peeples, along with Hamilton leadership and Peeples Cancer Institute staff, were honored at the event.

The Institute's opening fulfills Hamilton's bold vision for a new era in cancer care. The new facility offers the most advanced technologies, and innovative programs and services, in a healing, nurturing environment. Peeples Cancer Institute boasts three stories for patient care, along with administrative offices, collaborative clinical work spaces and a fourth floor which has been shelled in for future growth. The first floor houses Judd Radiation Oncology, and includes diagnostic and treatment rooms for patients undergoing radiation therapy. One of the highlights of Judd Radiation Oncology is the Varian Medical Systems TrueBeam Linear Accelerator, which allows the team of radiation therapists to treat cancerous tumors with unparalleled precision and accuracy. The second floor houses physician offices, medical oncology examination rooms, and the women's diagnostic center with state-of-the-art mammography. Medical infusion is on the third floor of the facility, where patients receiving chemotherapy can choose a private infusion room or semiprivate infusion suite which offers natural light and expansive views of the outdoors.

A soothing color palette is incorporated throughout the facility to create an inviting and aesthetically pleasing patient environment. Thirty-eight pieces of original art by local and regional artists were commissioned for the Institute, with the majority of pieces already sponsored by community members, many in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends.

Over 275 guests attended the evening event, and were welcomed into the two-story lobby atrium by Hamilton leaders and Foundation staff. Notes of appreciation from Hamilton healthcare workers hung from the Tree of Gratitude which stood at the entrance, setting the tone for an evening of gratitude for supporters and project partners. Atlanta jazz artist Mose Davis and his trio provided entertainment and offered a special tribute to donors with a performance of "Wind Beneath My Wings." Scott Sellers, chair of the Foundation board, Jeff Myers, president and CEO of Hamilton Health Care System, and Jane Snipes, Executive Director of the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation, lauded the generosity of the Peeples and the community. Recognition plaques highlighting significant gifts and images of Shelby and Willena Peeples were dedicated by Scott Sellers. In addition, portraits of Shelby and Willena Peeples were unveiled for Hamilton's Hall of Honor. Throughout the evening, tours were conducted by Hamilton and Peeples Cancer Institute leaders, as guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and mingled with physicians, administrative and clinical staff, and artists whose work is represented in the facility. Directing his comments to guests in attendance, Board

> chair Scott Sellers stated: "You are here tonight because you have impacted this facility and in turn helped transform healthcare in our community. Perhaps you are one of our Foundation members who has given generously of your personal resources, or one of our project partners responsible for design and construction, or one of our esteemed artists, or a Hamilton team member providing care whatever your relationship to this sacred space, we are here to honor you and say thank you." Sellers read the dedication plaques in honor of Foundation benefactors and Shelby and Willena Peeples as he toasted the commitment, generosity and philanthropy of those who helped Hamilton fulfill its vision. As donors and guests exited for the evening, they were





presented a keepsake gift from the Foundation – a canvas with an image of the cancer institute.

Recapping the evening, Jane Snipes remarked, "I have said repeatedly that there is no community stronger, more thoughtful, more intentional, more loving or more giving than ours. Peeples Cancer Institute is the physical representation of the incredible collaboration that has taken place for the past four years with the design, development and donor support for this Institute. The successful completion of this project affirms that there is no limit to what Hamilton and our communities can achieve together."













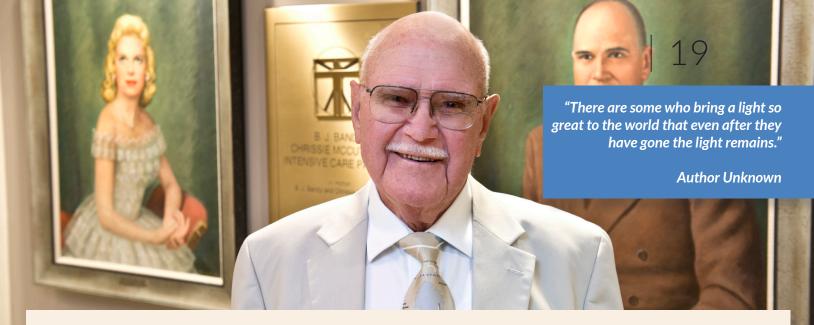
# PEEPLES CANCER INSTITUTE COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS

