

# The future of care. A legacy of trust.

2024 ANNUAL REPORT





# Letter from the CEO

As we take time to reflect on the milestones and challenges of the past year, we can look forward with hope and optimism about the wealth of healthcare resources available to you here in Moultrie. We know that we are continually advancing our mission of exceptional healthcare in pursuit of our vision to be the first choice for patients to seek care, for physicians to practice, for employees to work, for medical students to complete their education and more.

Colquitt Regional continues to grow and evolve to meet the diverse needs of our community. Our family of care has added dedicated programs over the years to create focus and better care for patients. Looking ahead, we are especially excited about the construction of our new patient tower, scheduled for completion in 2029. This major expansion will increase capacity from 99 beds to 155 beds and significantly enhance our ability to deliver high-quality, patient-centered care to a growing community. This year, we have brought together our various entities under a common umbrella that reflects our comprehensive scope of services and promotes our culture of excellence.

Colquitt Regional Health System is that umbrella. It includes all the entities you have come to know and represents our full spectrum of care and breadth and depth of services. In the pages of this report, you will find more information about this new name for our system of care.

Additionally, you will learn about new technologies and services, such as Aquablation® for the treatment of BPH in men and High Dose Rate Brachytherapy for gynecological cancers. You will meet physicians who have joined our family of providers. And you will read about several system, leadership and employee recognitions that validate the exceptional work and quality care found at Colquitt Regional.

Our care teams continue to earn the attention and accolades of third parties with award-winning patient care and safety efforts. In particular, 2024 brought our 18th and 19th A's, Hospital Safety grades from The Leapfrog Group, acknowledging performance in the prevention of medical errors, accidents and infections. Additionally, Press Ganey recognized Colquitt Regional as a 2023 Human Experience (HX) Pinnacle of Excellence Award® recipient in Physician Experience, one of only seven organizations in the nation to earn this award.

At Colquitt Regional, healthcare is more than just a service. It's a commitment to the people who rely on us every day. With a team of more than 1,723 employees and more than 120 medical staff members, we work tirelessly to ensure that quality care is always accessible right here at home. Our people – from physicians and nurses to volunteers and board leaders – are the driving force behind our mission. They make your choice for exceptional care an easy one.

As CEO, I am privileged to witness the passion, expertise and compassion that define our organization. At the core of everything we do, it has always been about the people. It is the human experience that inspires us to push boundaries, improve and do more. Moving forward, we remain committed to this pursuit, ensuring that Colquitt Regional continues to be a place of hope, healing and excellence for all we serve.

On behalf of our entire family of care, thank you for your continued support of and trust in Colquitt Regional Health System.

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James L. Matney President and CEO – Colquitt Regional Health System

### **Board of Trustees**



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Mark Mobley Retires For 18 years, Mark Mobley served on the Colquitt County Hospital Authority, offering the valuable and generous gifts of his time and talents. His business acumen and expertise have helped to guide Colquitt Regional's progress since 2006. Mark's board colleagues and the leadership team at Colquitt Regional are extremely grateful for his service for the benefit of all those we serve and recognized him at a reception in his honor.

Nine Authority Board members are appointed by the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners for nine-year terms. Service is voluntary and non-compensated.

# **Impact on Our Community**

FY 2024 October 1, 2023 -*September 30, 2024* 



189,107 **Outpatient Diagnostic Visits** 



38,298



**9** 14,751



8,234 Inpatient & Outpatient Surgeries & Procedures



6,929 **Inpatient Admissions** 



2,954



9746

### **Mission**

We are committed to providing exceptional healthcare that exceeds expectations.

### **Vision**

Colquitt Regional Health System will be the first choice for quality and compassionate healthcare, innovative practice and superior medical education.

# What's in a Name?

An organization's brand is one of its most important assets. It is a company's identity and story. Brand identity combines elements like values, organizational voice, visual elements, messaging and the overall experience offered.

At Colquitt Regional, we have grown our system and services over the years to address the diverse healthcare needs of the communities we serve. With numerous individual brand units, it was time to bring them together under one common umbrella that represents exceptional healthcare and carries our culture of excellence. That umbrella is **Colquitt Regional Health System**.

