



Tanner Health Foundation



**Tanner Health's
75th Anniversary
1949-2024**

75 Years of Care.
75 Years of Generosity.

75
YEARS

**IMPACT
REPORT
2023-
2024**

A Message of Gratitude

It has been an incredible year for Tanner Health and the Tanner Health Foundation as we celebrated the 75th anniversary of our healthcare system and most importantly the support of our donors and community who partnered with us to make the past 75 years of patient access and excellence in care possible.

Through the investments of donors- like you- over the past seven decades, Tanner Health and the Tanner Health Foundation have touched the lives of tens of thousands of patients through medication assistance, treatment support, transportation costs, and through the offering of critical specialty care in our community, for our community, such as cancer care, neurology, cardiac care and more. Together we have elevated the quality of care and the quality of life in our region for generations.

Tanner Health Foundation is grateful to work alongside our donors and partners in the mission to further enhance accessible and exceptional healthcare in west Georgia and east Alabama.

On behalf of the Tanner Health Foundation, I am proud to present our 2023-2024 Impact Report, spotlighting a sampling of the areas where your generous contributions have provided sustaining impact.

Thank you for your loyal and generous support that makes the remarkable care at Tanner Health possible.

Sincerely,

Nichole Dyer Fannin

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Executive Director

 **Tanner Health**
Foundation



Tanner Health: Your Care, Redefined



Tanner Health and Tanner Health Foundation are proud to showcase a refreshed look as we celebrate our 75th anniversary and look toward a future of continued healthcare excellence in service to our community. The newly designed mobius contains three parts representing our past, present and future.

Patient Assistance, Redefined

As your community-based healthcare provider, Tanner Health is committed to ensuring that every person in our region has access to the quality healthcare services they need, regardless of ability to pay.

Contributions to Tanner Health Foundation help to provide direct patient assistance, as well as, offset the patient charity care costs absorbed by the health system- enabling Tanner Health to further its mission of providing a complete continuum of high-quality care to all residents of west Georgia and east Alabama.

Donors to the Tanner Health Foundation made it possible to support community patients through:

- Medication assistance for 300+ patients.
- Mammogram assistance for 72 patients.
- Gas cards to support travel to and from critical medical appointments.
- Critical medical assistance for 500+ patients.

Providing a Range of Services

Ensuring patients receive the right care at the right time and in the right setting



Learn more about how you can support patient assistance and access to care at tanner.org/tanner-foundation



Creating Impact Through 75 Years of Care & 75 Years of Generosity

MAY 4, 1943

C.M. Tanner makes \$75,000 commitment to match the creation of Tanner Memorial Hospital.

Tanner Memorial Hospital receives its first patient. Just after midnight, local physician Homer Barker, MD, and nurse Gladys Kidd, RN, deliver the first baby born at Tanner.

NOVEMBER 7, 1949

1959

Mr. and Mrs. Eaton Chalkey (Susan Hayward) pledges her support of the plans for an addition to Tanner Memorial Hospital under the leadership of chairman Roy Richards, Sr. and hospital administrator Bill Warren.

The first expansion to Tanner Memorial Hospital is dedicated, adding 26 beds to the facility.

APRIL 23, 1961

MARCH 14, 1966

The second addition to Tanner Memorial Hospital is completed, expanding the hospital to 119 beds. Growth is rapid, as less than two years later Tanner seeks state permission to build a 75-bed expansion.

Georgia HEART, Direct Your Tax Dollars

Georgia is the only state in the nation that **empowers individual citizens and the business community** with the opportunity to **redirect their required state income taxes** to an eligible Georgia rural hospital, like Higgins General Hospital (Bremen, GA)- investing in critical access to healthcare for rural communities.

Thanks to your support, Higgins General Hospital (Bremen, GA) received more than \$2.7 million in Georgia HEART contributions in 2023 and has benefited from a total of \$12.2 million since the program's inception in 2016. The 2023 funds represent tax credit contributions from 142 individuals and businesses in our community and beyond who are investing in rural healthcare and improving access to medical services for thousands of fellow Georgians. **In calendar year 2023, 34,192 community patients were served at Higgins General Hospital.**

The dollars received through the Georgia HEART Tax Credit Program **in 2023 helped to fund critical infrastructure, needed maintenance and upgraded equipment** - elevating the patient experience and further enhancing the level of care provided at Higgins General Hospital.

