

# The Foundation for St. Luke's Hospital™

## Investing in Health Care



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Photo: Foundation staff Katie Malone, Lynn Cromer, Amanda Thompson and Hospital CEO Michelle Fortune

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This project is  
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We hope you enjoy  
hearing what's going  
on at the Foundation  
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# 3D Mammography

Over a year ago, The Foundation for St. Luke's Hospital launched a campaign to raise almost \$600k to bring a 3D Mammography Program to Polk County. Currently, St. Luke's only offers 2D mammography and for those in our community who want or need 3D they are forced to seek care further from home.

With 3D mammography, our highly skilled St. Luke's team can take care of the patient from the very beginning through the end of breast cancer treatment, so patients never have to go far from home. St. Luke's Hospital will now be able to offer a comprehensive high-quality breast health program that will save many lives in our community.

*"I am excited to announce with tremendous support from our community, our St. Luke's teammates, and grants we have reached our 3D Mammography Project goal! We have ordered the 3D Mammography Equipment and hope to be able to go-live in October!"*

*—Amanda Thompson, Executive Director of Philanthropy and Community Benefit*



St. Luke's Hospital has been awarded multiple grants over the course of the year to total \$145,000. Some of the most significant donations came from St. Luke's Hospital Teammate Giving Campaign which is where employees donate to show their dedication and loyalty to their place of employment. Local generous donors also made up a large percentage of the donations.

"All of these donations when added together helped us reach our goal in our fundraising quest. This vital project includes the purchase of the 3D equipment, community outreach efforts, and breast biopsy surgical equipment. To be able to accomplish this project during a pandemic shows how important 3D is to our community!" states Katie Malone, Project Coordinator at the Foundation.



## From the Executive Director

Welcome to our first edition of our quarterly Foundation for St. Luke's Hospital newsletter! First, I want to introduce myself as I officially began my new role at the Foundation as Executive Director of Philanthropy and Community Benefit in May. I am not a stranger to St. Luke's as I worked at the hospital as the Grant Writer/Network Coordinator. St. Luke's teammates and this community are truly special as we work together to ensure our community members have access to quality healthcare services close to home.

I am excited to continue my work now at The Foundation as we raise funds to support the

quality services the hospital provides and to bring new needed services to our community. I am ecstatic about the completion of our 3D Mammography campaign! What a HUGE win for our rural community! I want to thank each of you that have given to this life-saving project as we were worried about being able to raise such a significant amount of money during a pandemic. However, the support from the community has been outstanding and demonstrates how critical it was for us to be able to offer the best in preventative breast cancer screenings! I want to thank our dedicated board members that have been committed to raising these funds and for being an advocate for St. Luke's Hospital.

We are moving onward in our quest to improve access to quality healthcare in Polk County with a new campaign to bring cardiology services to St. Luke's Hospital! Cardiac disease is the #1 cause of death in Polk County, and we want to bring life-saving cardiac care here, closer to home. Access to care and cost of healthcare would be improved as we would be able to offer cardiology services on-site without unnecessary and expensive helicopter flights or ambulance transfers.

We have recently been awarded a three-year grant to fund a part-time cardiologist at our Rural Health Clinic, Foothills Medical Associates. We have grants pending to help cover additional salary and equipment costs but will need the community's help to reach our goal. More to come on cardiology!

I enjoyed getting to meet many of you at our recent Women's Ambassador event at Parker-Binns Vineyard. Thank you to Michelle Fortune- CEO, Katie Malone -Project Coordinator at the Foundation, and Sarah Primeau- breast cancer survivor for sharing at the event! Thank you to Parker-Binns Vineyard for allowing us the use of your beautiful venue!

I am thankful for being given the opportunity to continue to serve this community and hospital! I look forward to what will be accomplished with our dedicated Foundation board, staff and community over the next year!

Appreciatively,

Amanda Thompson

# 100 Hall Renovation Nears Completion

**This past year has been challenging with COVID but with generous donations from our donors to our 100-Hall room renovation project we are getting closer and closer to being finished!**