Our new system name not only aligns us under one brand identity but also fosters our strong culture and communicates our comprehensive scope of services to keep you close to home for care. It expresses integrated care across multiple locations, growing access to specialty care and strong recruitment and retention of talent ranging from physician providers to nurses, other clinicians and those who prepare your meals when you visit.

So, what's in our name? It is our long history of caring for the community, our mission to provide exceptional healthcare that exceeds your expectations and our vision to be your first choice for care.

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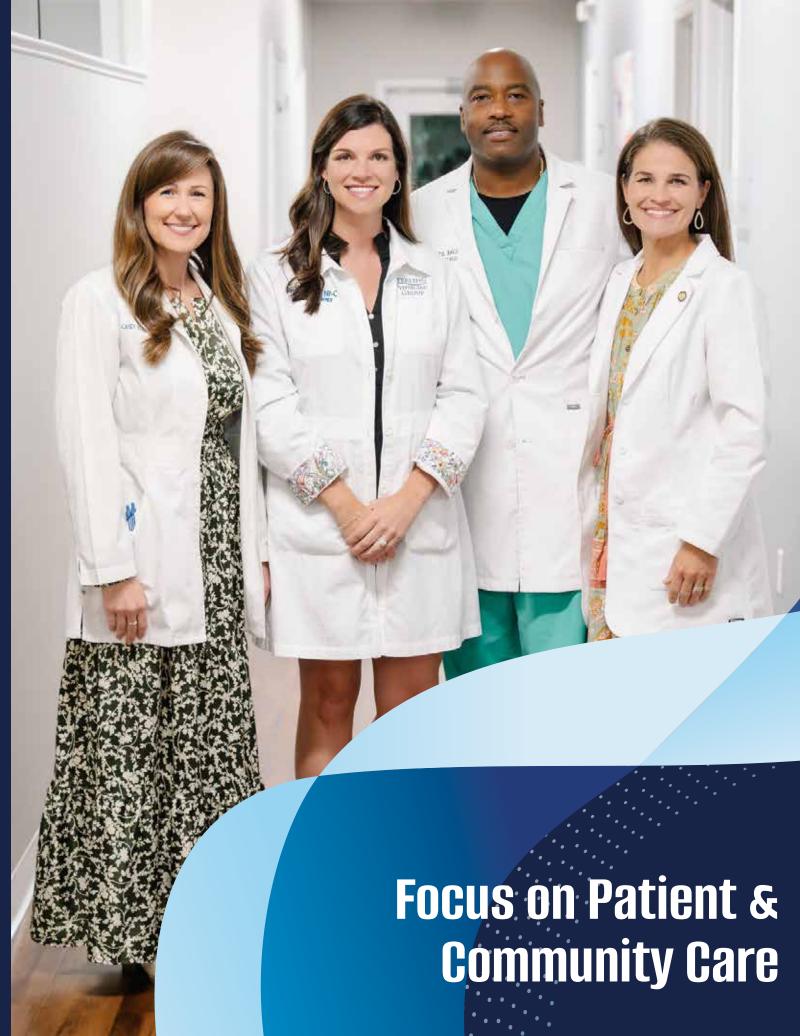
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COLQUITT REGIONAL HOME CARE Georgia South COLQUITT REGIONAL SENIOR CARE & REHABILITATION

# Building Tomorrow's Care Today

Scheduled for completion in 2029, our new patient tower will add 56 beds across four floors, expanding capacity, enhancing the patient experience and meeting the needs of our growing community. The first floor will focus on Obstetrics and Surgery, with 8 Labor/ Delivery/Recovery/Postpartum (LDRP) rooms, 6 postpartum rooms, 6 new operating rooms, 10 pre-surgical beds and expanded PACU space. It will also include a surgeon lounge, OR locker rooms and a new main lobby. The second floor will feature 10 additional critical care beds and 30 telemetry beds, supporting advanced monitoring and specialized care. In the final stage the third and fourth floors will each feature 36 medicalsurgical beds, enhancing flexibility and improving hospital workflow. This new tower is a major step forward in delivering innovative, compassionate care to the community we serve.





