

Remember EMHF in year-end giving

By Jim Lloyd

Planned Giving Chair



You can make a difference in the community by contributing to the Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation, which is dedicated to providing for the health care needs of Elbert County.

As the year 2007 comes to an end and you review your finances, I sincerely hope you will consider providing a year-end gift to the Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation. Every gift, regardless of the magnitude, is appreciated and important to the Foundation. There are numerous opportunities for giving:

Outright Gifts

? **Gift of cash** by currency, check, credit card, money order or bank draft.

? **Gifts of appreciated stock** with income tax and capital gains tax benefits.

? **Gifts of appreciated real estate** provide an income tax deduction.

? **Gifts of personal property** such as art, jewelry or collections.

Planned or Deferred Gifts

? **A bequest**, naming EMH Foundation in a will or trust.

? **Gifts of life insurance**, naming EMHF as beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

? **Gifts of retirement plan assets**. See details on Page 2.

? **Life income gifts**, such as charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities.

? **A life estate**, deeding a personal residence or farm to EMHF while retaining rights to live on the property for life.

Individuals contributing \$1,000 or more who are not presently members of the *Founders' Society* will be invested as members. Such a gift is everlasting and is invested in the *Founders' Society Endowment*. Or if you have your own endowment, you may wish to consider an additional gift to that endowment. Unrestricted gifts are designated for needed hospital renovations.

For more information on any of these ways of giving, please contact EMHF Executive Director **Nancy Seymour** at 706-213-2558.



Participating in the presentation of AEDs were (L-R) Elbert County School Superintendent Samuel Light, Blackwell Elementary Principal Vicki Smith, Bowman Elementary Principal Sarah Lee, EMH Foundation Chair Janet Wiley, Beaverdam Elementary Principal Barbara Gailey, Doves Creek Elementary Principal Lamar Scott, Falling Creek Elementary Principal Sandra Guest, School Nurse Kathy Poss and Foundation Board Member Mary Clark.

Foundation makes lifesaving gifts

In the spirit of "giving back to the community," the Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation recently purchased and donated five automated external defibrillators (AEDs), which will be available for use at each elementary school in Elbert County. The Foundation also presented a MedaCode Kelly training mannequin to the Elbert County Emergency Medical Service.

"The Foundation Board has seen a great need in the community to have life-saving devices accessible in times of emergency," EMH Foundation Chair **Janet Wiley** said. Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. Time is of the essence, and having these AEDs at each of our schools as a first line of care and treatment will help save lives. The Foundation presented AEDs to Elbert County Comprehensive High School and Elbert County Middle School in November 2005 and to the EMS in August 2007.

The MedaCode Kelly is a lifelike training mannequin and one of the latest technologies for performing patient assessment skills. It provides artificial breathing and simulates breath sounds. It will enable students to perform and learn various clinical procedures. This mannequin will be utilized for Elbert County EMS training, as well as training for Athens Technical College at both the Athens and Elberton Campuses.



EMH Foundation Chair Janet Wiley and EMS Director Chuck Almond with the MedaCode Kelly training mannequin.

Wiley said, "The Foundation Board is pleased to provide this training mannequin and felt that this was an important piece of equipment which would be used by our EMS personnel as well as students at Athens Technical College in training for lifesaving emergency care."



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Packed house for 'Evening of Bluegrass'

There was standing room only in the historic Elbert Theatre for "An Evening of Bluegrass," a benefit concert for the Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation. More than \$3,000 was raised as a result of the event, featuring Lizzy Long, Little Roy Lewis and Elbert County's own Al McCall. "We are so appreciative of Al McCall, who wanted to help the hospital foundation and made all the arrangements for Lizzy Long and Little Roy to be with us," said EMH Foundation Executive Director Nancy Seymour. "The Elbert Theatre was the perfect location. We hope to make this an annual event."

