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New Members



McCrorry Construction *Pacesetter*

McCrorry Construction Company, headquartered in Columbia, S. C., is a full-service, general contractor and commercial construction firm that has operated continuously since 1918. Licensed in 13 states throughout the Southeast, the company has served an array of private and public sector clients through more than 3,000 general construction, design-build and construction management projects. The company is proud to be South Carolina's oldest general contractor.

McCrorry Construction Company, first established as the John C. Heslep Company in 1918, was renamed by Marvin "Mac" McCrorry in 1960. Over the following decades, the company's regional influence grew as it served one of the largest retailers of the era. Now under fourth-generation private ownership, McCrorry continues to be a leading force in retail, commercial, healthcare, multi-family and industrial construction in the Southeast.

Its employees strive to deliver each project custom-fit to the clients' expectations, cost parameters and long-term objectives. It's work that begins with preconstruction services that galvanize projects and target a more successful completed structure.

For more information or to inquire about services, please contact Richard Lindler at 803-238-6100 or rlindler@mccrorryconstruction.com.

SteelFab, Inc. expanding operations in Florence County

SteelFab, Inc., a leading American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) certified fabricator of structural steel in the U. S., announced plans to expand operations in Florence County. The company's more than \$5 million investment will create 28 new jobs.



With 15 locations nationwide, SteelFab, Inc. provides welding, coating, assembly, fabrication and other related services for steel products throughout the United States.

Located at 1220 Steel Road in Florence, SteelFab, Inc.'s expansion will increase its overall capacity for cutting, drilling and fabrication of structural steel. Additionally, the expansion will create a third production line and relocate the two existing lines to a new area on the existing property.

Construction related to the expansion is expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2021. The overall expansion is expected to be completed by 2025. Individuals interested in joining the SteelFab, Inc. team should visit <https://www.steelfab-inc.com/careers>.

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"This project is SteelFab, Inc.'s largest capital expenditure in its Florence plant since opening in 1988. We are proud to be a part of the Florence community, which has helped us achieve incredible growth over the past 32 years." **-SteelFab, Inc. South Carolina Division President Rob Rutherford**

"It's always exciting when a longtime partner like SteelFab, Inc. decides to expand in our state. SteelFab, Inc.'s \$5 million investment and creation of 28 new jobs is great news for Florence County, and we are looking forward to seeing them build on their success for years to come." **-Gov. Henry McMaster**

"We are ecstatic that SteelFab, Inc. continues to grow and invest in South Carolina. We applaud their commitment to Florence County and our people, which in turn, is an endorsement of our state's business-friendly culture." **-Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt**

"South Carolina has a history of showing strength in the face of adversity, so it's no surprise that despite the challenges we face today, we have managed to persevere. The expansion of an existing industry in Florence County that will create jobs and investment is an example of how South Carolina continues to press on even in the most trying of circumstances." **-S.C. Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh K. Leatherman**

"SteelFab, Inc. has been a member of Florence County's business community for decades, and we look forward to its continued growth and success for decades to come." **-Florence County Council Chairman Willard Dorriety Jr.**

"It's encouraging to see our existing industries growing in a time like this. SteelFab, Inc.'s expansion is a testament to the strength of our local economy and the resilience of Florence County." -**Florence County Economic Development Partnership Chairman Joe W. "Rocky" Pearce**

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Effingham Pellets, LLC establishing operations in Florence County

Effingham Pellets, LLC, a subsidiary of Charles Ingram Lumber Company, announced plans to establish operations in Florence County. The company's more than \$5.4 million investment is projected to create 10 new jobs.

A newly formed company, Effingham Pellets, LLC is a wood pellet manufacturer and distributor that supplies wood pellets for export sale to Europe.

Located at 4905 Ingram Bypass in Effingham, the company's Florence County operations will produce wood pellets to be burned in place of coal at power plants across Europe.

Operations are expected to be online by June 2021. Individuals interested in joining the Effingham Pellets, LLC team should visit <https://www.cilumber.com/contact-us/>.