# **Advancing Cancer Care**

Precise & Effective
Treatment with
High-Dose Rate
Brachytherapy

Brachytherapy delivers a concentrated dose of radiation near or in a tumor while sparing surrounding healthy tissue. Radioactive seeds or wires are placed in or near the tumor itself. The dose (number of seeds) and length of time prescribed depends on the tumor's size and location as well as sensitivity to radiation. Brachytherapy may be used alone or in combination with external beam radiation and/or surgery.

High-dose rate (HDR) Brachytherapy uses thin catheters placed in the tumor to carry a highly radioactive seed attached to a wire that is controlled by a computer, strategically guiding delivery into the tumor. The computer is programmed for dwell time (how long the seed stays in each catheter) and dwell position (where it should pause to release radiation), providing a precise treatment that takes only minutes. After a series of treatments, catheters are removed and no radioactive seeds remain in the body.

HDR Brachytherapy can cure, control or relieve symptoms for a wide range of cancers, including breast, tongue, prostate and lung, among others. Currently, Colquitt Regional's Edwards Cancer Center uses it for gynecologic diseases such as cervical, uterine and endometrial cancers.

For the communities we serve, this means that your first choice for advanced therapies is close to home. For Edwards Cancer Center, it significantly enhances our ability to offer precise and effective radiation treatment, furthering our commitment to providing comprehensive cancer care.

In addition to the benefit of precision, HDR Brachytherapy offers fewer side effects and quicker recovery times than other treatment options. Typically, HDR Brachytherapy is administered with three to five treatments over a two-week period. It is a minimally invasive outpatient procedure, enabling patients to quickly return to normal routines.

To secure the future of cancer care for our patients, Edwards Cancer Center will continue to pursue the latest technologies and procedures and deliver the most effective, personalized treatments available. The addition of HDR Brachytherapy bolsters the growing oncology service line at Colquitt Regional. With the opening of the Edwards Cancer Center in 2018, the new radiation oncology unit in 2021 and the addition of gynecologic oncology services in 2023, HDR Brachytherapy becomes yet another step forward in caring for our patients who are battling cancer.

# Relief for Men with BPH

# Aquablation® Therapy Reduces Symptoms

Men who suffer from benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) have a new treatment option at Colquitt Regional Medical Center.

Aquablation® therapy, using the new artificial intelligence-powered HYDROS™ Robotic System, combines advanced ultrasound imaging and a high-pressure water jet to find and remove excess prostate tissue for men suffering from BPH, commonly known as an enlarged prostate. This next-generation platform is clinically proven to provide significant symptom relief while preserving continence and sexual function.

About half of men between 51 and 60 years of age have BPH, a number that jumps to as much as 90 percent in men over 80. Symptoms include the need to urinate urgently, immediately or more often than normal, as well as urinating frequently at night. Left untreated, BPH can cause permanent bladder or kidney damage, bladder stones and/or incontinence. Surgery and medications are still viable treatment options but may potentially impact sexual function and continence.

Aquablation® therapy employs digital cystoscopy and next-generation ultrasound imaging to create an individualized map of the prostate, enabling a tailored treatment plan for prostates of all shapes and sizes. The surgeon is able to precisely target tissue for removal using the robotically controlled heat-free water jet that follows the surgical map while protecting critical anatomy and function.

This minimally invasive procedure, performed under anesthesia, typically takes less than an hour. Most patients stay in the recovery room for two to three hours, and some may be in the hospital overnight.

Aquablation® therapy with the HYDROS Robotic System® is yet another tool in the arsenal of cutting-edge care at Colquitt Regional, ensuring your first choice for care is close to home.





Dr. Woodwin Weeks, Chief of Pediatrics, presents at KidsABC event hosted at Colauitt Regional's Medical Education Center

# Investing in the Health of Kids

# KidsABC Expands

Colquitt Regional has joined forces with the Kids Alliance for Better Care (KidsABC) to strengthen access to pediatric healthcare in rural communities across Georgia. This initiative, created by Mercer University School of Medicine (MUSM) and its Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center (GRHIC), with the support of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Children's), was launched in February 2023 in 12 rural Georgia counties.

Year two brought expansion of the Alliance to Colquitt County and Colquitt Regional, as well as four additional counties. Rural hospitals face significant challenges in treating and keeping pediatric patients in our communities. KidsABC assists in meeting milestones to significantly enhance the care we already provide. The goal is to keep care for kids close to home.