IRA Charitable Rollover: A simple and rewarding gift opportunity

Congress included the IRA Charitable Rollover in the 2006 Pension Protection Act as a way to promote charitable giving. In essence, it is a gift to givers. By creating a one-step option for making lifetime gifts from an IRA, taxpayers can transfer assets directly from their IRA to the Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation without any federal income tax liability.

This provision is a bonus for taxpayers facing Required Minimum Distributions because the transfer (or gift) counts toward their required distribution for 2007.

Here are the key details: If you are age 70½ or older, you can instruct a distribution be made from your IRA directly to EMHF. The amount of the distribution can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution from tax-deferred retirement accounts.

Although you cannot take an income tax deduction for the amount that you direct from the IRA to EMHF, you avoid the income tax that would otherwise be due, so the effect is similar. You can exclude up to \$100,000 as a distribution or distributions from your IRA in 2007.

There are some restrictions:

- ? The IRA Charitable Rollover opportunity expires at the end of 2007.
- ? You must be age 70½ or older to participate.
- ? The transfer cannot be used to fund a gift annuity, charitable remainder trust or donor-advised fund.
- ? The opportunity applies to IRAs only and not to other qualified retirement funds.

For more information, please contact EMHF Executive Director **Nancy Seymour** at 706-213-2558.

Honor loved ones with gifts to EMHF

The Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation hopes you will remember the Foundation in your charitable giving opportunities. Your gift to the Foundation can be used as a memorial or in honor of a loved one for a special occasion, birthday, anniversary, or even at Christmas time.

Envelopes are available at the Foundation Office by calling 706-213-2558 or by emailing nseymour@emhcare.net.



Jimmy Johnson Golf Classic tops \$20,000

The 2nd annual Jimmy Johnson Golf Classic, benefiting the Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation, was held Friday, October 5 at the Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course at Richard B. Russell State Park. The record \$20,720 in net proceeds will go toward the Foundation's Jimmy Johnson Endowment.

The **Zagram** team of Stacey Drake, Jonathan Shiflet, Steve Banks and Heath Brady took first place in the First Flight, edging out the **Regions Bank** team of **Chad Blackmon, Dino Blackmon, Nick Fleischer** and **Stewart York**.

The **Claude Ray Ford Sales** team of **Tommy Ray, Christopher Ray, Nat McCarty** and **Kyle Oakley** took first place in the Second Flight, followed by the **Cable East** team of **Robert Wall, Lee Vaughn, Michael Earl** and **Scott Boswell**.

David Baston won both the Longest Drive on Hole #18 and Closest to the Pin on Hole #13. **Mike Kelly** took Closest to the Pin on Hole #3. **Joel Garrett** won the drawing for a visit to the King & Prince Hotel at St. Simons Island.

The Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation extends a special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor AT&T for honoring the life and memory of Jimmy Johnson, longtime BellSouth employee and hospital Authority Board Member.

"We wish to thank our Tournament Patrons for their support: **Cable East, GMK Associates, and Merrill Lynch**," said EMH Foundation Executive Director **Nancy Seymour**. "We appreciate the support from this year's Tournament Sponsors: **Athens Digital Systems, Care South, Dixon & Hughes, PLLC, The Georgian Press, Johnson Machine Shop, The Medical Center of Elberton, Pinnacle Bank, Pioneers/ATT, Regions Bank, Star Granite Company, Ultrascan, Inc., Claude Ray Ford Company** (Hole In One Sponsor), **Edward Jones** (Putting Contest), and **Rod's Sign & Neon** (Signs' Sponsor)."

"We are most grateful to PGA Tour Superstore for their donation of gift cards for our golfers, for the continued support from **The King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort** for their donated weekend, and to **Elbert Insurance** for the donation of golf ball sleeves," Seymour said. "Finally, we express our thanks to our numerous Hole and Corporate Sponsors."

