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Welcome New Providers



Amanda Coker Burnette, MD

Dr. Amanda Coker Burnette joined the HopeHealth Medical Plaza in Florence. From Florence, Dr. Burnette is a member of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians.



Debbie Garrison, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

Family nurse practitioner Debbie Garrison joined the HopeHealth Medical Plaza in Florence and serves patients in the Access Hope program. From Florence, Garrison is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and Sigma Theta Tau International Society.



Caitlin Jordan, MSPAS, PA-C

Caitlin Jordan is a physician assistant serving patients at the HopeHealth Medical Plaza in Florence. From Lake City, Jordan is a member of the South Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants and the American Academy of Physician Assistants.



Veronica Ridpath, DO

Dr. Veronica Ridpath joined the behavioral health team at the Medical Plaza in Florence. A lifelong resident of the Carolinas, Dr. Ridpath is a member of the North Carolina Psychiatric Association, the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatrists, and the American Psychiatric Association.



Padigar Shyamanand Tantry, MD

Dr. Padigar Shyamanand Tantry is board certified in internal medicine and speaks English, Hindi, Oriya, and Kannada. He is a member of the Endocrine Society, American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, American Medical Association, American College of Physicians, and the Hillsborough County Medical Association.

Information at your Fingertips

HopeHealth offers articles, tips, and more for all patients. From the recipe of the month in our Seniors with Hope Newsletter, to upcoming events on our web page, there is something for everyone.

Check out articles, watch videos, or subscribe to one of our newsletters:

- **HopeHealth Blog** - periodic articles and information on important health topics
- **HopeHealth News** - read articles written by our providers and published in local magazines and newspapers
- **Events** - find out what classes and events are coming up by visiting hope-health.org/events
- **Social Media** - keep up with our community activities and more on Facebook and Instagram
- **Videos** - Hear directly from our providers, staff, and patients with a collection of short videos available on our Vimeo and YouTube channels
- **Podcast** - Listen to our providers discuss important health topics at hope-health.org/podcast
- **Newsletters** - HopeHealth offers an array of print and digital newsletters to keep you informed about health issues and more:
 - **Patient Prescription** - curated for all HopeHealth patients, the Patient Prescription is digital only and emailed monthly
 - **Seniors with Hope** - focusing on health concerns and life style activities for seniors, this newsletter is available in both digital and print versions
 - **Veterans with Hope** - New this fall, the Veterans with Hope newsletter is tailored to veterans of our armed forces and is available by mail or email

Email Donna Tracy at dtracy@hope-health.org to sign up for any newsletter.

HopeHealth Recognized for Quality achievements

HopeHealth has been recognized by the Health Resources & Services Administration “for notable quality improvement achievements in the areas of access, quality, health equity, and health information technology” based on data from the 2020 calendar year.

HopeHealth was recognized and awarded community health center quality recognition badges in three areas:

Overall clinical quality measure performance - Silver



For achieving the best overall clinical quality measure performance among all health centers. Gold is the top 10 percent of all centers; silver, the top 11-20 percent; and bronze, the top 21-30 percent.

Advancing Health Information Technology for Quality (HIT)



Meet all criteria to optimize HIT services that advance telehealth, patient engagement, interoperability, and collection of social determinants of health to increase access to care and advance quality of care.

Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition



Achieve PCMH recognition in one or more delivery sites.

PCMH recognition patient treatment is coordinated through a primary care physician

to ensure the necessary care is provided when and where needed and in a manner the patient can understand. There are five core principles and functions provided by a PCMH:

1. comprehensive care
2. a patient-centered approach
3. coordinated care
4. accessibility of services
5. quality and safety

Community health centers annually report a core set of information, including data on patient characteristics, services provided, clinical processes, and health outcomes, patients' use of services, staffing, costs, and revenues as part of a standardized reporting system known as the UDS.

More information on the data can be found at data.hrsa.gov.