KidsABC brings together rural hospital emergency departments, pediatric offices, regional and state pediatric tertiary care hospitals and school systems. Participants are equipped with the tools, protocols, training and research necessary for families to access subspecialty care, mental healthcare and emergency medical care in their hometowns.

Programs within KidsABC address the challenges of distance to specialty care and limited resources. The Alliance emphasizes the importance of early intervention in achieving positive outcomes. Specific work includes rural hospital emergency department support, rural pediatrician support and behavioral and mental health support. Children's has provided specialized pediatric clinical guidance to launch and sustain these programs.

Additionally, Children's Rural Pediatric Scholarship Program provides 10 scholarships each year to MUSM pediatric medical students committed to living and serving in rural communities. The new Children's Marriage and Family Therapy Scholarship Program will benefit therapy students who are committed to living and serving children in rural Georgia.

Alliance expansion will continue with additional hospitals, pediatric and family medicine offices and school systems in rural counties across Georgia.

# **New Providers**



**Don W. Roberts, MD**Gastroenterology



**Jeremy Goodman, MD**Urology



**Daphne Mlachila, MD**Pediatrics



**Robert Tokhunts, PhD, MD** Anesthesia/Critical Care



**Bernadette Dazzo, DO** Emergency Medicine



**Chris Taranto, DO** Emergency Medicine



**Keely Paramo, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC**Urogynecology



**Gwen Poole, NP** Neurology



**Misty McGough, FNP-C**Gastroenterology



**Lanie Green, PA-C** Employee Health



**Parker Lambert, NP** Emergency Medicine

**Frank Hachmuth, PA-C,** Emergency Medicine Not Pictured



# System Awards & Recognitions



### The Journey to Zero

GHA Patient Safety and Quality Award

Colquitt Regional received the prestigious Patient Safety and Quality Award from the Georgia Hospital Association in January 2024 for efforts to reduce catheter-associated urinary tract infections. The initiative, CAUTI – The Journey to Zero, won first place in the category of Hospitals with Less than 100 beds.

The annual awards recognize Georgia healthcare organizations for achievement in reducing risks of medical error and improving patient safety and outcomes. CAUTI – The Journey to Zero was driven by a task force that developed and implemented care protocols. Ongoing education, training and collaboration over the course of the project's timeline ensured its effectiveness and sustainability.

Colquitt Regional achieved its goal of decreasing CAUTI incidences to zero in 2023. The task force continues to promote awareness with required yearly education for patient care employees. Patients benefit from projects like CAUTI through enhanced patient safety, reduction in complications and improved outcomes for all those we serve.



### Straight A's in Patient Safety

18th and 19th A Grades from The Leapfrog Group

Hospital Safety Grades from The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, recognize achievement in patient safety with reductions in preventable harm and errors. Nineteen A's in patient safety reflect Colquitt Regional's commitment to providing the highest standard of care and ensuring the safety of every patient in our care.

Leapfrog grades, updated twice yearly, are based on over 30 performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems and processes to prevent them. In the fall of 2024, Colquitt Regional earned a perfect score in seven categories, including safe medication administration, computer-based physician medication orders, specially trained ICU doctors, effective leadership and teamwork to prevent errors, handwashing, and nursing and bedside patient care.

Colquitt Regional also scored 91 percent or higher in communication with nurses, communication with doctors and responsiveness of hospital staff.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only program focused solely on preventable medical errors, infections and injuries. It is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.



### **Pinnacle of Excellence**

New Heights in Physician Experience

Colquitt Regional was named a 2023 Human Experience (HX) Pinnacle of Excellence Award® recipient in Physician Experience by Press Ganey, the global leader in healthcare experience solutions and services. This annual national ranking reflects performance in the top five percent of healthcare providers over a minimum of two years. Colquitt Regional is one of seven hospitals to rank in the Physician Experience category for 2023.

Recognition is based on an evaluation of physician engagement, with commitment and involvement of physicians in the organization and their collective work to provide the best healthcare possible. The award validates an environment that prioritizes the human experience year-over-year.