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"We are excited to begin operations in Florence County, where we will be able to produce power solutions that promote sustainability on an international scale. Effingham Pellets, LLC looks forward to being an important partner to Charles Ingram Lumber Company and the community as a whole." -**Effingham Pellets, LLC**

"We are proud to celebrate Effingham Pellets, LLC's investment in South Carolina and our people. Anytime a company is able to set up shop here, it proves what we already know - that we have one of the most competitive business environments in the world and a workforce that can get the job done." -**Gov. Henry McMaster**

"In South Carolina, we know how to make things. Effingham Pellets, LLC's decision to establish operations here generates even more momentum for our state's manufacturing sector, which continues to grow and produce more jobs for South Carolinians." -**Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt**

"Sustainability is an initiative the state of South Carolina is proud to support. Effingham Pellets, LLC, with its use of previously unused material, is the right step for a greener, more environmentally friendly future for Florence County." -**S.C. Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh K. Leatherman**

"Effingham Pellets, LLC is a welcome addition to the business community of Florence County. Innovative ideas, such as creating useful products from previously unused material, are a representation of the unique opportunities Florence County has to offer. We are proud to host this forward-thinking company." -**Florence County Council Chairman Willard Dorriety, Jr.**

"Maintaining a quality business climate is one of the main goals of Florence County Economic Development Partnership. When two industries are able to collaborate for the betterment of the county, as is the case with Effingham Pellets, LLC and Charles Ingram Lumber Company, that's an indication that we are succeeding. We are happy to welcome Effingham Pellets, LLC to this community." -**Florence County Economic Development Partnership Chairman Joe W. "Rocky" Pearce**

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Member News

McAngus Goudelock & Courie (MGC)'s Florence office moves

McAngus Goudelock & Courie (MGC), a regional insurance defense firm, has moved their Florence office to 1452 West Evans Street, Suite 102. Cherry & Associates, an occupier services firm based out of Charlotte, has exclusively represented the real estate interests of MGC since 2011.

"Since opening MGC Florence six years ago, we have been blessed with representing many great clients in the Pee Dee area," said workers' compensation attorney Walt Barefoot. "This new office space will allow us to be even more efficient and effective in our work."

MGC is proud to have partnered with Pearce Land Company, a commercial real estate agency, on the renovation of the building. The firm's interest in and support for the project from the very outset has been critical for making it a possibility.

McAngus Goudelock and Courie is a metrics-driven law firm built specifically to meet the needs of insurance companies and their customers. From 16 regional offices, we serve clients across the Southeast. For more information, please visit www.mgclaw.com.

MUSC Health

MUSC Health Florence Medical Center receives Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award

MUSC Health Florence Medical Center is proud to share it has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus & Target: Stroke Elite Honor Roll Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

MUSC Health Florence earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health and get a follow-up visit scheduled, in addition to other care transition interventions

MUSC Health Florence Medical Center additionally received the Association's Target: StrokeSM Elite Honor Roll award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or [tPA](#), the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat [ischemic stroke](#).

MUSC Health Florence Medical Center has also met specific scientific guidelines as a Primary Stroke Center, featuring a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients admitted to the emergency department.

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

U.S. News & World Report names MUSC Health Florence Medical Center a High Performing Hospital for COPD and heart failure treatment

MUSC Health Florence Medical Center has been recognized as a High Performing Hospital for 2020-21 by U.S. News & World Report.

MUSC Health Florence Medical Center earned "High Performing" ratings for congestive heart failure and congestive obstructive pulmonary disorder, in recognition of care that was

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significantly better than the national average, as measured by factors including patient outcomes. “High Performing” is the highest rating U.S. News awards this type of care.

The annual Procedures & Conditions ratings, now in their sixth year, are designed to assist patients and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive care for common conditions and elective procedures. These rating extend the U.S. News mission of providing consumers with patient decision support beyond the Best Hospital rankings, which are geared toward complex specialty care.

For the 2020-21 ratings, U.S. News evaluated more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide in 10 procedures and conditions. Fewer than a third of all hospitals received any high-performing rating, and only 37 earned this rating in all 10 Procedures & Conditions. The state and metro area rankings recognize hospitals that received high-performing rankings across multiple areas of care.