Jett-Clair Named SC Coach of the Year

Sonda Jett-Clair of HopeHealth's Diabetes and Nutrition Institute team has been recognized by the South Carolina Public Health Association as the Lifestyle Change Coach of the Year. The award is presented by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control each year to an individual who has made special contributions in diabetes prevention and has proven results through program participants' weight loss.

Jett-Clair, chronic disease prevention coordinator at the HopeHealth Medical Plaza, received the recognition virtually during the 19th Annual Chronic Disease Prevention Symposium.

“Sonda is realistic and motivational at the same time, helping people meet goals and navigate challenges and options. She single-handedly helped get the Diabetes Prevention Program certified,” said Anita Longan, diabetes center coordinator.

“Her friendly, engaging manner encourages her class participants to share their preferences, needs and values, which then helps them overcome unhealthy lifestyle habits,” said Longan.

“When you know better, you can do better!” said Jett-Clair. “If I can reach one person, and motivate one individual who has pre-diabetes to make some lifestyle changes, then I feel like I have accomplished something. So I try to give people the tools so they can know better and make some changes.”



CHILDREN OF HOPE

Bringing Christmas Joy to HopeHealth families

For nearly 16 years, HopeHealth in Florence has shared holiday joy through our Children of Hope program. The program was created to provide gifts and much-needed household items to families who have been affected by HIV/AIDS. In 2020, we were able to expand the program to our family medicine and pediatric sites throughout the HopeHealth system and add many more children to our giving list.

A huge thank you goes to our friends at The Toy Shop in Florence. They have been instrumental in helping us fill the wish lists from the children in the program. It takes a village to make Christmas dreams come true for our children, and The Toy Shop is in the business of joy making at Christmastime.

We would not have been able to provide gifts to more than 400 children in 2020 had it not been for the partnership with Brice Elvington and his family. Recipients of this year's American Specialty Toy Retailing Association's Excellence Award in June, what a true blessing The Toy Shop is to our community!

It is my hope you will give deeply to help us grow a program that has blessed HopeHealth families for more than a decade. I would love to tell you more about how donation dollars are making a huge, life-changing impact for our patients.

For more information about the CCF, email me at scogdill@hope-health.org, and thank you for your consideration of a gift.

Scherrie Cogdill,
Director of Development

"We are so excited at the partnerships we have been able to create with HopeHealth to serve children and their families in our community. The passion they have for serving the community has inspired us to think of new and better ways to help all children beyond just those that come into our businesses."



What has us most excited in our partnership, is that we can use the resources and expertise we have to do so much more than just write a donation check. You could easily ask us to donate \$1,000, but as a small business, that is much tougher for us to do then to invest time and staff resources over a period of time that gives them purpose and passion in their jobs and allows us to help stretch your budget much more than we could add to your budget through a donation.

I'm hoping that over time, we can share our partnership with other non-profit organizations and small businesses in our area and show how matching the right partners together can benefit our community in ways that are exponentially bigger than what each could do on their own.

Brice Elvington,
The Toy Shop
Florence

I would like to help by making a donation to go towards one of the options below:

- ☐ \$30 - Household basket that will include household-cleaning supplies, paper products, etc.
- ☐ \$50 - Tennis shoes for ages 0-18 y/o
- ☐ \$150 - Christmas gifts and needed clothing items for 1 child

Yes, I want to make a donation to your holiday campaign.
Please use my gift where it is needed the most.

☐ \$30 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$150 ☐ \$200

☐ I've enclosed a check payable to HopeHealth.

☐ Please charge my card:

☐ Visa ☐ AMEX ☐ Master Card

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

Cardholder Name

CVV Number

Signature

Donations to the Compassionate Care Fund can also be made by visiting hope-helth.org/donate or mail to: Scherrie Cogdill, HopeHealth, 360 North Irby Street, Florence, SC 29501.

HopeHealth is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations to HopeHealth are tax-deductible according to current IRS laws.

Yes, I would like to make a donation to the Compassionate Care Fund.



