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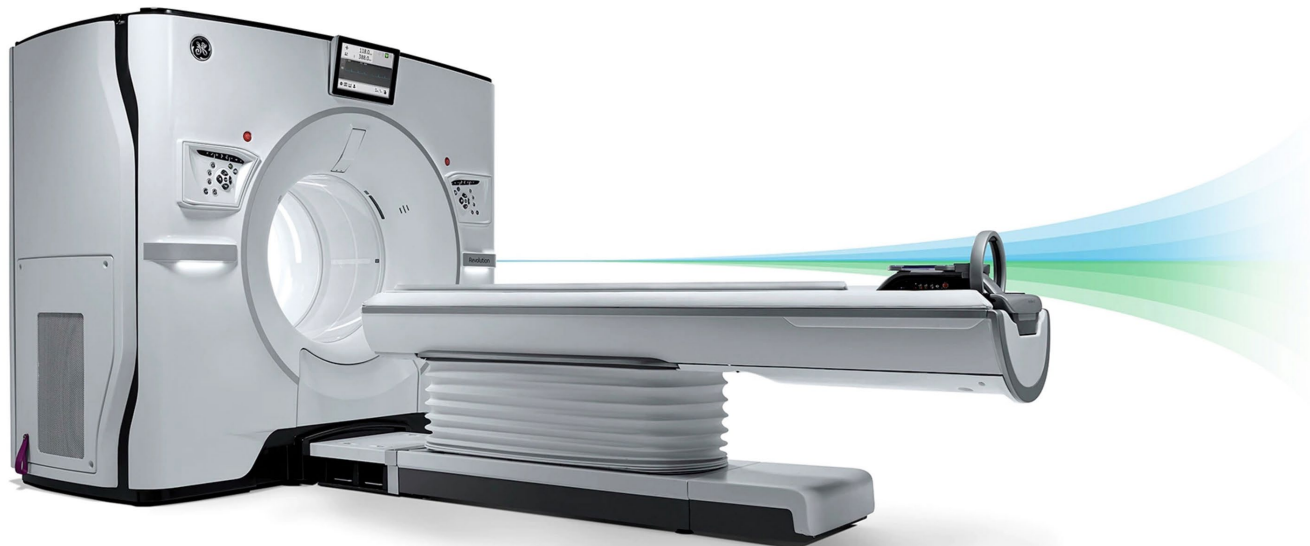
THE PHILANTHROPE

Investing in Our Community



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Dear Supporters,

As we reflect on 2022, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the generosity that has been shown from hundreds of community donors, local businesses, St. Luke’s employees, and foundations. These gifts have allowed us to fulfil our mission of raising funds in support of the exemplary healthcare provided by St. Luke’s Hospital.

This past May, we launched a campaign to quickly raise \$600,000 of a \$2 million project to bring world-class CT imaging to our community. The caveat was the CT had to be on hospital property and paid for by the end of 2022 due to federal funds that were received that would cover over a third of the costs. With the status of the economy and after raising the same amount just the year prior for world-class 3D mammography, we questioned would it be possible? Our Foundation and Hospital Board, along with St. Luke’s leadership and staff, quickly worked together to spread the word on how everyone in our rural community could potentially benefit from this CT and how it would save lives.

The outpouring of generosity was immediate. The community got excited that our small town could have the same level of technology found in an urban city. Foundations responded with an awe-inspiring \$187,000 in grants. The CT has been installed, paid for, and we now await the approval for patient use by the state.

When minutes matter in critical, unexpected medical events like a heart attack or stroke, this technology will provide efficient and detailed results for the medical team to make the best treatment plan. Cancer will be detected earlier while the likelihood of a cure is greater. Certain minimally invasive biopsies can be performed on an outpatient basis without requiring a surgical procedure with a large incision or a hospital stay.

This CT is going to be a GAME CHANGER for our community, and it would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors. Thank you for making this CT dream a reality!

With Gratitude,

Ben Ellington
Chair

Amanda Thompson
Executive Director

PHILANTHROPE is a mid 18th century word from Greek *philanthrōpos*, from *philein* ‘to love’ + *anthrōpos* ‘human being’.

As a small, nonprofit, community-owned hospital in rural Polk County, NC, we survive because of the humanitarian gifts of generous donors—*our philanthropes*.

Through your goodwill, many in our community are able to realize a better life. And for that, we are forever grateful for your selflessness.

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Ache Around the Lake

Raises \$26,612

The 17th Annual Ache Around the Lake was held at beautiful Lake Lanier on October 22nd. While it was a frigid fall morning, over 235 runners and walkers registered for the race. The race was made possible by The Ann Jacob Toms Fund at Polk County Community Foundation.