Colquitt Regional aims to be the first choice for care, where exceptional healthcare experiences are the norm, building trust and confidence in the human experience not only for our physicians but also for our patients, families, employees, medical students and the community.



### **Clean Hands, Caring Hands**

Hand Hygiene Center of Excellence Award

Colquitt Regional was a 2024 recipient of the prestigious Vitalacy Hand Hygiene Center of Excellence Award. Presented annually to a Vitalacy healthcare partner, this accolade reflects exceptional achievements in hand hygiene and patient safety.

Vitalacy's Hand Hygiene Compliance Monitoring System was implemented at Colquitt Regional in 2022. With Bluetooth-enabled SmartBands and sensor-equipped sanitizer and soap dispensers, this system enables real-time monitoring and reporting of hand hygiene across the hospital. It not only tracks compliance but also fosters a culture of health and safety among the staff.

A benchmark in hand hygiene excellence at Colquitt Regional has significantly contributed to patient safety and health standards in the community. The innovative initiative among our healthcare professionals has resulted in stronger compliance and significant reduction in infection rates.

Janel Nour-Omid, CEO and Co-Founder of Vitalacy, remarked on this recognition, saying, "Colquitt Regional's exemplary implementation of our system and commitment to patient safety serves as a model for healthcare facilities nationwide."



## **High Marks from Physicians**

Reflecting Workplace Satisfaction

The 2024 medical staff survey, administered by Press Ganey, garnered outstanding results on topics such as engagement, alignment and resilience among our physicians. Press Ganey conducts the survey for Colquitt Regional every 18 months.

Engagement measures physician pride in the organization, intent to stay, willingness to recommend the hospital as a workplace and overall workplace satisfaction. It improved from the 87th percentile to the 95th, with a score of 4.69 out of 5.

Alignment gauges physician partnership and connection with leadership, shared vision with the hospital, value for their input and feedback and impact on goal setting and direction. Results increased from the 88th percentile to the 95th, with a score of 4.63.

Resilience reflects the physician's ability to find meaning in his or her work and disconnect from work. Ratings moved from the 91st percentile to the 94th, scoring 4.47 out of 5.

Physicians rated high satisfaction with the hospital's patient care (99 percent), teamwork (97 percent), and confidence that patients feel cared for (100 percent). A large majority believe that they have the tools and resources to provide the best care for patients (94 percent), that their work is meaningful (97 percent), and that they are treated with respect (96 percent).

The medical staff is a critical part of our care delivery team, enabling enhanced services, exceptional patient care and a place for healthcare professionals to thrive. These results strengthen our vision to be the first choice for quality, compassionate care, innovative practice and superior medical education.



### **Antibiotics Aware**

Stewardship Benefits Patients

Colquitt Regional received Platinum designation on the 2024 Honor Roll for the Georgia Department of Public Health Acute Care Antibiotic Stewardship Program. Platinum recognition is the highest honor and underscores our commitment to promoting responsible antibiotic use and improving patient outcomes.

Our antibiotic stewardship committee implemented several measures, including a policy for documenting indications for antibiotic orders, educating staff on antibiotic stewardship and reporting on the impact of committee activities, among others.

Inappropriate antibiotic use contributes to the spread of antibiotic resistance, which can lower future drug effectiveness. It can also contribute to increased healthcare costs, adverse drug reactions, healthcare-related infections and community-associated Clostridium difficile (C-diff) infections.

Stewardship measures antibiotic prescribing by physicians and use by patients. It strives to minimize missed or delayed diagnoses that can lead to the underuse of antibiotics. It is also crucial to ensure that the right drug, dose and duration are selected when an antibiotic is needed.

# Leadership Awards & Recognitions

## **Stars in Long-Term Care**

Joann Sloan Named Administrator of the Year

The Georgia Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Administrators (ACHCA), in partnership with the Georgia Healthcare Association (GHCA), recognized Joann Sloan as Administrator of the Year at its annual Long-Term Care Awards Ceremony in January 2024.

Joann has worked in long-term care since 1972 and has served as an administrator since 2004. She oversees the care and operations at Colquitt Regional Senior Care & Rehabilitation, our 59-bed skilled nursing center that provides clinical and skilled nursing care, inpatient physical and occupational therapies and other specialized programs.