KIDS ART CONTEST



★ **VETERANS WITH HOPE** ★

THANK A VET ART CONTEST #HHthankavet

Purpose:

To reflect gratitude and appreciation for military personnel and the sacrifices made for our freedom

Accepted Art Forms:

Submissions must be **2D** with a maximum size of **8.5" x 11"**

Submission Examples:

Watercolor, pencil, marker, crayon, acrylic, digital design, stories, poems

Brainstorm Themes:

Freedom, Veterans Day, sacrifice, returning home, patriotic, family, leader, hero, etc.

Details:

Art Contest Age Groups:

6-12 & 13-18

Prize:

One **\$100 first place prize** and one **\$50 second place prize** will be awarded to each age group, with the winners being chosen by the HopeHealth Veterans Peer Council.

Entries must be mailed to or dropped off at any HopeHealth location by Nov. 1.

For more information, email veterans@hope-health.org.



HopeHealth Golf Classic

Nov. 18, 2021

Teeing Up for the 5th Year

The fifth annual HopeHealth Golf Classic will be held Nov. 18 at the Wyboo Golf Club in Manning.

Open to all, the tournament is a four-man captain's choice with a shotgun start at 11:45 a.m. T

ournament fees are \$75 per player and include 18 holes of golf with a cart, a

barbecue lunch, and awards.

Mulligans will be for sale and awards include the longest drive and closest to the pin.

To register for the tournament or find out more about sponsorships, contact Scherrie Cogdill at scogdill@hope-health.org by Nov. 1.

HIV/AIDS Awareness

World AIDS Day is recognized on December 1 each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV, and honor those who have lost their lives.

HopeHealth organizes awareness events throughout the year to increase the dialogue about HIV and AIDS, decrease stigma, and provide support to individuals living with the disease. Many of these events are held on or near World AIDS Day.

- **Dec. 1** - World AIDS Day drive thru awareness and testing event at the Medical Plaza in Florence
- **Dec. 1** - Community Wellness Exhibit drop-in at HopeHealth in Orangeburg between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Dec. 1** - Testimonial Exhibit drop-in at HopeHealth in Aiken between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Dec. 4** - Annual HopeHealth AIDSWalk program at the Medical Plaza. Details coming soon on our Facebook page or visit hope-health.org/events.



HopeHealth Celebrates 30 Years

This year, HopeHealth celebrates three decades dedicated to addressing health disparities and promoting health and wellness in South Carolina.

From its 1991 roots as a all-volunteer support group for those impacted by HIV/AIDS, HopeHealth has embraced core values - compassion, integrity, accountability, innovation, and excellence - while providing quality, equitable health care to patients.

The organization has grown to 15 facilities with more than 600 employees providing primary and specialty health care services to nearly 60,000 patients in five counties.

HopeHealth continues to expand services and access with a patient-centered care model and a whole-health approach to care.

This fall, HopeHealth opened a brand new facility on Pine Needles Road in Florence and is converting the Liberty Room in Orangeburg into additional clinical space.

Expansion continues with the opening of HopeHealth in Hemingway before the end of the year.



Expanding Access to Care in West Florence

HopeHealth began seeing patients in early September at their newest location serving the west Florence community at 3380 Pine Needles Road.

The 10,000 square-foot facility provides primary care services with Dr. Krista Kozacki, Sydney Murphy, physician assistant, and family nurse practitioner Tim Weaver. An in-house pharmacy is expected to open in the coming months.

Krista Kozacki, MD

Dr. Kozacki joined the HopeHealth team in August 2011. She is a board-certified physician specializing in family medicine and has spent nearly 20 years practicing medicine in the Florence community.



Sydney Murphy, PA-C

Sydney Murphy is a physician assistant. From Darlington, she is a member of the American Association of Physician Assistants and the South Carolina Association of Physician Assistants.



Tim Weaver, FNP

Tim Weaver joined HopeHealth as a family nurse practitioner in June 2018. A native of Darlington, with more than 20 years experience in health care, he is certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

