



THE IMPACT OF PHILANTHROPY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH

Leadership Message

Dear Supporters,

Community health is the cornerstone of a thriving society. Where you live, learn, work and play influences your health and quality of life, and promoting health is as important as treating illness.

As a faith-based, not-for-profit health care ministry, we are committed to removing barriers to health care access and quality, and to impacting the broad social drivers of health, particularly for those who are uninsured or marginalized. It's who we are, as we continue to live out our Mission for 200 years, providing good help to those in need, particularly those who are poor, dying and underserved.

The Bon Secours Community Health team leads a broad spectrum of programs and initiatives focused on promoting the physical, mental and social well-being of individuals residing within the communities served by our seven hospitals.

Donor support can help bridge gaps in access to health care and address inequalities in social drivers of health. Together, we can make a positive impact that extends far beyond individual lives and transforms our communities for the better.

We invite you to join us in our commitment to promoting community health by considering a donation to our Community Health Fund to support the programs and initiatives you'll read about in this report.

With gratitude,

Becky Clay Christensen

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Executive Director
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“The definitive factors in determining whether someone is in good health extend significantly beyond access to care and include the conditions in their life and the conditions of their neighborhoods and communities.”

— **John Auerbach**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Bon Secours Community Health

At Bon Secours, we recognize the factors that drive individual and community health extend far beyond the walls of our hospitals. Our Community Health team is focused on addressing the Social Drivers of Health in the communities in which we live and work. These drivers include health promotion, job creation, food access, transportation, education and affordable housing. With decades of building a foundation of trust, Bon Secours Community Health serves patients that may have difficulty accessing care through traditional health care venues. In partnership with community nonprofits

and local churches, the community health work of Bon Secours Richmond has grown to include primary, specialty and preventative medicine, culturally competent care, and education, behavioral health and referral services and support to victims of interpersonal community violence. In addition, the Community Health team leads Bon Secours Richmond's Annual Community Benefit Investment program, providing financial investments to community nonprofits who are also striving to improve the social drivers of health that negatively impact the health of the communities we serve.

SEED Grants Supporting Local Businesses

Our SEED (Supporting East End Entrepreneurship Development) grants are a vital economic program for East End businesses, providing funding to foster local growth, with Bon Secours as a key partner alongside InUnison, awarding grants to local enterprises to boost economic development in the area. The SEED program, held annually since 2011, has distributed more than \$1.2 million, benefiting more than 60 businesses in the Church Hill, Shockoe Bottom and Fulton corridors of the East End, as well as the Commerce Road and Hull Street corridor in Manchester, to date. The SEED program provides new or existing small businesses with grants up to \$25,000, which include business coaching services on marketing, financing and other business needs. The grant funding and coaching together help businesses



expand and become more resilient, bringing greater commercial activity and job opportunities to the community.

Community Benefit Investments

Bon Secours is a nonprofit organization, and it is also the Commonwealth's only faith-based health system. As a nonprofit, we invest back into our vision for our community. With our partners, we aspire to become a model of collaboration in addressing the socio-economic factors that contribute to a healthy community. Our purpose is to build healthier individuals, families and neighborhoods to offset the negative effects of the social drivers of health. We use asset-based community

development principles, public health principles and collaborations that build scale, high quality community level clinical services and high impact social investments. Separate from the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation, the Bon Secours Community Health team is charged with funding high quality programs in our region that align with our Mission and Vision, furthering our impact. Annually, Bon Secours Richmond invests millions of dollars with our community partners.

Bon Secours Care-A-Van

The Bon Secours Care-A-Van is our free mobile health clinic serving Richmond's uninsured population for 30 years. It operates five days a week staffed with physicians, nurses, social workers and interpreters providing care for more than 13,500 patient visits each year. Offering same-day services as well as scheduled appointments, the following services are offered to both adults and children throughout the region in partnership with area churches and local nonprofits:

Same-day acute care for minor illnesses
Primary and pediatric care
Preventive care/wellness visits
Chronic disease management
Back-to-school physicals
Women's health services
Behavioral health services
Vaccines and immunizations

Our community health and outreach worker teams are available to help bridge the gap for families in need when it comes to issues of food insecurity, reduced cost referrals, financial assistance, health education, health insurance enrollment and more. Expansion plans are underway to purchase a new vehicle for Petersburg and the surrounding communities.