As our administrator, Joann exemplifies exceptional leadership and advocacy for her staff and residents. With decades of experience, she brings a wealth of long-term care knowledge and expertise to our family of care. She gives credit for this recognition to her team and their commitment to compassionate, exceptional care.

Joann has helped bring long-term vision to long-term care at Colquitt Regional and is integral to building our legacy of trust for generations to come.



Joann Sloan accepting award for Administrator of the Year.

# **Employee Awards** & Recognitions

# **Daisy Award Winners**



Virginia Blunt. NA 5th Floor

Sarah Williamson, RN Hospice January 2024



**Brianne Walls, RN** Maternal Infant Unit March 2024



Marianne Johnson, RN May 2024



Emergency Dept. July 2024



4th Floor, Pediatrics September 2024



Senior Care & Rehab November 2024



CEO Jim Matney, Carolyn Christie, Patsy Akridge, Brenda Foy, Donna Lee, and Martha Williamson.

### **Volunteer Stand-Outs**

#### Jim Matney and Nicole Stringer Recognized

Every year, the Council of Volunteer Services Georgia Healthcare (COVS) honors hospital volunteers across the state for their dedication and leadership. In October 2024, among 35 participating hospitals, Colquitt Regional stole the show, receiving multiple prestigious awards.

Nicole Stringer, director of Volunteer Services at Colquitt Regional, was named Director of Volunteer Services of the Year, reflecting her open-door approach and consistent support for the volunteer team. Jim Matney, president and CEO, was recognized as CEO of the Year for his visionary leadership and dedication to both staff and volunteers. Additionally, Colquitt Regional volunteers received the Community of Conscience Award for the "Books for Babies" initiative that gives a book to every newborn at the hospital. This program makes a lasting impact on families in our community.

COVS also installed several key leadership positions with Colquitt Regional volunteers, including these familiar faces:

- Martha Williamson, Parliamentarian
- Brenda Foy, Treasurer
- Connie McCoy, Secretary
- Laura Brooks and Donna Lee, District Directors,
- Patsy Akridge, COVS committee member

# **Hearts & Hands Award**



Respiratory







# **Employee of the Year**



**James Palmore** Dietary

# **Employees of the Month**



Latoya Harris Senior Care



**FEBRUARY James Palmore** Dietary



Sydney Schwarz, RN Medical, 2nd Floor



**Johnny Gay** Non-Emergency Transport



Lacey Webb, RN



Jake Stamey, PharmD Pharmacy



Cindy Coney, RT(R)(ARRT) Sterling Group



Cate Whitley, FNP Correctional Medicine



SEPTEMBER Alisa Mobley, MSW Dialysis



OCTOBER LaShawna Fisher Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Clinic



**Debbie Weeks Outpatient Laboratory** 



**DECEMBER** Courtney Newell, RN Surgical Services

# **Financials**

FY 2024 October 1, 2023 -*September 30, 2024* 



**MILLION** 

**Operating Expenses** 



Other/Non-Operating Income

\$98.9 **MILLION** 

**Salaries** 

\$16.9 **MILLION** 

**Depreciation & Amortization** 



Total Payroll & Benefits



**Total Growth in Net Assets** 



**Charity & Indigent Care** 



**Contributions for Property Acquisitions** 



**Interest Expense** 



**Uncollectable/Discounted Care** 



**Uncollectable Debt** 



**Total Assets** 



Colquitt Regional Medical
Foundation proudly supports
the upcoming patient tower
through the Reaching New
Heights in Healthcare campaign.
This transformative project will
expand access, improve patient
experiences and elevate the
level of care we can provide
right here at home.

# Focus on Foundation

# **Awards & Recognition**



From left: Walter Harrison III, Jim Matney, Dr. Kirby Smith, Michael Harrison.

### **Humanitarian of the Year**

At Colquitt Regional, our legacy of trust is built by individuals who go above and beyond to serve others. This year, we proudly recognize Dr. Kirby Smith as the recipient of the 2024 Humanitarian Award, honoring his unwavering commitment to our patients, community and mission.

For decades, Dr. Smith has provided exceptional care while mentoring the next generation of medical professionals, reinforcing Colquitt Regional as the first choice for healthcare and medical education. His dedication extends beyond the hospital walls, where his generosity, kindness, and advocacy for patient-centered care have touched countless lives.

