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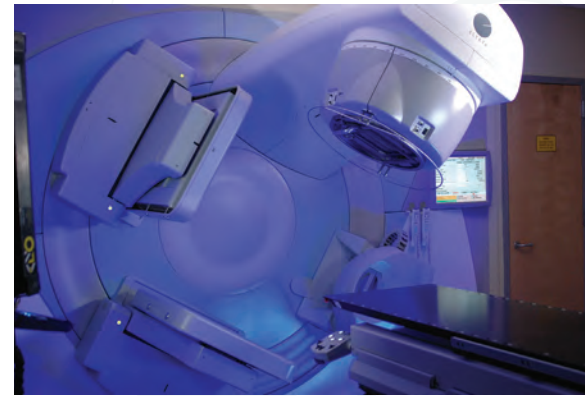
sgmc's economic impact within our community

to support area health organizations we contribute

### Investments in Technology and Facilities

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As a not-for-profit hospital, the profit we make is re-invested back into the hospital in terms of new construction, equipment and service lines. In 2010, we continued a multi-million dollar initiative to install electronic medical records house-wide and upgraded our linear accelerator—state-of-the-art technology used to fight cancer.



### Economic Impact of SGMC

FY2008

**\$601,031,430**

Most people don't think of hospitals beyond the critical role they play in filling the area's healthcare needs. However, SGMC has a substantial effect on the local economy. We are the largest non-governmental employer in our region, and our affiliated physicians are small business employers who create thousands of additional jobs within our community.

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## Community Benefit Report South Georgia Medical Center

charitable care

health promotions

community building



Thank you for your interest in our FY 2010 Community Benefit Report. As a community owned, not-for-profit hospital, South Georgia Medical Center provides free and charitable care, screenings, vaccination clinics and other community benefits that have significant impact on the health and wellness of our region.

SGMC also invests heavily in community programs, services and initiatives that address disease prevention, medical education and support for disease-specific health needs within our region. Our mission is to serve people and participate in making our community a healthier place in which to live, work and play.

SGMC offers many resources found only in larger metropolitan hospitals. We are a leader in medical technology and new service-line development. We recently embarked upon one of the largest building projects in our history as we broke ground for a new Dasher Heart Center and five-story patient tower.

Over our 56 year history, SGMC has cared for all the citizens in the communities we serve. Now, and going forward, we pledge to continue our charitable mission. This is your community, and we are your hospital.

Sincerely,

Randy Sauls, CEO



## Indigent/Charity Care/Unpaid Cost of Medicaid Unpaid Cost of Medicare/Bad Debt \$38,593,632

SGMC provides millions of dollars in free and reduced-cost services to benefit the sick and injured. Many times, these individuals are working but uninsured. Other times, these individuals are unemployed or homeless. Our financial policy also helps middle-income individuals who have experienced a catastrophic illness.

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## Community Building Activities \$639,670

SGMC is an investor in the Chamber of Commerce's Impact 2012 initiative, the Triple Crown Hometown retiree recruitment initiative and other programs targeting growth and economic development. In addition, SGMC works hard to recruit new physicians to fill our community needs. We also help fund a position through the Southwest Georgia Health Education Council (SOWEGA-AHEC) to recruit a qualified healthcare workforce.

## Graduate Medical Education Consortium of Southwest Georgia

SGMC and four other regional hospitals have formed the South Georgia Medical Education and Research Consortium. Working with the Medical College of Georgia, the primary goal of the Consortium is to establish a GME program at each hospital with each focusing on a different specialty. The ultimate goal is for these physicians to establish a practice and serve the healthcare needs of South Georgia. It is estimated the Consortium will graduate 160 physicians by 2020.



## Community Health Improvement \$324,111

For early detection, prevention and education, SGMC collaborates with multiple community partners to conduct various health screenings and our annual Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic.

- **Clinical Breast Screening.** In October, SGMC collaborated with the Lowndes County Health Department and hosted the Clinical Breast Screening. Women who qualified through the Breast Test and More program received free mammograms.
- **Heart Health Expo.** In February, SGMC hosted the Heart Health Expo. Over 200 people received free EKGs, cholesterol & blood glucose screenings, pulmonary function tests and body mass index screenings.
- **Public Health Awareness Day.** In June, SGMC participated in the annual Public Health Awareness Day. A collaboration of several members in the

health industry to reach out and educate the community about the importance of good health.

- **Seniors' Walk.** In observance of National Senior Health and Fitness Day, SGMC hosted Seniors' Walk at the local Senior Center. Over 180 seniors enjoyed breakfast, had their blood pressures checked and participated in a pharmacy brown bag check. An exercise specialist presented health and fitness tips prior to the seniors completing a one-mile walk around the facility.
- **Women's Wellness Day.** In May, in conjunction with Mother's Day, SGMC hosted the Women's Wellness Day event at the Valdosta Mall.

We provide millions of dollars

A celebration for the women in our community, vendors from the area set up booths and offered various health education and screenings focused on women living full lives.

- **Valdosta State University and Wiregrass Georgia Technical College.** SGMC helps sustain several health-related programs at both schools by providing support for VSU's Business Healthcare Management Certificate Program and Wiregrass' Associate Degree in Registered Nursing program.

## Health Professions Education and Recruitment \$502,890

SGMC makes significant commitments of time and resources to ensure we are educating and training future healthcare workers. We accomplish this through scholarships, internships and mentoring.

## Financial and In-kind Contributions \$363,572

SGMC sponsors various area organizations including the Boys and Girls Club, DARE, LAMP, the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association. SGMC is also instrumental in the operation of the Partnership Health Center, a free clinic for the community's working uninsured, by contributing funds annually, leasing the building for \$1 per year and providing hundreds of free diagnostic tests for the Partnership Health Center patients.