Yasmin's life goes full circle from being a Care-A-Van patient as a child to a nurse for Care-A-Van today

The first time Yasmin Garcia stepped onto the Bon Secours Richmond Care-A-Van, she was a frightened six-year-old who spoke no English. She found kindness and compassion in that space and today, as a registered nurse working on the Care-A-Van, Yasmin is committed to providing that same kind of care for families in need.

Care-A-Van is supported by your donations to the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation and Yasmin is grateful for that support. "The donors are making a huge difference in people's lives, on a personal level and on a community level. Without their help it wouldn't be possible," she said.

Bon Secours Center for Healthy Living — Sarah Garland Jones Center

Since opening in 2017, Sarah Garland Jones Center has been improving the health and well-being of Richmond's East End. The Center is a site of health, hope and well-being through a variety of age appropriate and subject-focused programming.

Program offerings include:

- Nutrition education and cooking classes
- Group-based fitness and wellness experiences for all ages
- Wellness therapies for chronic disease management and prevention
- Cultural placemaking events
- Small food business development through training and commissary kitchen access

ABOUT DOCTOR SARAH GARLAND JONES

Dr. Sarah Garland Jones was the first African American and woman licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia and one of the founders of the first hospital in Richmond allowing African American doctors to practice. She was a pioneer in the medical field, a champion for civil rights and a role model for future generations.



Bon Secours Center for Healthy Living - Manchester

In April 2023, Bon Secours Community Health opened the newly renovated two-story, 8,000-square-foot Community Health Clinic in Manchester, which features eight exam rooms, an on-site lab and a behavioral health wellness room. Serving as our very first fixed-site medical home, the Community Health Clinic serves as an extension of the mobile Care-A-Van. Both the Care-A-Van and the Community Health Clinic operate as appointment-only clinics, either scheduled or same-day. Additionally, virtual visit options are offered as well as vaccines and immunizations for both adults and children.

"The opening of the Community Health Clinic was a major milestone for Bon Secours' compassionate ministry and for our underserved community in Richmond," said Becky Clay Christensen, executive director of community health for our Richmond market. "We could not be more excited to bring these critical health care services to some of our most vulnerable populations and to have a new space to further our important community health work."



Every Woman's Life Program

In partnership with the Virginia Department of Health, Bon Secours in Richmond, Virginia operates the largest *Every Woman's Life* Program provider site in the Commonwealth. Over 15,000 life-saving cancer screenings have been provided by Bon Secours through this program over the past 20 years. Virginia's *Every Woman's Life* Program provides access to free breast and cervical cancer screening services at no cost to women who are uninsured or low income. Screening and early detection reduces death rates, improves treatment options and greatly increases survival. Services provided by the program include a clinical breast exam, mammogram, pelvic exam, Pap test and any diagnostics needed to reach a final diagnosis. If a woman enrolled in *Every Woman's Life* Program is diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, she may be eligible for Medicaid to pay for treatment.

"I don't know how I would have received treatment for my cancer without these programs. Financial support of these programs is so important because there are so many hardworking people just like me who can't quite afford full insurance."

— Cancer survivor
Every Woman's Life Program, Richmond, VA

Instructive Visiting Nurse Association

Since 1900, Instructive Visiting Nurse Association (IVNA) nurses have provided critically needed health care services to the Richmond community. IVNA has partnered with businesses, faith-based organizations, schools and community partners to provide vaccinations, biometric screenings, health education and homebound immunizations in the Greater Richmond area. IVNA hosts Flu Clinics, administering flu vaccines. IVNA provides vaccines to persons aged five and over, regardless of ability to pay, many of which are charity care. The team has Homebound visits and also hosts wellness clinics in the community, including biometric screenings and tuberculosis screenings. IVNA helped pilot the Hypertension Management Program for patients in the

East End with chronic hypertension, providing weekly check ins, at-home blood pressure monitors, diet and exercise support, free healthy food and ongoing support from Community health workers, dietitians and pharmacists.