As we continue to advance and grow, leaders like Dr. Smith remind us that innovation isn't just about technology – it's about people. His leadership and compassion inspire progress, ensuring that Colquitt Regional remains a beacon of hope and healing for our community.

Because of people like Dr. Kirby Smith, our mission is stronger than ever.

### **Volunteer of the Year**

Our future is built on a foundation of trust, dedication and unwavering service – qualities that define our 2024 Volunteer of the Year, Brenda Foy.

Since joining us in 2007, Brenda has devoted over 4,000 hours to serving our hospital community. Whether assisting in the Pink Pearl Gift Shop or managing finances as our Treasurer, she exemplifies the commitment and compassion that make Colquitt Regional the first choice for care.

Brenda's dependability, hard work and generous spirit reflect the very essence of our mission. Just as we embrace innovation and advanced technology to shape the future of healthcare, our volunteers like Brenda strengthen the legacy of trust that makes Colquitt Regional a pillar of our community.

With 69 dedicated volunteers contributing their time and talents, we celebrate Brenda and all who help make our hospital a place where patients, physicians and employees alike choose to be.



13,124

69

\$63,000+

Total Number of Scholarships & Teacher Grants

Worked Number of Volunteers

27

# **Ways to Give**

At Colquitt Regional, our mission to provide exceptional healthcare is made possible through the unwavering support of our community and the generosity of donors. Gifts to the Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation for Colquitt Regional Medical Center, a not-for-profit community hospital, are tax-deductible and make a lasting impact on the well-being of our community.

Donor support has helped to bring new services and technologies, upgraded facilities, community programs, and leading-edge research to our hospital, ensuring that patients have a convenient choice for quality care without having to travel.

### **Gifts of Remembrance**

Donations can be designated to benefit a specific area or program in honor or memory of a loved one. Your gift can benefit one of the following services or scholarships. If not specified, your donation will be applied to our current campaign or is generalized and supports facility upgrades, new technologies and equipment and health prevention programs for the community.

- Hufstetler Heart Center
   Chaplain Inpatient Care
- Children's Pediatric/Nursery
- Chaplain Inpatient CareEdwards Cancer Center
- Dialysis Patient CareGreatest Need
- Hospice Care
- Healthcare Scholarships
- Diane and Jim Lowry Scholarship
- Doris Spry and Laverne Nash Scholarship
- Madge Owens Scholarship
- Jane and Sam Perry Scholarship
- Anne and Monty Carlton Family Scholarship
- King Family Scholarship

### **Commemorative Gifts**

Several unique opportunities provide a meaningful and lasting way for you to express gratitude for a physician, nurse, friend or relative.

Legacy of Love for Children
Serenity Garden Bench
Art on the Wall
Serenity Garden Paver
\$5,000
\$2,500
\$500
\$100

### **Planned Gifts**

Planned gifts enable you to leave a legacy in support of Colquitt Regional. By designating life insurance or naming Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation as a beneficiary in your estate plan, your gift will have an enduring impact.

# The Georgia HEART Rural Tax Credit Program

The Georgia HEART Program is a remarkable and brilliant opportunity provided to Georgians by our elected officials. We are the only state in the nation whose taxpayers can financially support the state's rural hospitals – at no cost! You can support essential improvements to healthcare in our community by contributing to Colquitt Regional through the Georgia HEART program, in exchange for a 100% Georgia income tax credit.

Call 229-890-3416 or visit
Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation
online to learn more.

# **Giving Levels**

Every gift, large or small, is vital and appreciated – whether it's a one-time donation, an annual contribution or a planned gift.

These Giving Levels will help to recognize your support.

### 1939 Society

Named to honor the founding year of Colquitt County's first public hospital, the 1939 Society Annual Giving Club comprises donors who make annual gifts of \$250 to \$5,000. Donors also receive recognition on the donor wall in the hospital lobby and are included in the Annual Report.