THANK YOU to our 2023 Georgia HEART Business Participants!

Advantage Office Solutions
Ameris Bank
Aya Healthcare Inc.
Bank OZK

Beacon Communities, Inc.
C.M. Tanner Grocery Co., Inc.
RaLin
RSI Acquisition Holdings, LLC
Southwire Consolidated, LLC

Stitch America, INC.
Summit Radiology Services, PC
Synchronet, Inc.
Wayne Davis Concrete Company



Stratus Property Group



Bank OZK, Carrollton, GA



Summit Radiology

Put Your Tax Dollars to Work and Provide Support for Higgins General Hospital Today

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SEPTEMBER 1976

A third addition to Tanner Memorial Hospital is completed. Only the first two floors of the three-story addition are occupied, however, and the community begins raising funds to outfit the top floor.

The original 1949 hospital – along with the 1961 and 1966 additions – is demolished to make room for a new four-story addition. More than 3,000 members of the community attend the dedication of the W. Steve Worthy Maternity Center, named for the hospital's first obstetrician.

1985

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Villa Rica City Hospital affiliates with Tanner, becoming Tanner Medical Center Villa Rica, enabling Tanner to offer a wide range of services to northern Carroll County, as well as portions of Paulding and Douglas Counties.

1985

With the blessing of the Tanner family, Tanner Memorial Hospital changes its name to Tanner Medical Center – a name more representative of the facility's growing impact in the region.

1988

Tanner Medical Foundation is chartered, providing invaluable support to the mission and growth of Tanner, and helping the organization develop into an essential community resource.

Donor and Community Partnership, Redefined

The Tanner Health Foundation is grateful for the engagement and partnership of our phenomenal donors and more than 50 community organizations. We could not serve our community and our patients without YOU!

2023-2024 Donor and Community Engagement Highlights:

- **January 2024:** The Tanner Ladies Luncheon event hosted more than 80 guests to discuss best practices and healthy habits that invest in your overall wellness- mental, physical and spiritual. In 2023-2024 the Tanner Ladies Luncheon series engaged with more than 250 women from across our community and **raised \$10,000 to elevate care and patient access.**
- **May 2024:** The Thompson Foundation chose Tanner Health Foundation as the benefactor of their annual Nise's Race 5K, **honoring the memory of Catherine Denise "Nise" Owens Thompson.** The support of the Thompson Foundation **allowed for the needed upgrade of furniture and equipment, as well as patient assistance needs at the Tanner Villa Rica Infusion Center.**
- **June 2024:** The Re-Grand Opening of the Roy Richards, Sr. Cancer Center, celebrating our generous donors and community who contributed more than **\$1.2M to further advance cancer care for our community.**
- **October 2024:** Tanner Health kicked off celebrations engaging students, business partners, Tanner employees and the community at large in honoring the 75th anniversary of the health system. **In recognition of this milestone anniversary, Tanner Health vendors and community partners contributed more than \$225,000 toward healthcare excellence.** These dollars will be invested into patient assistance, state-of-the-art equipment and the future of healthcare for our region— providing life-saving and life-enhancing care.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2024 Spirit of Giving Award Recipients:



Pictured are Josh Chapman, Andrea Chapman, Kristi Garrett, Ben Garrett, Mark Camp, Denise Taylor, and Loy Howard, Tanner Health President and CEO

- **November 2024:** Our annual **Spirit of Giving Donor Reception** allowed us to **celebrate the immense impact of our donors, advocates and champions since the founding of Tanner Health in 1949.**

During this celebratory reception we:

- **Recognized 144 donor inductees into the Water Oak Society.** Membership in the Water Oak Society is extended to donors with cumulative, lifetime giving of \$25,000 or more to the Tanner Health Foundation.
- **Honored the dedication, service and generosity of our 2024 Spirit of Giving Award recipients.** Recipients of the Spirit of Giving Award are characterized by extraordinary generosity- giving of their finances, abilities, and time to further healthcare access and excellence in our community.

