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## Florence County Progress Newsletter

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### New Members

#### M. B. Kahn Construction

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Recognizing over nine decades of continuous operation, M. B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. provides a variety of construction services to all market sectors across the Southeast. Its nine strategically located offices allow the company to serve its diverse client base conveniently. The company has gained recognition as one of the nation's most esteemed construction firms and is consistently ranked highly by Engineering News Record. With over 90 years of experience as licensed contractors and a long list of projects and loyal clients, M. B. Kahn has earned the right to be called a specialist in its field.

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## Site Enhancement Grant Award

Florence County Economic Development Partnership has been awarded \$500,000 through S.C. Department of Commerce's Site Enhancement Grant. This funding will be used to develop the Britton Bostick Winona site off of Highway 76, including industrial park signage and an entrance road into the future industrial park.

Special thanks to our partners at Duke Energy for their support of our grant application and the development of the site.



## Member News

### Builders FirstSource donates lumber to Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Builders FirstSource, a supplier of structural building products, value-added components and services to the professional market for new residential construction and repair and remodeling, is donating lumber on an ongoing basis for a charitable cause.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a nonprofit organization that builds and delivers beds to children who don't have them. Builders FirstSource Manager, Melvin Lawson, felt called to answer the nonprofit's need. Builders FirstSource is the primary supplier of lumber that provides children in need a safe and comfortable place to sleep at night.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace has a Florence Chapter managed by co-presidents James and Lauren Joye, with the motto: "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town." To donate, volunteer for a build day or delivery event or to request a bed for a family in need, please visit [www.shpbeds.org/chapter/sc-florence-w](http://www.shpbeds.org/chapter/sc-florence-w).



## All Saints' Day School announces technology expansion re-entry plans

New All Saints' Day School administrators Evan Powell and Ashley Stokes have announced a significant expansion of technology throughout the campus and 1:1 devices for 5K through sixth-grade students when school is scheduled to reopen August 19.

The All Saints' Board of Directors has approved the investment of \$80,000 for the purchase of additional Chromebooks, Chrome tablets and infrastructure updates for this school year. All third-sixth-grade students will have Chromebooks, and 5K-second grade students will have Chrome tablets.



*Assistant Head of School Ashley Stokes, Head of School Evan Powell, and a member of its Task Force, Dr. Ramesh Bharadwaj*

"Technology is an integral component of all learning modalities that are included in our Re-entry Plan for the 2020-2021 school year, and it enhances the superior educational foundation that we provide at All Saints'," said Evan Powell, head of school.

Ashley Stokes, associate head of school, added, "By blending the best elements of traditional and virtual learning, we are preparing students to succeed beyond the classroom walls into the global community. Technology alone is not what makes the educational experience better for our students, yet it can be very powerful when well-trained teachers thoughtfully integrate it into the curriculum," she continued.

All Saints' teachers are taking courses through Google for Education this summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. The academic calendar includes professional development days throughout the school year to support developmentally appropriate technology integration across the grades.

The All Saints' Day School Re-entry Task Force committee includes Powell, Stokes, Dr. Ramesh Bharadwaj, Dr. John Keith, Missy Brown, Tammy Clark and Beth Hopewell. The committee has determined specific health and safety protocols for the campus to re-open on August 19. A first draft of the All Saints' Re-entry Plan was shared with the school community this week. The Task Force committee and school leadership will continue to refine policies and procedures for re-entry throughout the summer.

"Our Re-entry Plan includes fluid options and plans for on-campus, modified, and distance learning, and we are committed to meeting the needs of all students regardless of the location where teaching and learning take place. We strongly agree with the American Association of Pediatrics that students should be physically present in school as much as possible. Our goal is to have all students and teachers on our campus, while prioritizing their health and safety," Powell said.

## MUSC Health announces new hospital

MUSC Health is currently designing a new hospital in the Williamsburg/Lake City region with a targeted opening date of January 2023. The facility is being built to replace two existing hospitals located in Williamsburg and Lake City respectively and will become part of the Florence Division of MUSC Health. This MUSC Health-owned hospital will feature 25 licensed beds, full operating and diagnostic services, a 16-bay emergency department and the latest capabilities in telehealth. The project represents MUSC's ongoing effort to extend its mission to communities and citizens across the state.