In addition to the benefactors event, a Peeples Cancer Institute Open House and ribbon cutting was held on Saturday, February 1, 2020, to celebrate the facility's completion and opening with the greater Dalton community. Over 300 members of the community attended the afternoon event to celebrate the Institute's opening. Joining community members and the Peeples family in celebration were Rob Bradham, president of the greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce and Chamber staff; Jeff Myers and the Hamilton leadership team and staff; key project partners Realty Trust Group, Brasfield & Gorrie, and Earl Swensson and Associates; and Scott Sellers along with Foundation board members and supporters. The event began with dedication remarks, followed by the Chamber ribbon cutting outdoors in the plaza, with Shelby and Willena Peeples performing the ribbon cutting honors surrounded by family. Community members took part in staff- and self-led tours, and guests enjoyed light refreshments during the event.

Peeples Cancer Institute saw its first patients on January 6, 2020, and the Open House provided the greater community a glimpse of the cutting-edge technologies, equipment, and services provided in the beautiful new facility. One guest who stood in the light-filled Lyle Lobby in Peeples Cancer Institute remarked: "What a great day for Dalton and the surrounding area to have a facility of this caliber for the residents of northwest Georgia. We should all be proud."







## **BURL JACKSON BANDY**

OCTOBER 17, 1926 - MARCH 29, 2020

The good works of Burl Jackson "Jack" Bandy are so woven through the benevolent organizations and noble causes of our region that it would be far easier to list those organizations he has not bestowed his time and talent on than to count those where his time has been spent. From religion to education to health, from civic board memberships and campaign chairmanships to major philanthropic gifts, Jack Bandy has elevated the quality of life and spirit of our region.

Over the years, Hamilton Health Care System has been the fortunate beneficiary of Jack Bandy's leadership. For 19 years, he served as a member of the Dalton-Whitfield County Hospital Authority during a period of explosive population growth, requiring a rapid expansion in medical services. When the hospital was restructured in the early 1980s, Jack became an officer of the holding company, and concurrently, chairman of the Medical Center's operating company. In this post, Jack shared with the Medical Staff and other members of the hospital family his belief in the power of cooperation to move mountains. And we did. Jack's extraordinary volunteerism earned him the Georgia Hospital Association's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. Jack also served as a trustee of the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation and was named a Life Associate in 1984, a trustee designation that recognizes an extraordinary level of service and support. In 2008, Jack received the Foundation's prestigious Humanitarian Award which recognizes the best among us ¬-individuals who have dedicated a large portion of their time and resources to improving the quality of our healthcare system and the life of our community.

Jack's guidance and generosity have helped keep Hamilton at the forefront of healthcare. The Bandy-McCutcheon Intensive Care Unit, a gift from the Bandy family, was the first and one of the best-equipped ICUs in the state of Georgia when it opened in 1963. The Whiteside Department of Rehabilitation Care was a gift of Jack and Aggie Bandy in honor of her parents. The Bandy Parking Plaza which long graced the front of our Medical Center is now the home of the Bandy Endoscopy Center. Prior to his passing in March 2020, Jack had been working closely with the Foundation and marketing teams to plan an official open house for Bandy Endoscopy Center. Unfortunately, the event had to be postponed due to the impact of COVID-19, and Jack's untimely death followed thereafter.

Despite his involvement in many endeavors outside the home, it is family life that Jack cherished most. If you asked him to list his proudest achievements in life, it would begin with the wonderful family he and Aggie raised, their three children B. J., Murray, and Tana, and six grandchildren. Late in life Jack's family continued to grow, as grandchildren married and great grandchildren were born. Jack, along with second wife Marg, continued to be great friends of the Foundation, staying active with fundraising events and attending the Foundation's recognition celebrations. Jack also was a fixture for years at the Foundation's annual golf invitational.

Jack was a blessing to us all. His fervor for doing good, his approachable, laid-back style of leadership, and the spirit of cooperation he engendered in others are noble traits we all can emulate. Few people have enjoyed as full a life as Jack, balancing family and faith, good works, and, we dare not overlook, golf. As exemplified through his many selfless acts of kindness and compassion for others, there is no finer example of humanitarianism than Jack Bandy. For that and so much more, all of us at Hamilton will be forever grateful.