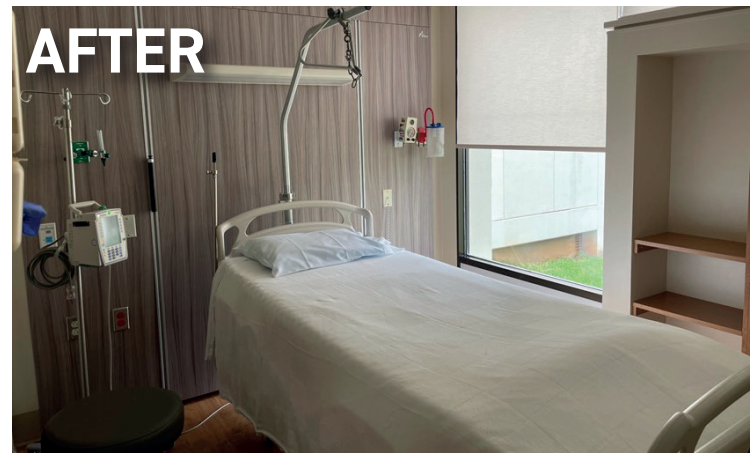
This has been a lengthy renovation process but due to COVID the hospital had increased patient census to where these rooms were unable to be closed for construction and supply chain issues that caused some delays.

We have been able to start construction again on these rooms.

*We have now completed 16 of the 18 patient rooms.*

The last two rooms will begin renovations hopefully by the end of August depending on Covid.

We are receiving many positive comments from patients, visitors, and staff on the improvements to these rooms. By renovating these aged rooms, you have helped create a pleasing environment that promotes patient healing and improves patient satisfaction. While none of us desire to be a patient or have a loved one needing hospitalization, these rooms now are more welcoming, brighter, cleaner, and reflect the high-quality care our teammates provide each day thanks to your donation.



# Board Spotlight: Nancy Holland



The Foundation Board is comprised of citizens who have joined together to raise funds for new equipment, facility improvements, educational programs, and the Foundation's endowment.

"I have been very impressed with St. Luke's Hospital," Holland said. "Our area needs this small hospital."

Holland said the acute care provided by St. Luke's is particularly important for stroke and heart patients, who need that care until they can be stabilized and transported – helicoptered, if necessary – to where they

can get continued care. Those early minutes of care can be the difference between life and death.

"St. Luke's is very progressive in its growth plan," Holland said.

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*"I don't volunteer just to get my name on a board," she said. "I want to work on things I really care about."*

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Holland, a business professional with expertise in fundraising, marketing and strategic planning, said she decided to volunteer for St. Luke's Hospital after she had to visit the emergency department a few years ago.

Holland, who grew up in Spartanburg, moved to Polk County last year, but she spent her youth enjoying a family cabin on Lake Lanier and moved here to be "home again."

She brings significant professional experience to The Foundation board.

Holland worked in sales and marketing with Fortune 500 companies for 15 years, including Citicorp Diners Club and Waste Management of North America, before starting her own executive coaching business in Alexandria, VA. She spent three years training the 1,000 employees of Colonial Parking Inc. in Washington, D.C. in skills such as conflict resolution, customer service and leadership.

Most recently, Holland served as executive director of Mental Health America, in charge of marketing, donor relations, budgeting, grant-writing, event planning and public speaking.

Holland has continued her public service since moving to Tryon and is currently serving as president of the Tryon Painters & Sculptors.

**"The Foundation is grateful and pleased to have someone with Nancy's skills and expertise joining the board," said The Foundation president, Ben Ellington.**

## SAVE THE DATE

### Annual Donor Appreciation Gala

November 18th  
Tryon Fine Arts Center

This special gala is to thank all our generous donors that have given annually over \$1,000 (Palmer & Jervey Society level and up) to the Foundation. We will recognize both 2020 and 2021 donors as we were unable to have the event last year.

We look forward to being able to thank all of you for supporting our community hospital!

If you would like to be part of this celebration, there is still time left to donate!

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# Healing Art Installation and Opening

The Foundation and St. Luke's Hospital are happy to have Tryon Painters and Sculptors start the Healing Arts Program again that had been suspended during the pandemic.

This program allows TPS members and other community artists the opportunity to display their art in the hospital hallways on a six-month rotation. The artwork truly beautifies and brightens the halls of St. Luke's. Michelle Fortune, St. Luke's Hospital CEO stated, "It is heartwarming to see visitors, patients, and staff viewing the art. Some have their favorites they go back to time and time again".

The purpose of the program is to offer peace and respite to all that view the art, but the artists are also able to sell their artwork if they so choose. The artists are



asked to consider donating a small part of the earnings to The Foundation for St. Luke's Hospital to help support the provision of quality healthcare services provided by the hospital.