IVNA's home base was relocated to the new East End Medical Office Building on the Bon Secours — Richmond Community Hospital campus to help provide more strategic access to health education and care for the uninsured and underinsured in the Richmond community. IVNA has moved to a complete Charity Care business model to better align with the ministry and work of Community Health. The expansion of Charity Care programs will allow IVNA to provide services to more of the uninsured and under-insured members of the Greater Richmond community.



Violence Response Team

Formerly known as the Forensic Nursing Program, Forensic Nurses now team up with Victim Advocates to support each victim under the Violence Response Team umbrella of services. The Bon Secours Richmond Violence Response Team (VRT) is an important part of this Mission to serve our community and has been a critical resource for victims of abuse for 33 years. The VRT provides community outreach through a variety of ways, including participation in multiple sexual assault and child abuse response teams, community lectures and presentations on sexual assault, human trafficking, strangulation, child abuse, elder abuse and interpersonal violence.

This Bon Secours program is one of only two across Virginia to be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, serving patients of all ages. The team is comprised of 32 staff members who are leaders in their field, serving 46 jurisdictions, partnering with law enforcement, attorneys, child advocacy centers, shelters, social services, victim witness and many others with the goal of identifying and assisting victims of violence. Their patients receive compassionate medical-forensic care and are provided with resources to obtain justice and see hope for the future.

In 2024 the first satellite location of the Violence Response Team opened within Bon Secours Southside Medical Center in Petersburg. The original Violence Response Team suite continues to serve patients within St. Mary's Hospital.



Center for Healthy Living — Petersburg

Located in a business suite within Bon Secours Annex Building on the campus of Bon Secours Southside Medical Center in Petersburg, the Center for Healthy Living is designed to address targeted Social Drivers of Health and their disparities in Petersburg by offering services outside of the hospital setting, with the goal of increasing self-management of personal and preventative health and chronic conditions, access to post hospitalization services and prevention of readmission.

This community-grounded, accessible space offers not only clinical appointments and patient education, but also access to the residents of Petersburg as a collaborative programming space for community non-profit partners and other Petersburg-based organizations to convene. Our vision is to build upon partnerships and programs that collectively offer services and opportunities for the residents of Petersburg, leveraging the collective expertise with partners, to promote health and community wellness as together we build a healthier Petersburg community. The Center for Healthy Living began offering services to the community in July 2025. As we expand the services offered, we look to community partners and donors for their support.

SERVICES OFFERED AT THE CENTER FOR HEALTH LIVING IN PETERSBURG

- Chronic disease empowerment through blood pressure checks and education
- Food access resources to address food insecurity
- Health screenings and assessments
- Vaccination clinics
- Events focused on building community and connections to wellness resources
- Cancer prevention education
- Perinatal support
- Behavioral health support groups

Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation & Community Health

Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation is the public charity for Bon Secours Richmond Health System. The Foundation raises funds to support programs across the ministry, including many Community Health initiatives, to augment the health system's investments. The Mission of Bon Secours, to bring good help to those in need, particularly those who are poor, dying or underserved, is what brought the Sisters of Bon Secours to Richmond.

But we know that it has never been the Sisters alone, but rather the whole community working together to effect change.

The Bon Secours Richmond Community Health Fund supports non-clinical interventions, initiatives and programs designed to address the Social Drivers of Health and improve the health and well being of the communities we serve. The Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation and Community Health teams are committed to bringing more communities to health and wholeness. Philanthropy can further our impact and ***together, we can do more.***

To make a gift in support of patients and families navigating their health care journey, please visit our website at givebsmh.org/richmond or mail gifts to:

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