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The mission of the CAMC Foundation is to support and promote Charleston Area Medical Center’s delivery of excellent and compassionate health services, and its contribution to the quality of life and economic vitality of the region.

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**2017 CAMC FOUNDATION GALA A TRIUMPH**

The CAMC Foundation Gala is significant and important to our community and region. The goal of the annual gala is to raise much needed funds to sustain programs for underserved and high-risk patients at CAMC Women and Children’s Hospital.

Thank you to co-chairs Dr. Andy Tanner and Mr. Dewayne Duncan, along with the sponsorship and auction committees, made the event so successful. More than 500 people attended and more than $426,000 in funds were raised.

All proceeds from this event go to programs that serve some of the most at risk babies, children and families in our community. Each patient, regardless of his or her standing in life, is treated with quality care and compassion.

The evening celebrated the team at CAMC Women and Children’s Hospital that delivers care each day to those who need it most.

The foundation is extremely grateful for the support of all the sponsors.
THE WAIT IS OVER

In 2016 a campaign was launched to raise $200,000 to renovate the Imaging Waiting Room at CAMC Women and Children’s Hospital.

The CAMC Foundation is pleased to announce that the $200,000 goal has been reached and construction planning has begun to bring a larger, more comfortable, safe and child friendly imaging waiting area to Women and Children’s Hospital.

Every week, more than 200 pediatric patients come for imaging services at Women and Children’s Hospital. They are there for routine X-rays or perhaps an MRI where they may undergo anesthesia, resulting in long waiting times for the child’s family.

Welcome New Staff

Darian M. Gist, Community Giving Officer

Gist is a West Virginia transplant with a passion for cooking and a soft spot for dogs. In her role she focuses on annual appeals, donor communication, stewardship and visibility and awareness activities.

As the community giving officer Gist works to make a difference in the health and well-being of the people in our communities and region. Previously Gist served as the finance assistant to the West Virginia Attorney General.

Crystal R. Richardson, Development Officer

Richardson is a graduate of West Virginia State University and a proud mother of two boys.

In her role, Richardson focuses on the successful planning and implementation of the annual golf outing and the annual run for your life. Additionally, she provides direction for donor research, identifies and cultivates new donors, performs stewardship functions and assists with major gifts and capital campaigns. Richardson comes to the foundation from Medical Transportation Management (MTM) where she served as the Education, Training and Outreach Coordinator.

Chairwoman Uses “Second Chance” to Inform Others

Welcome Angi Swearingen as the honorary chairwoman for the 2017 Run for Your Life. Angi’s story of courage, inspiration and spirituality in her fight against colon cancer precisely illustrates the importance of early screening.

“I believe in this cause. With early screenings and education, in many cases it is preventable. So, you better believe that I believe in this awareness,” says Swearingen.

After returning home from a mission trip in Mexico last year, Angi thought that the severe, nagging stomach pain she was experiencing was the result of a parasite she might have acquired while traveling. Unfortunately, what she thought was something minor turned out to be stage two colon cancer. One surgery and several rounds of chemotherapy later, Angi is eager to share her story of what she calls a “second chance” with hopes that it will encourage others to get screened early and realize that this diagnosis does not have to be a death sentence.

“I want to do this right. I want to see everyone run and walk this race well, but more importantly the race of our lives.”

To register for this event, please visit www.TriStateRacer.com.

Ryan White Program Linking Patients to Critical HIV/AIDS Treatment

Established in 2016, through generosity and under the leadership of its principal donor, Mr. Dwight A. Foley, the Dwight A. Foley Endowment allows funds to be requested, disbursed and spent by the Ryan White Program to address pharmaceutical and medical costs for those patients living with HIV/AIDS.

In 2016, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program at CAMC received a prestigious grant from the Elton John AIDS Foundation, with help from the CAMC Foundation. This grant aimed to fund the Retention and Linkage to Care Program, making HIV care accessible to those in remote areas, particularly in southern West Virginia. The funds aimed to cover home HIV testing kits, gas cards to assist patients in travel expenses for clinic appointments, oral care kits and dental cleanings.

Since 2002 more than 350 patients in 19 southern West Virginia counties, many of whom are uninsured or underserved have been treated.

A key component of the grant is the funding of a linkage and retention coordinator, who has been critical in reaching clients in southern WV who have not been actively in treatment. In the first six months of the Linkage to Care program, the coordinator was able to bring 18 clients back to treatment, and enrolled 11 newly-diagnosed clients in the program. Patients often struggle with transportation to Charleston for clinic visits, so having a coordinator who is able to reach the patients in their hometowns is a huge benefit and has helped bridge the gap to improve the care provided.

The Ryan White Program has provided free at-home tests to the community for several years and offers counseling to patients after learning the results. In 2016, 200 test kits were purchased through the foundation’s grant and are being distributed to partners of existing clinic patients, 19 southern WV health departments, and other clinical and community organizations.

For more information about the Ryan White Program, visit camc.org/RyanWhite.