An Artist's Reception was held Monday, July 19th outdoors on the ortho/rehab patio. The artists, St. Luke's staff and the public were invited to attend. Individuals were allowed to tour the hospital hallways in

small groups to view the beautiful new art while following the hospital's Covid guidelines. Everyone was amazed at the creativity and skills of our community artists! Thank you to everyone who participated in this event and to the artists for gracing the hospital's hallways with your work!

**For questions, please email Foundation Board Member and TPS President, Nancy Holland at [holland.nj@gmail.com](mailto:holland.nj@gmail.com).**

## Foundation Receives Large Grant from Community Foundation of Henderson County

**"St. Luke's Hospital has been awarded a grant of \$30,000 by the Community Foundation of Henderson County to help purchase 3D Mammography equipment," Amanda Thompson, Executive Director of Philanthropy and Community Benefit said today.**

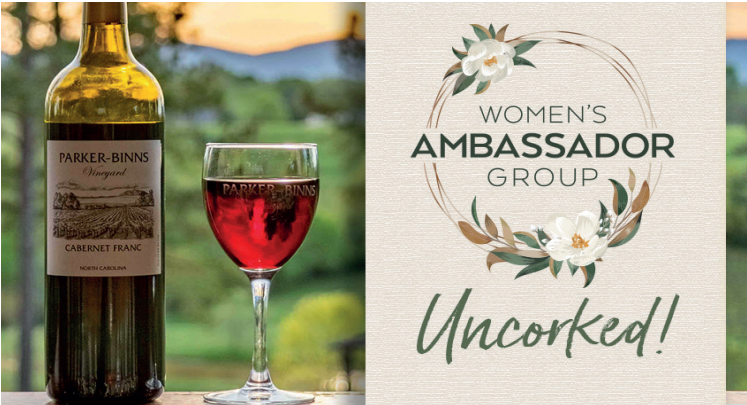
"Our organization has continued to grow during the past several years despite the

challenges of the Covid pandemic. We have added a new urology service line, expanded our oncology and pain services and are preparing to launch cardiology services. We are constantly looking at how we can better serve and meet our community's needs. Our top focus is bringing high quality breast imaging to our area this fall with 3D Mammography," Amanda Thomp-

son said. "The grant from the Community Foundation of Henderson County will give us additional resources needed to make it possible to purchase this latest technology that will not only improve breast cancer detection but also save many lives in our rural community."



# Women's Ambassador Group Relaunches



The Foundation was excited to re-launch the Women's Ambassador Group at a festive afternoon gathering at Parker-Binns Vineyard. This special group of ladies are ambassadors by educating the community, promoting St. Luke's Hospital, and supporting The Foundation for St. Luke's Hospital.

**If you are interested in joining the Women's Ambassador Group, please call 828-894-2693 or email [lynn.cromer@slhnc.org](mailto:lynn.cromer@slhnc.org)**



Lacy Rainey RN, Lynn Hensley- VP Ambulatory Services, Savannah Hightower NP, and Jane Darby



Board Chair Ben Ellington served our guests



Katie Malone, Sarah Primeau-guest speaker, and Amanda Thompson



Sherry Eades, Patti Trobaugh, Mary Lee Cantey, and Carri Bass



Board Member Linda Greensfelder, Amanda Thompson, Elizabeth Presnell- SLH CFO, and Jean Shumway



Board Members Kim Adams and Alexandra Adams and Lynn Cromer



Board Members Nancy Holland and Tom Trobaugh



Board Member Meghan Young, Stephanie Arrowood (winner of gift basket by Bonne Bouche) and Amanda Thompson



Mary Lee Cantey (winner of Parker-Binns wine basket) and Amanda Thompson



Renee McDermott (winner of Parker-Binns wine basket) and Amanda Thompson

# The Foundation for SLH Receives Large Grant from Philip L. Van Every Foundation

**“St. Luke’s Hospital has been awarded a grant of \$50,000 for our 3D Mammography Program by the Philip L. Van Every Foundation.**

“This funding was a huge step forward in helping us reach our goal. We are extremely thankful to the Philip L. Van Every Foundation for their commitment in strengthening healthcare services offered in our community” stated Amanda Thompson.

Women at average risk are recommended to start annual preventative mammogram screenings at 40 years old. In Polk County, 53% of the population is female, and 67% of those are over 40. This screening is needed by many in our community and the surrounding communities that St. Luke’s serves in Western NC and Upstate SC as 3D increases breast cancer detection and decreases the rate of false positives.



**REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN!**

# ACHE AROUND THE LAKE

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TRYON, NC

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ACHE 8K / TRAUMA 12M**

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