# Hamilton Ambassadors: ONEIN A MILLION

Employee giving is an important component of the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation's culture of philanthropy. Since the 1992 launch of the Hamilton Ambassadors employee giving program, employees have mobilized the Foundation's fundraising efforts from the inside out. Over the years, Hamilton Ambassadors have become fundraising champions, creating a ripple effect throughout the organization as they inspire others to join their cause. Who is better to support charitable giving toward Hamilton's healthcare advancements than those directly involved?

Hamilton Ambassadors recently broke individual campaign giving records and reached a milestone in total cumulative giving during the ONE Campaign for Peeples Cancer Institute. Ambassadors have contributed over \$398,000 to Peeples Cancer Institute and at the end of 2019, surpassed \$1,000,000 in total giving to the Foundation. Currently, more than 800 employees are Hamilton Ambassadors, with 880 new Ambassadors pledging throughout the course of the three-year ONE Campaign, setting a new record for participation.

To provide lasting recognition for Hamilton Ambassadors for their significant contributions, the Foundation named the outdoor plaza between Hamilton Medical Center and Peeples Cancer Institute, Ambassador Plaza. On February 14, 2020, the Foundation surprised Ambassadors with the plaza dedication, followed by a Valentine's reception in their honor. Shelby and Willena Peeples, benefactors of Peeples Cancer Institute, attended the event to thank Ambassadors for their generosity. In remarks to Ambassadors, Foundation executive director Jane Snipes defined philanthropy as "love in action" and expressed appreciation to Ambassadors for sacrificing their hard earned resources to advance patient care at Hamilton.

The Foundation also has established prominent recognition for Ambassadors, along with other major contributors from the community, in the Peeples Cancer Institute lobby. Praising their support, Jane remarked, "Hamilton Ambassadors have redefined how employees can harmonize their healthcare careers with their instincts to do for others. By giving back to Hamilton, our Ambassadors are impacting care and services for the very people they serve, our patients."

With its prime location, Ambassador Plaza offers a central gathering spot for community events. Cathy Snyder, Chair of Annual Support and Love Lights, states, "We look forward to hosting our Love Lights celebration annually in Ambassador Plaza. It offers a beautiful outdoor space for Hamilton's holiday lighting celebration and the views of the lights are amazing."

Since 1992, Ambassadors have contributed to seven campaigns of the Foundation, including Shaw Department of Emergency Care Expansion and Renovation, Hamilton Diagnostics Expansion, Chest Pain Center in the Shaw Department of Emergency Care, Surgical Care state-of-the-art Operating Suites, Shaw Department of Emergency Care/Turner Maternal Infant Care Expansion, Cardiac Cath Lab Expansion and Peeples Cancer Institute ONE Campaign. The dedication of Ambassador Plaza signals the start of a new tradition and new optimism for Ambassador



giving. Plans for the future include engaging more deeply so that Ambassadors understand the impact of their giving and empowering them to make decisions about the program. "The Foundation is grateful for the tremendous impact of our Ambassadors on our fundraising efforts," says Jane. "We look forward to having them generate new ideas and new ways that we all can serve with purpose and compassion. The sky is the limit with this amazing group."

For more information on the Hamilton Ambassadors program, contact the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation at 706.272.6119 or visit HamiltonHealth.com/foundation.

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# Hall of Honor Inductees

The Whitfield Healthcare Foundation's Hall of Honor is an enduring tribute to individuals who through their illustrious support of Hamilton Health Care System, contribute to the regional advancement of healthcare services.

With grateful appreciation, the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation inducted three distinguished benefactors into the Hall of Honor in 2019.