The Tanner Radiation – later Tanner Cancer Care and now the Roy Richards, Sr. Cancer Center – opens, a vision of longtime hospital supporter Joe Whit Walker, first chairman of the Tanner Medical Foundation.

1989

MAY 1, 1991

Tanner Medical Foundation hosts its first Magnolia Ball to raise funds for Tanner Medical Center.

Higgins General Hospital in Bremen affiliates with Tanner Health System, joining the Tanner family of hospitals.

OCTOBER 1998

1999

A new renovation of the Emergency Department at Tanner Medical Center/Carrollton helps the facility meet the changing needs of a new century in health care.

Tanner Health System expands its commitment to offer a full continuum of care for west Georgia by acquiring struggling home health and hospice services.

1999

Donor and Community Partnership, Redefined

Thank you to our donors and community partners who make our work possible! Your support has created impact in our community that enhances wellness every day and will touch lives for generations to come.



Trojan Ambassador Club at Carrollton Upper Elementary



Carrollton Lions Club



Haralson County High School Beta Club Supporting Mammogram Assistance



May Ladies Luncheon



Tanner Health Community Breakfast



RaLin Team, Roy Richards, Sr. Cancer Center Re-Grand Opening



Thompson Foundation



JAC Products (Heard County)



Timothy Martin, Carroll EMC's President and CEO



Caliber 1 Construction First Responders Appreciation



Tanner Health SHE Conference



TydenBrooks



SynchroNet



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NOV. 7, 1999

Tanner marks 50 years of dedicated healthcare services to the west Georgia community with a special celebration that coincides with the date Dr. Barker delivered the hospital's first baby.

Tanner expands Higgins General Hospital with new emergency facilities, an outpatient surgery center, a modern medical office building and medical imaging equipment, including a full-time MRI scanner.

2003

2003

Tanner opens the doors of brand-new, 40-bed Tanner Medical Center/Villa Rica.

Tanner Breast Health opens providing digital mammography recognized nationwide, providing diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer under one roof.

2006

2007

Tanner Health System breaks ground on its fourth hospital. Willowbrooke at Tanner will become the first new behavioral health hospital built in Georgia in at least 20 years.

Family Care, Redefined

Generous support from donors like you, through the Tanner Health Foundation, allowed Tanner Health to better meet the healthcare needs of families across our region.

- Tanner Urgent Care for Kids opened its doors in August 2024, providing Carrollton’s only urgent care clinic designed just for kids with after-hours and weekend availability to better accommodate the schedules of parents and care givers.
- Tanner Urgent Care Villa Rica, opened its new family exam room, giving larger families more space to connect with nurses and providers as they assist with their care needs.
- Purchased car seats and needed supplies for families transitioning from hospital to home with their newest family members.
- Provided bereavement support to families through our Little Angels Fund.
- Offered extra comfort to our pediatric patients during their EMS transport by giving them their own Shadow Buddies plush toy.



Your Wellness, Redefined

Get Healthy, Live Well (GHLW) is a comprehensive community health collaborative led by Tanner Health that provides community members in its service area the resources they need to lead healthier lifestyles. With the help of its partners and volunteers, Get Healthy, Live Well is helping make communities healthier.

Through the support of individual donors and funding through our granting partners, GHLW was able to:

- Serve 11,128 community patients.
 - Provide 135 evidence-based classes and programs, offering education on nutrition, chronic disease management, the importance of physical activity, and tobacco cessation to name a few.
- Wellness Outcomes Celebrated:**
- 62% of patients experienced weight loss, losing an average of 12.8 pounds
 - 70% of patients increased their physical activity
 - 85% of patients saw a reduction in A1c
 - 81% of patients experienced a reduction in hypertension/blood pressure

Tanner Health Employee Wellness:

The Powell family’s passion about access to mental and physical wellness resources for Tanner employees inspired them to contribute \$100,000 to be used two-fold-to help renovate the Carrollton Health Source Employee Gym and create an endowment to ensure access to important wellness resources for employees for years to come.