## Founder's Society

Members of the Founder's Society have made special gifts of \$10,000 or more, with lifetime recognition and invitations to exclusive celebrations and events. Recognition levels accumulate with giving, as follows:

Legacy Members – \$250,000+
Founding Pillar – \$100,000
Key Founder – \$50,000
Sustaining Founder – \$25,000
Founder – \$10,000

### **Business Partners**

Corporate giving is a crucial component of philanthropic support for Colquitt Regional. Just as our healthcare system is vital to attracting businesses and talent to the community, your business can make a difference in the healthcare services available here. Business partners have made a one-time gift or pledge of \$10,000 or more and receive lifetime recognition, as well as invitations to exclusive events hosted by the hospital.

### **Corporate Partners Program**

Every year, we host three to four events that offer business sponsorship opportunities. Sponsor benefits include event recognition as well as mention in social media and other publicity.

### **Signature Naming Gifts**

Signature Naming gifts of \$50,000 or more may be designated for certain facilities, patient rooms, equipment or scholarships with a \$100,000 endowment. This provides an ideal way to memorialize an individual or family.

# Ilonors

#### **1939 Society Annual Giving**

The society, named after the founding year of Colquitt County's first public hospital, continues the tradition of those who saw a need and met the challenges of healthcare access in our rural community.

#### Diamond (\$5,000 +)

Shebbie and Tommy Bozeman Colquitt Regional Volunteer Services DeMott Enterprises Cannon Financial Strategists Draffin Tucker **CHC Supply Trust** United Way of Colquitt County Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hufstetler Hurst Boiler Mr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Kidder **RGL** Associates Jill and Jim Matney Mr.and Mrs. Michael J. McLean Sellers Dorsey NIMG MRS Homecare Mr. and Mrs. Shamb Purohit **Network Technology Solutions** Brasfield & Gorrie AMS National LLC InterMed Mindray Taylor Benefit Resource Telegan Teramore Development, LLC **TMPartners** Vereen Family Foundation

#### Sapphire (\$2.500)

Samantha Allen Ameris Bank Bank of America Tracey Bastiaans DO, MBS Julie and Andy Bhavnani Mea and Bill Bishop Donna and Michael Brady Christine and Matthew Clifton Drs. Erian and Nicholas Dodson First National Bank of Moultrie Freedom Logistics FMI Printing & Distribution Jeter and Jeter Metro Power Beckie Nowland Dr Sarah Nuzzo Pentas Wealth Management Dr. Lisa Rudolph-Watson and Mr. Benjamin Watson Southern Regional Technical College James Sizemore and David WM. Spence Nicole and Bud Stringer United Linen Services Valdosta Mechanical Company Woodwin Weeks DO Whelchel & Carlton LLP Wilco Electric Company, LLC

#### **Emerald (\$1,500)**

A&D Development & Investments Ace Industries Ashley's Business Solutions The Biando Group, LLC Terry Bowen

Jared Cardwell, MD **Heather Champion** Davis Family Farms Bull Durham Insurance & Investments Cindi and Paul Everett Megan E. Ford Rita Gav iVitaFi Jessica and Scotty Green Karen G. Hart Timothy L. Hunter Inc. Dawn and Scott Johns Joanne Jones Jessica and Kent Jordan Frederick Swanston Diane and Jim Lowry Dr. Michael A. Magat Gina and Bryan McDonald Management Services Network Stewart Merdian

Mobile Communications America Shain Nowland Osceloa Supply Melanie and Claude Owens Dr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Price Lara and Scott Price Tammy Redd RevSpring Toni Leigh and James Riddle Denise and Scott Romanowski Sean C Sauls Joann and Jimmy Sloan Ellen and James Sutton Jason Taylor The First, ANBA Becca and Richie Turner

Dottie and Hugh B. Ward, DMin

#### **Platinum (\$1,000)**

Sarah Walls

Melinda Allegood Brian Bennett Melissia Rennett Becky Bozeman Edith Ann Brunty Lee Bruttomesso Stephanie Causbey Pamela Chapman Javon Clark Sandra Michelle Cook Whitney Costin Miranda Dalton **Roy Davis** Isha Deneaall Beverly Dolweck Lewis Douglas Catie Duskin, DO Anna Faircloth Anna Forrest Friedlander Family Jeffery Shane Gay Kelly Goff Stacy and John Griffin Jessica Herrin Hazel Hill Carolyn Hurm Ron Hutchins Christie Johnson

Katie Justice

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