The U.S. News Procedures & Conditions methodology is based entirely on objective measures of quality such as risk-adjusted outcome rates, volume, quality of nursing and other care-related indicators.

HopeHealth

HopeHealth held groundbreaking for new office location

Article obtained from Morning News and written by Ardath Arvidson

HopeHealth held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new office location — HopeHealth on Pine Needles Road — on Aug. 13.

The new family practice facility at 3380 Pine Needles Road will have about 10,000 square feet. FBI Construction in Florence is in charge of construction of the building. F W Architects is the designer. Construction is projected to be completed within a year.

Carl M. Humphries, HopeHealth CEO, spoke prior to the ceremonial groundbreaking. Humphries said he came to Florence in 2000, and for the first 16 years, he lived in the neighborhood off Pine Needles Road and drove by this piece of property he estimated about 5,000 or 6,000 times. Humphries said he thought back then that the site would be a great location for another HopeHealth.

Humphries said HopeHealth is all about access to health care. He said with the new location HopeHealth could add as many as 4,000 new patients.

Humphries said he is excited about the access to health care that the new location will provide. He said the new site will create access to health care for the people in the West Florence area and also create access all over the HopeHealth network. He said the plan is to move some existing providers to the new location, which will create capacity at the Irby Street location for new patients.

HopeHealth has a significant economic impact on the Florence community, Humphries said. He said an economic impact study was done and determined that HopeHealth is responsible

for a total of 869 jobs in the community. He said HopeHealth has more than 500 employees with most of them in the Florence area. The total number includes some indirect jobs.

Humphries said HopeHealth spent \$78 million at the community health center in the local communities in Clarendon, Williamsburg and Florence counties in 2018.

He said HopeHealth is treating people from all walks of life with 50,000 patients last year. He said HopeHealth has had a 29 percent growth rate in the number of patients served over the last four years. He said 67 percent of the patients are ethnic and racial minorities.

“Between 500 and 1,000 of our patients are veterans, and between 500 and 1,000 of our patients are homeless,” Humphries said.

Humphries said he is most proud of what HopeHealth does in serving people who would go without a health-care home if HopeHealth was not here.

Rep. Jay Jordan also addressed the gathering and said this was a great day for Florence. He said the community needs to make sure health care is available to all, and HopeHealth is a major contributor.

Martina Love, chairwoman of the HopeHealth Board of Directors, said she recently had an occasion to use the health services at HopeHealth. She said she has been impressed with the level of care provided by HopeHealth but never so much as in recent months.

Madison Hall, health care access coordinator at the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association, the unifying organization for the 23 community health centers in South Carolina, congratulated HopeHealth on breaking ground for its newest health center site. She said it is a great achievement that will expand access to health care in this community. She said this week, Aug. 9-15, is also National Health Center Week, an annual celebration with a goal of raising awareness about America’s health centers, and a most appropriate time for the groundbreaking. This year’s theme is “Lighting the way for Healthier Communities: Today and in the Future.”

“Community health centers are often a beacon of strength, service and care in their communities,” she said.



Children of Hope Campaign receives large donation

HopeHealth is striving to make the lives of children brighter this holiday season through its Children of Hope Christmas in July internal campaign.

Since 1996, children of HopeHealth patients facing difficult circumstances have received much-needed clothing and toys from the Children of Hope Program. This year, Jebaily Properties is stepping up to help in a big way. John Jebaily and Julie Jebaily will be presented a \$10,000 check to HopeHealth on Aug. 4 at the HopeHealth Medical Plaza on North Irby Street in Florence.

John Jebaily has been a longtime supporter of HopeHealth and currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors.

“We are so grateful for the support of businesses and community members like John and Julie,” said Scherrie Cogdill, director of development at HopeHealth. “These funds will help us add an additional 100 children to the annual Children of Hope holiday shopping list.” Last year’s Children of Hope Christmas in July campaign raised more than \$25,000. HopeHealth is hoping to raise \$35,000. The Jebaily’s donation will help achieve this goal.

If you are interested in donating to Children of Hope, please contact Scherrie Cogdill at scogdill@hope-health.org or (803) 473-8718.