Powell Family
Danielle, Chris, Grace and Ellie

Tanner Heart and Vascular Care and Healthy Wellness Learning Center at Tanner Medical Center/Carrollton are opened, providing new state-of-the-art cardiac care for west Georgia.

FEBRUARY 2008

2009

Tanner opens its inpatient behavioral health facility in Villa Rica in 2009 with Willowbrooke at Tanner.

Tanner opens Tanner Medical Center/East Alabama.

NOVEMBER 2017

OCTOBER 2019

Tanner Health Pavilion opens, providing new facilities for Tanner Healthcare for Children, Tanner Breast Health, Comprehensive Breast Care Center, and the new Tanner Imaging Center.

Adams Heart Center is named from a generous gift from a local family as one of Tanner Health System’s most prominent facilities to help the health system continue its crusade against the region’s leading cause of death: heart disease.

MARCH 2023

Neurosciences Care, Redefined

Tanner Health Neurosciences Care offers expert neurology services, neurosurgery, spine care and stroke care to west Georgia and east Alabama.

- Thanks to funding from the James R. Fulford Endowment, Tanner Neurology has established outpatient Electromyography services, designed to diagnose various conditions that impair muscle conditions that impair muscle function and nerve health.
- In September 2023, Neurosurgery coverage and 24/7 calls were established.
- Tanner Neurology has cared for 9,219 patients in Fiscal Year 2024.
- Through support of the Tanner Health Foundation, Tanner Neurology opened in Carrollton in August 2024, expanding access of Neurology services across the region to include:
 - 12 Neurologists
 - 4 Nurse practitioners
 - 3 Neurosurgeons
- Tanner Medical Center/East Alabama in Wedowee was awarded a nearly \$200,000 grant, expanding telehealth services to include telestroke, providing faster stroke care from the State of Alabama's American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery (ARPA) fund for the purpose of creating and expanding local telemedicine services.



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JUNE 2024

Tanner celebrates Roy Richards, Sr. Cancer Center Construction Completion made possible through generous community donor investments and support.

Tanner Health's 75th anniversary celebration and rebranding of Tanner Health

OCTOBER 2024

Y E A R S

75



Behavioral Health, Redefined

Tanner Health believes in treating the whole person and recognizes that physical health depends on mental wellness. Willowbrooke at Tanner provides services for children aged 4 and up, adolescents, adults, and elderly adults who have one or more mental health or substance use needs.

The Tanner Health Foundation proudly joined Willowbrooke at Tanner and more than 200 community members for the annual Light Up the Night event. This annual event brings visibility and awareness of mental health and substance use services available at Willowbrooke and across our community to further reduce the stigma of behavioral health needs in our community.



Thank you to those who donated to our Light Up the Night raffle packages!

- City of Carrollton
- Carroll County Schools
- University of West Georgia
- American Pie Pizzeria (Carrollton)
- Shuckers Oyster House

The Tanner Health Foundation's Dine Out Do Good series partnered with 9 local restaurants which benefited Willowbrooke at Tanner. Through this program, the community raised more than \$3,500 to support mental health and substance use services and programming in our community.

Thank you to our 2024 Dine Out Do Good Partners! Thank you to our community restaurants who supported our Dine Out Do Good Series!

- Shuckers Oyster House (Carrollton)
- Moe's Southwest Grill (Carrollton)
- Tropical Joe's Smoothie and Juice Bar (Bremen)
- Johnny's Pizza (Carrollton)
- Butter'dudder (Carrollton, Bremen, and Truck @ Villa Rica)
- Shane's Rib Shack (Carrollton)
- Captain D's (Villa Rica)
- Bell Street Burritos (Villa Rica)
- American Pie Pizzeria (Carrollton)



Through the generosity of donors to the Tanner Health Foundation we were able to fund critical programs like:

- The summer Equine Therapy Program for child and adolescent patients at Willowbrooke. Equine Therapy helps to teach children and adolescents the importance of non-verbal communication and to understand how moods and emotions effect those around them.
- The enhancement of clinical programming and staff training in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, a common therapy for people with borderline personality disorder and a variety of other mental health conditions.
- The launch of the Maternal Mental Health Program which provides services for perinatal mood disorders as well as maternal substance use and treatment.