The race raised \$26,612 for our world-class CT campaign! Thank you to all the many sponsors and volunteers for making this event a success!

Save the Date for our 18th Annual Ache Around the Lake
Saturday, October 14th at 8 AM. 🌀



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2023 Teammate Giving

Raises nearly \$34,000



The Foundation kicked off the 2023 Teammate Giving Campaign in November. More than 180 St. Luke's employees chose to financially give back to support the cardiology program, preop room renovations, and the Employee Fund. The Foundation hosted a variety of fun events for the staff to promote the campaign during the month to include a Pretzel Day, Popcorn Day, Hot Cocoa Bar, and a Hot Dog Lunch. Thank you to Manzolina's Eatery and Rentals in Tryon for providing the equipment and food. Thank you to the following local



businesses for providing door prizes The Brass Beard Barber-shop-Landrum, Carruth's Furniture, Food Lion Columbus, Green River BBQ, Mill Spring Farm Store, Pro Chem, The Southern Pet, and Tractor Supply Columbus.

With an outstanding 75% participation, St. Luke's employees raised \$33,791! This generosity speaks volumes on the commitment and dedication of our staff to support the quality healthcare provided to

Dr. Stephenson Addresses Women's Ambassador Group



A lovely "Brunch and Bubbly" Women's Ambassador Group fall gathering was held at the GreenLife Inn on September 17th. A delicious brunch was catered by Mary Prioleau. Dr. Stephenson, Director of St. Luke's Cancer and Infusion Center, presented the latest on risk factors for lung cancer, current lung cancer treatment, and St. Luke's plan to start a low-dose CT preventative lung cancer screening program for high-risk individuals. This new screening program will detect cancer in the early stages when most likely curable. Dr. Stephenson shared that usually lung cancer is not detected until an individual develops symptoms and often then the cancer is already Stage III or IV. St. Luke's will start this new screening program in early 2023.

Thank you to the following businesses for donating door prizes: All Good Things Bakery, Carolina Dragonfly Boutique, Studio Z Hair & Nail Salon, and the Tryon Theater.

More to come on our Spring 2023 gathering. If you would like to join this special group, please call 828-894-2693 or email Kristie.Garrett@slhnc.org

The Annual Gingerbread Competition for St. Luke's



Respiratory Department: Country Road Take Me Home



Med/Surg & ICU Night Shift: Pink Winter Wonderland



Laboratory: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

To help spark some Holiday joy and teamwork, the Foundation hosted a St. Luke's Gingerbread House Competition that included all hospital and outpatient departments. We were amazed at the creativity of all the departments!

The People's Choice Award – Based off in-person votes from patients, visitors, and staff and Facebook Likes – Respiratory Department for "Country Road Take Me Home"

Foundation Board of Trustees Best Overall Award – Med/Surg and ICU Night Shift for their beautiful Pink Winter Wonderland

Foundation Board of Trustees Most Creative Award – Lab for their rendition of National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

These departments each won a catered meal. Thank you to all that helped 'deck the halls' of the Hospital with your beautiful creations! 🎁

Palmer & Jervey Society: Annual Donor Appreciation Gala

After a 3-year hiatus of this in-person event, a fun Great Gatsby inspired Gala for FY2022 Palmer and Jervey Society Members was held on November 17th at Tryon Estates. The Palmer & Jervey Society consists of donors who have given at least \$1,000 in the fiscal year of October through September. Individuals and organizations that are part of the Palmer & Jervey Society gave over \$718,000 in FY2022.

Attendees had a roaring good time decked out in sequins, tassels, and pin-stripes, while dancing the night away to jazz music provided by Dean Trakas. Attendees were even graced with a solo by St. Luke's own CEO, Michelle Fortune, and an update was provided on the past year of fundraising by Board Chair Ben Ellington and Executive Director Amanda Thompson. We are thankful for the continued support from our loyal donors and for the generosity of new donors this past year that funded important hospital projects such as the CT scanner. 🎉



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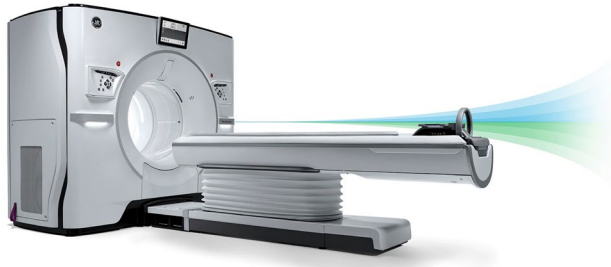
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