

Diabetes Care And Awareness At HopeHealth



The Diabetes Institute at HopeHealth and Community Health Workers hosted a **Diabetes Awareness Walk** in Florence. Sponsored by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Diabetes Free grant, the event was held to recognize the one in seven adults in South Carolina living with diabetes. Attendees also received health screenings, giveaways, and snacks. This walk is one of many education and outreach opportunities designed to empower patients with prediabetes or diabetes to take charge of their health.



The Diabetes Institute at HopeHealth, located in Florence and Clarendon counties, is the area's most comprehensive resource for diabetes and endocrinology care. The team of endocrinologists, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, certified diabetes educators, registered dietitians, care navigators, community health workers, and support staff works together to provide individualized care.

Additionally, the institute incorporates educational opportunities at multiple locations to help empower each patient to manage their diabetes. Free community class offerings for the year include the monthly support group Options4Health, Movement Mondays, Eat4Health, and Walk4Health. In addition to providing comprehensive care for diabetes, HopeHealth's fellowship-trained endocrinologists assess and provide treatment for the full spectrum of medical conditions associated with the endocrine system.

At The Diabetes Institute at HopeHealth, the team of medical professionals works together to help each patient find the best care. Accepting referrals now. Call (843) 432-3717 to establish care and take charge of your health! To learn more about community events, visit hope-health.org/community/events.



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The **HopeHealth Rheumatology team** offers solutions for patients with conditions like rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, and lupus. Providers offer services at **HopeHealth on Palmetto Street** in Florence (600 E. Palmetto Street), **HopeHealth in Orangeburg** (1857 Joe S. Jeffords Highway), and **HopeHealth in Manning** (12 W. South Street). For more information, visit hope-health.org/services/rheumatology.

HopeHealth hosted its annual **AIDSWalk** on December 6 at the **Streater Community Center**, with the theme "Walk A While In My Boots." This year's keynote speaker was HIV advocate **Johneri'O Scott**. Scott has lived with HIV for over 10 years and now dedicates his life to advocacy and visibility for people living with HIV. Attendees also enjoyed a resource fair and coffee bar prior to the awareness walk/trail ride. AIDSWalk has been hosted by HopeHealth since 1993, and serves to bring awareness about the importance of prevention, treatment, and breaking the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS.





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HopeHealth Receives Awards from HRSA and NACHC



HopeHealth was the recipient of two **Community Health Quality Recognition (CHQR)** awards from the **Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)**: the **Gold Health Center Quality Leader badge** for the second year in a row, and the **National Quality Leader - Heart Health badge**. The gold badge is given for being in the top 10 percent of all centers nationwide for overall quality performance. To earn the heart health award, HopeHealth had to meet or exceed three of the four national targets for cardiovascular care.

Additionally, HopeHealth has again been named a **Gold Level Advocacy Center of Excellence** by the **National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)**, one of only three Community Health Centers in South Carolina to earn this status. HopeHealth has been an Advocacy Center of Excellence (ACE) since 2016 and has earned and maintained Gold Level status since 2018. HopeHealth was the first Community Health Center in South Carolina to achieve ACE status, and the 22nd center in the country to achieve Gold status. To achieve Gold ACE Status, organizations must earn at least 75 points by completing advocacy-related initiatives. These include securing 100 percent staff and board participation as health center advocates, participating in civic engagement efforts, and establishing an advocacy committee. HopeHealth's mission relies on strong support from our communities and elected officials. Visit hcadvocacy.org to sign up to become a health center advocate.



Congratulations to the winners of the ninth annual **HopeHealth Golf Classic!** Held on November 20 at the Wyboo Golf Club in Manning, all proceeds from the tournament benefit the Compassionate Care Fund.

Championship Flight Winner: Dr. Nadia Carey & Family

First Flight Winner: MUSC

Second Flight Winner: Southern Senior Care



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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Connected Senior Care At HopeHealth



HopeHealth and **The University of South Carolina Brain Health** held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 20 to celebrate the opening of the Brain Health clinic at **HopeHealth in Orangeburg**. The organizations are partnering together to bring a unique model of Alzheimer's and dementia care access to Orangeburg County to help address this cognitive care crisis. HopeHealth will host USC Brain Health clinic services at its Orangeburg site, ensuring residents have direct access to a speech-language pathologist, a nurse practitioner, and a dedicated certified community health worker to connect patients and families with screenings, education, and referrals.



The Brain Health partnership is an important part of the connected senior care provided at HopeHealth via the **HopeGold** program. 50% of all new dementia diagnoses within HopeHealth in 2025 were identified with the USC Brain Health Network.

HopeGold also prioritizes Medicare Annual Wellness Visits, chronic disease support, and care navigation, to include family and caregiver support and community resources. Additionally, social engagement and advance directives, guided by the Five Wishes book, are an important part of the senior care provided at HopeHealth. **Seniors with Hope** is a free monthly social group and newsletter offered at HopeHealth in Kingstree, Bethea, and the Streater Community Center.

Additionally, HopeHealth partners with retirement communities **Betha** and **The Manor** to provide primary care services directly on-site.

To learn more about Seniors with Hope, call **803-525-4241**. Visit hope-health.org/services/senior-health-care for more information about connected senior care and locations.