

Palmetto Gold Winners



The Palmetto Gold award recognizes registered nurses in our state who exemplify excellence in nursing practice and commitment to the nursing profession.



Ashley Arrington, RN



Christine Gordon, FNP-BC



Dana Jones, FNP-C

HopeHealth Volunteer Recognition



HopeHealth hosted a volunteer appreciation luncheon during **National Volunteer Week** and several awards were presented by Cindy Averitt, manager of volunteer programs. Rose Buskey and Enya-Ramos Rodriguez were given pins for one year of service, while Sylvia Jackson was given a pin for two years of service. Henry Humphries was presented with the Hope Legacy Award, recognizing his over 8 years of volunteer service to HopeHealth! Enya Ramos-Rodriguez also received the Hope Award, which recognizes the volunteer who best emulates the mission of HopeHealth. On the volunteer program, Averitt shared, "I am so proud of all of the volunteers here at HopeHealth that have given their time to assist staff and our guests." For more information about volunteering, visit hope-health.org/community/volunteer or contact Cindy Averitt at caveritt@hope-health.org.



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National Health Center Week 2024



HopeHealth will celebrate **National Health Center Week** from August 4-10 with employee appreciation activities, community events, patient resources, and more.

National Health Center Week is held every August to bring awareness to the importance of community health centers like HopeHealth. The celebration includes contributions from community health centers throughout the country, highlighting their missions and accomplishments while encouraging support for local centers.

This year's theme is "Powering Communities Through Caring Connections." Employee and patient appreciation activities will be held throughout the week, and employees will be encouraged to take selfies and share them with the #NHCW24 hashtag during Social Media Day on Friday.

Other HopeHealth activities for National Health Center Week include:

- **Monday, August 5** - Patient parades at the **HopeHealth Medical Plaza** and **HopeHealth in Manning**
- **Tuesday, August 6** - HopeHealth Manning Re-Opening and Pharmacy Showcase. This event will spotlight one of two new HopeHealth Pharmacies, as HopeHealth has also recently added the **Williamsburg Pharmacy in Kingstree**, a local staple. There will also be a Lunch & Learn on rheumatology at **HopeHealth in Orangeburg** with Dr. Martin Weiss.
- **Wednesday, August 7** - Future Clinicians events at **HopeHealth Pediatrics on 2nd Loop** and **HopeHealth in Manning**
- **Thursday, August 8** - Ask a PBC (patient benefits counselor) about benefits at **HopeHealth in Timmonsville**, **HopeHealth at Francis Marion**, and **HopeHealth on Palmetto Street**.

Additional details are forthcoming about individual events. Become an advocate today by signing up at hcadvocacy.org.

NEW PROVIDERS



Patrick Nettles, MSPAS, PA-C

Patrick Nettles, MSPAS, PA-C, is a physician assistant serving patients of Access Hope in Manning. His clinical interests are diabetes management and behavioral health. He is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and the South Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants. He also volunteers at the Free Medical Clinic of Darlington.



Dorothy Selmon, LPC

Dorothy Selmon is a behavioral health consultant serving patients at HopeHealth at Francis Marion University. She addresses a wide range of issues like anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and trauma. She is fluent in both English and Spanish and has experience counseling patients in addictions, family, and individual therapy.



Casey Wilkes, LPC

Casey Wilkes, LPC, is a mental health counselor serving patients at the HopeHealth Medical Plaza. A native of Lake City, she works with children, adolescents, and adults. Her clinical expertise includes the use of cognitive behavioral therapies to assist with trauma, problematic behaviors, addiction, grief, mood disorders, and anxiety.

HopeHealth in Lake City Shows the Art of Health Care



HopeHealth in Lake City was a proud sponsor of the 2024 ArtFields Art Competition and Festival. ArtFields serves to connect the community with the arts by allowing local businesses to showcase artwork. Up to 400 works of art were on display in locally-owned businesses, including our Lake City location.



HopeHealth Golf Classic



Save the Date: November 21, 2024

4-Man Captain's Choice | Wyboo Golf Club, Manning, SC

compassionate care fund

HopeHealth patients may experience barriers to their health care needs that cannot be met directly by our providers. The Compassionate Care Fund exists to contribute to these unmet needs, such as the cost of specialty care and emergency assistance.



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



Introducing the 2024-2025 Board of Directors

HopeHealth is excited to welcome Dr. Fred Carter and Edna Rodriguez to its **Board of Directors**.



Dr. Fred Carter
President, FMU



Edna Rodriguez
Spanish Teacher

Returning to the Board of Directors are:

Chair: Mark Buyck III, Florence County

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HopeHealth Celebrates Its Oldest Patient



Fred Allen Smalls recently turned 106 and people are celebrating, including his doctor. One of seven children, Mr. Smalls was born on February 5, 1918. He retired in the 1960s when John F. Kennedy was President.

He now lives with his granddaughter, Birdella Kinney, who takes him to appointments at HopeHealth with his health care provider, **Dr. Paul DeMarco**. "It's been a privilege to be part of Mr. Smalls' health care team. He is the healthiest centenarian I've ever cared for. It was a joy for me and my wife to attend his 106th birthday party. The banquet room was filled with family, friends, and well-wishers, and our love for Mr. Smalls was palpable," said DeMarco.

For more information about receiving care at every phase of life, visit [hope-health.org](https://www.hope-health.org).