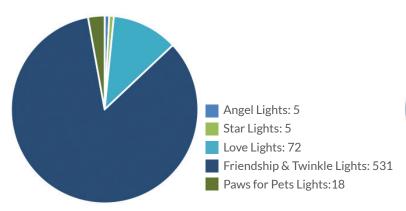






## YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

## **2018 Love Lights Proceeds** (To benefit patients in FY2019)



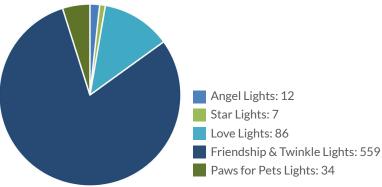
Number of Donors: 184

Number of Love Lights Purchased: 631

Total Raised: \$25,540

### **2019 Love Lights Proceeds**

(To benefit patients in FY2020)



Number of Donors: 152

**Number of Love Lights Purchased: 698** 

Total Raised: \$33,760

#### CATHY SNYDER, Whitfield Healthcare Foundation Trustee and the 2019 Love Lights Chair



It was my privilege to again chair the Foundation's Love Lights Tree Lighting Celebration and year-end giving campaign. I'm delighted to share that through the generosity and support of our local community, the 37th annual Love Lights program exceeded fundraising goals set by our committee for 2019.

Love Lights allows community members to purchase lights in honor or in memory of friends, co-workers, loved ones, and even cherished family pets. Love Lights donations benefit patients in Hamilton's Home Health, Hospice, and Cancer patient programs who are in need of financial assistance. Our goal is to ensure that patients' basic life needs are met and they have the necessary support to live as comfortably as possible. I am grateful for the generosity of our families, friends, and neighbors who provide these meaningful tribute gifts each year, which in turn improve the lives of others.

As each year passes, the celebration continues to evolve as colorful lights are added to the campus, a new group of happy school carolers entertains us, and traditional cookies and hot cocoa cap off the evening. This past year, for the first time ever, Mrs. Claus joined Santa for the occasion. In addition, Hamilton hosted a holiday crafts table and an official new Love Lights tree was planted on the hill overlooking the plaza. Seeing the new evergreen shining brightly made me realize how much I love Dalton and this wonderful tradition at Hamilton.

I invite you to mark your calendars for Thursday, November 19, 2020, as we celebrate this year's Love Lights. Let's commit to assisting more patients and their families with our donations. I can't wait to see you at Hamilton this November! I promise it's a celebration not to miss.

#### 2019 Annual Report of Giving



We gratefully acknowledge these individuals who provided the following gifts received from **January 1 through December 31, 2019.** Through the generosity of our donors, the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation is able to enhance the patient care and health promotion programs of Hamilton Health Care System.

#### **NEW PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

The following contributors provide for Hamilton Medical Center through their sustaining support of the Westcott Fellowship, Westcott Association, Hamilton Business Alliance, Hamilton Club, or other special projects.



#### **Burkett Society**

Membership in the Burkett Society is awarded to those whose lifetime contributions have surpassed \$50,000. These generous individuals have provided exceptional leadership in giving through a sustaining investment in Hamilton Health Care System. This list represents members who made a gift January 1-December 31, 2019.

Anonymous
Jane and Tommy Boggs
Roger Cheek and Alan Peeples
Carol Sutton Lumpkin
Bryan E. McAllister
Sandy and Jimmy McKenzie
Martha and John T. Minor, IV
Lisa and Rick Myers
Terri and John P. Neal, III
Dawn and Scott Sellers
Betty and Maurice Sponcler



#### **Westcott Fellows of Distinction**

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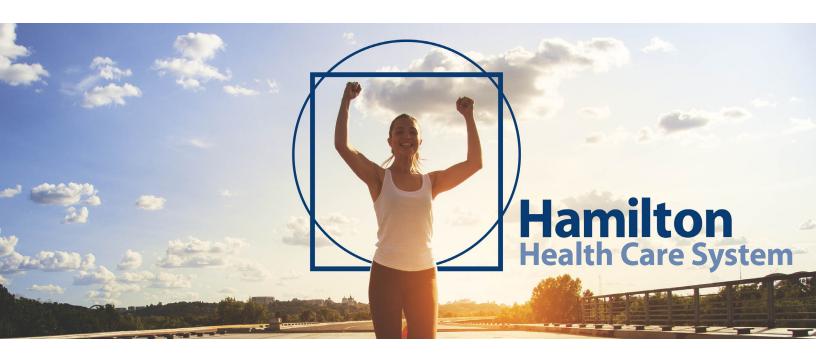
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