Corporate Sponsors: **Athens Area Health Plan Select, Avatar International, City of Elberton, Coffey Communications, Eagle Granite, EmCare, Elberton Federal Savings & Loan, Hansford & Hansford, Hillcrest Granite, McKesson Pharmaceutical, Nations Recovery, Pinnacle Health, QHR, Blaine Worley Quarries Inc.**

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"It was a pleasure to work with **Steve Barfoot**, General Manager/ Director of Golf, and his staff at Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course," Seymour said. "They did an excellent job in accommodating our tournament. We also appreciate their donation of four rounds of golf for the Longest Drive on Hole #18."



First place in the First Flight went to the Zagram team of (L-R) Steve Banks, Heath Brady, Stacey Drake and Jonathan Shiflet.



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Shop at BI-LO, help the Foundation

The Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation is participating in BI-LO's BoostersPlus program again this year. After you enroll in the BoostersPlus program, the Foundation can earn money when you shop at BI-LO with your BonusCard. One percent of your purchases will be given back to the EMH Foundation!

Please pick up your enrollment form at the EMH Foundation Office or call 706-213-2558 for more information.



Founders' Society - Membership

Individuals interested in becoming members of the *Founders' Society* of Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation understand that they are making "everlasting gifts" in support of the *Mission* of the Foundation.

To enroll in the *Founders' Society* you may use the following contribution pledge form and choose any one or all of the following options.



I/We choose one or more of the following options.

____ I/We have included Elbert Hospital Memorial Foundation in our **Will**. A letter to that effect (or a copy of the codicil initiating such action) is included.

____ I/We wish to create our own or family **Endowment** with a gift of \$_____. A gift of \$10,000 or more may be pledged over (5) years. If you plan to use stock to fund your endowment please discuss with Foundation Staff before taking such action.

____ I/We wish to invest in a **Charitable Gift Annuity** with a gift of \$_____. (Foundation Staff will prepare a proposal defining the interest you will receive and the amount of your tax deduction). Again, if you plan to use appreciated stock to fund your Charitable Gift Annuity, please discuss with Staff before taking any action.

____ I/We wish to contribute \$1,000 or more to the **Founders' Endowment**. Enclosed with this contribution/pledge form is our gift of \$1,000. Or we wish to pay \$_____ now and the balance of \$_____ in 2008.

(Please print your name & telephone number)

(Your signature & date please)

Please mail your completed contribution/pledge form to Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation, 4 Medical Drive, Elberton, Ga. 30635.

2nd annual Tena's Jewelry Trunk Show on Nov. 13

Make plans now to attend the second annual **Tena's Jewelry Trunk Show Benefit and Silent Auction** benefitting Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation to be held on Tuesday, November 13, from 4 to 8 p.m.



Ten percent of sales that afternoon and evening will further grow the Tena's Jewelry Endowment which was established by sisters, **Debbie Jackson, Sandra Brown, and Jeana Worley** to carry out the Mission of Elbert Memorial Hospital. Please join us for door prizes, refreshments, entertainment, free gifts with purchase and featured items, including Alwand Vahan Diamond Jewelry, Paspaley South Sea Cultured Pearls, Russian Faberge Eggs and Holiday Giving Ideas.

"Last year's event was well attended," Sandra Brown said. "This year, we are adding a silent auction, and we encourage everyone to come early to preview the items."

The silent auction begins Monday, November 12, at 9 a.m. and closes Tuesday at 8 p.m. Tena's Jewelry is located at 6 South Oliver Street in downtown Elberton. For more information, call 706-283-9381 or e-mail tenasjewelry@elberton.net.

8th annual Charity Gala and Silent Auction Nov. 3

The 8th annual Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation **Charity Gala and Silent Auction** will be held Saturday, November 3, 2007, at the Elberton Country Club. The festivities will begin with a cash bar at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30.

Live music for listening and dancing will be presented by the Athens A-Train Band, a five-piece instrumental group. **Janie Dedek** and **Jerri Rucker** are serving as co-chairs for the Gala and Silent Auction this year.

Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a digital mammography unit. For more information, please call the Foundation Office at 706-213-2558.



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