Remarkable Care, Redefined

Established in 2023, Tanner Health's Remarkable Paws Pet Therapy Program makes a difference in the lives of patients, patient families, and clinical staff – offering comfort through the human-animal bond supporting anxiety reduction and stress alleviation.



Donations to the Remarkable Paws Program support items like:

- Volunteer (dog and handler) training and onboarding
- Supplemental insurance for the volunteer handlers
- Certificate renewals for volunteer dogs

The Tanner Remarkable Paws Pet Therapy Program was featured in the Tanner Ladies Luncheon series. The luncheon hosted more than 80 women and raised more than \$5,000 in support for this incredible program.

MOMENTS OF GRATITUDE WITH

Grateful Patients

*"My 33-year-old daughter was taken to the ER unresponsive and then moved to the ICU. During our worst hours, I was greeted by a smiling face and a beautiful dog. **It made me remember that there was love, kindness, and light in the world.**"*

*Kim and Paris appeared from nowhere like an angel from heaven. Paris is **remarkable** - the kindest, most gracious dog and Kim is the most amazing handler. They even brought my granddaughter a beautiful balloon bouquet.*

My daughter passed on a Saturday at two in the afternoon and Kim and Paris were there to help us say goodbye. Kim still texts me words of comfort every Saturday before two o'clock.

Our Remarkable Paws experience was truly beautiful."

-Maryann Forbus
Remarkable Paws Pet Therapy Program Recipient



Paris
Remarkable Paws Therapy Dog

*In memory of Paris, a Remarkable Paws Therapy Dog. "Dogs and angels are not very far apart."
- Charles Bukowski*



Tanner Ladies Luncheon Attendees



Tanner Ladies Luncheon Featured Guest Dog Paris



Bremen Rotary Club Presentation

Thank you to our sponsors!

Carroll County Sales Barn
Howard Land and Cattle
Tee and Camille Ogletree
Hagen Realty Group
Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Robinson

Meet the Team



Gemma, 5
Mixed Breed



Carrie, 13
Chihuahua



Julia, 6
Labrador



Lola, 3
Labrador



Barnaby, 7
Bernard/Labrador Mix



Ellie, 9
Doodle



Hosanna, 7
Golden Retriever



Paddington, 13
Mini Goldendoodle

To learn more about the Remarkable Paws Program and sponsorship opportunities, please visit tanner.org/support-tanner/remarkable-paws-pet-therapy

Women's Health, Redefined

Dedicated to investing in care programs and patient assistance initiatives that will seek to improve women's health and wellness across our community, the Women's Health Fund provides support for addressing the unique health needs of women. In the past year, nearly 100,000 patients cared for at Tanner were women.

- Focusing on preventative care, access to specialized services and health education, the Women's Health Fund will provide resources to empower women across the west Georgia and east Alabama region in leading healthier lives.
- Gifts to the Women's Health Fund make an impact through:
 - **Enhancing access to care:** Helping women of all ages receive critical screenings, diagnostic tools, and treatments.
 - **Supporting health education:** Expanding outreach programs that educate women about disease prevention, reproductive health, and overall wellness.
- Proceeds from the 2024 Tanner SHE Conference launched the Women's Health Fund at the Tanner Health Foundation.
 - SHE raised more than \$8,000 for Women's Health



Pictured SHE Conference panelists Meagen Thompson, MA, LPC, director of behavioral health, Willowbrooke at Tanner, Schuyler Cook, DO, internal medicine physician, West Georgia Internal Medicine, Shannon Couvreur, DO, obstetrics and gynecology specialist, Tanner Healthcare for Women, Allison Taylor, RN, labor and delivery nurse manager at Tanner Medical Center /Carrollton



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tanner.org/tanner-foundation/opportunities-to-help/womens-health-fund



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redefining
healthcare
in our
community.**

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and benefits our communities.**



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From all of us at the Tanner Health Foundation, thank you!