"Filing the certificate of need is a key step in moving forward with this new model for rural health care," said Julie Floyd, chair of the board for Williamsburg Regional Hospital. "This demonstrates the level of commitment of all parties to move forward even though we are in the midst of a pandemic."

"We are pleased to see this project advancing and are grateful to the Heath family for the ability to use their property to construct a facility that will serve our community well into the future," said Scotty Campbell, chair of the board for Lake City Community Hospital.



## McLeod Health

### *McLeod Hospice earns Caregiver Satisfaction Award*

McLeod Hospice has earned the 2019 SHP*Best*<sup>™</sup> "Superior Performer" Caregiver Satisfaction Award. The program has been recognized by Strategic Healthcare Programs (SHP) as a "Superior Performer" for achieving an overall score that ranked in the top 20 percent in the SHP national CAHPS<sup>®</sup> Hospice benchmark and scoring above the SHP national average for each CAHPS<sup>®</sup> Hospice quality measure as measured from the caregiver's point of view.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires all hospices to contract with a survey vendor such as SHP to administer a satisfaction survey to measure the experiences that patients and their caregivers had with hospice care. This survey is called the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS<sup>®</sup>)

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The CAHPS® survey asks consumers and patients to report on and evaluate their experiences with health care. These surveys cover topics that are important to consumers and focus on aspects of quality that patients are best qualified to assess, such as the communication skills of providers and ease of access to health care services.

"We are pleased that our caregiver satisfaction survey results have earned McLeod Hospice this national recognition," said Joan Pavy, administrator of McLeod Hospice. "What makes this honor meaningful is the fact that our entire hospice team makes the needs of our patients and caregivers their No. 1 priority. The survey scores simply reflect our patient family-centered philosophy."

The annual [SHPBest™ award program](#) was created to acknowledge hospice providers that consistently provide high-quality service to families and caregivers of patients receiving hospice care. The 2019 award recipients were determined by reviewing and ranking the overall CAHPS Hospice survey satisfaction score for more than 1,400 hospice providers. With one of the largest CAHPS Hospice benchmarks in the nation, SHP is in a unique position to identify and recognize organizations that have made family and caregiver satisfaction a priority and have been rewarded for their efforts with high marks on the CAHPS Hospice survey.

### *McLeod Health physicians and hospitals recognized for excellence in healthcare*

McLeod Health physicians and hospitals were recently recognized for providing excellence in healthcare by national healthcare research leader Professional Research Consultants, Inc. (PRC).

**Dr. Keith Player**, a McLeod General Surgeon, has been honored as a Top Performer for Overall Rating of Physician Care. He is ranked at or above the 100th percentile, which equates to the highest-scoring physicians in the nation. The following 31 McLeod physicians and providers were also honored for being ranked in the top ten percent in the nation as 5-Star recipients: **Dr. Francis Acaylar; Dr. Richard Alexander; Dr. Gary Barrett; Dr. Donald Behling; Dr. Cary Brewton; Dr. Paul Chandler; Dr. Michael Collins; Dr. Kevin Dineen; Dr. Benjamin Elder; Dr. Gary Emerson; Brian Feagin, OTR/L CHT; Dr. Charlotte Francis; Dr. James S. Garner, IV; Dr. John Gause; Dr. Eric Heimberger; Dr. Raymond Holt; Dr. Patrick Jebaily; Abbie Kirby, PA-C; Dr. Dale Lusk; Dr. Guy McClary; Dr. Ansel McFaddin; Dr. Amy Murrell; Dr. Sarah Novis; Dr. Davinderbir Pannu; Dr. John Richey; Dr. Jeffery Scharstein; Dr. Craig Selander; Dr. Timothy Spurling; Susan Wentzel, Audiologist; Dr. Nicholas White; and Dr. Weave Whitehead.**

The honors received by hospital include:

#### **McLeod Regional Medical Center**

5-Star Award for Inpatient Pediatric Services – NICU, Overall Quality of Care

5-Star Award for Inpatient Surgical Services – Overall Hospital Rating

#### **McLeod Health Carolina Forest**

5-Star Award for Emergency Department Services – Overall Quality of Care

#### **McLeod Health Seacoast**

4-Star Award for Emergency Department Services – Overall Quality of Care

4-Star Award for Inpatient Services – Overall Hospital Rating

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