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**Richland Memorial Hospital**  
**Board of Trustees**  
Annual Report - FY 2025



# Generations of Exceptional Care

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**Mission:** To promote inspired health through strategic investment, community engagement, and oversight.

**Vision:** To be a catalyst for a healthier, more equitable Richland County.

In the 1960s, Columbia's health care needs were reassessed, leading to the recommendation for a new 600-bed hospital to replace Columbia Hospital. With voter approval and financial support from federal funds, the Duke Endowment, and private businesses, Richland Memorial Hospital opened on March 4, 1972, initially accommodating 163 patients. The hospital quickly expanded its services, establishing the first Level 1 Trauma Center in the Midlands in 1980, followed by the creation of South Carolina's first Children's Hospital in 1983. In response to changes in the health care landscape, Richland Memorial joined forces with Baptist Healthcare System in 1998 to form Palmetto Health, which has since evolved into Prisma Health, serving nearly 1.5 million patients annually.

The Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees remains dedicated to supporting the county's health care mission. Established under various acts and sections of the County Code, 14 members are appointed by the Governor based on County Council recommendations and three ex officio members. The terms of board members are set at 4 years.

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# Sustaining the Legacy of Community

On behalf of the Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, we are honored to present the impactful work of our investments and community partners. Since our humble beginnings, our commitment to providing strategic oversight, fostering innovative community partnerships, and investing in high-impact initiatives that address the root cause of health disparities has remained steadfast and unwavering.

We take immense pride in the milestones we have achieved; however, our mission goes beyond merely providing care. The Board of Trustees is dedicated to ensuring that our community has access to innovative and comprehensive health services that meet the diverse needs of our residents within the following health care issues and opportunities:

- Metabolic Syndrome
- Immunizations
- Telehealth/Telemedicine
- Social Determinants of Health
- Healthy Children and Adults
- Community Impact Partnerships

Each member of our board is committed to working collaboratively with community leaders, healthcare providers, and the residents of Richland County to sustain and enhance our health care legacy. As we continue to navigate changes in the health care landscape, our responsibilities as trustees inspire us to advocate for essential health services and to listen to the voices of our community.

We are excited about what lies ahead and remain dedicated to shaping a healthier tomorrow for the people of Richland County. Together, we can ensure that our community not only thrives today but builds a robust foundation for generations to come.



Dr. Carlton D. Boyd, Board Chair



Stacey McPhail, Executive Director

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# About Our Community

## The Purpose Behind Our Priorities

**11%**

Percent of adults in Richland County diagnosed with diabetes

Source: SC Department of Health, SC County Health Profile, 2026

Metabolic syndrome is a cluster of conditions, including high blood pressure, elevated blood sugar, excess belly fat, and abnormal cholesterol levels, that significantly increase the risk of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. In Richland County, rising obesity rates and sedentary lifestyles contribute to this issue. Community education and prevention programs can help reduce chronic disease risks, improve health outcomes, and lower healthcare costs.

**91%**

Percent of public school students vaccinated in Richland County, which is below the 95% threshold needed for herd immunity

Source: SC Department of Health, School Vaccination Coverage and Exemption, 2026

Immunizations are vital for preventing infectious diseases and protecting public health. Promoting vaccinations in Richland County can enhance community immunity, especially for vulnerable groups like children and the elderly.

**27%**

Percent of Hispanic adults in South Carolina who are uninsured, the highest uninsured ethnic group in the state

Source: SC Department of Health, Uninsured Rates by County, 2026

Telehealth uses telecommunications technology to deliver healthcare remotely, improving access for residents in rural areas or with limited mobility. It facilitates timely consultations and better management of chronic conditions, enhancing overall health outcomes.

Social determinants of health—factors like economic stability, education, and access to healthcare—play a crucial role in health equity. Addressing these factors in Richland County can help mitigate health disparities and improve residents' quality of life.

**15-17%**

Percent of adults who reported experiencing frequent mental distress, or 14 or more mentally unhealthy days per month

Source: US News, Healthiest Communities, 2026

Promoting the health of children and adults through strategies that support physical, mental, and emotional well-being is essential for the community's sustainability. Initiatives encouraging healthy lifestyles and preventive care can lead to a healthier population, promoting economic stability and better educational outcomes.

Community impact partnerships between local governments, healthcare providers, and organizations are essential for effectively addressing public health challenges. These collaborations enhance resource sharing and promote a collective approach to improving community well-being.



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## FY 2025 in Review

### Community Projects and Milestones

Community projects have played a crucial role in improving health outcomes and increasing access to care in underserved neighborhoods. One notable initiative is [Rise Up Richland](#), a coalition of community partners dedicated to the health and well-being of Richland County. This coalition has made significant strides in preventing diabetes-related amputations in the 29203 community through targeted interventions focused on education, prevention, and care. Additionally, the board sponsored the development of the [Prisma Health Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine Center](#) at Taylor Street. The center opened on November 3, 2025.

The success of this coalition highlights the power of community engagement in tackling health disparities. This work was recognized by the Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina, which awarded Rise Up Richland the [2025 Live Healthy SC Award for Community Innovation](#). This award honors community coalitions or organizations that actively engage in innovative efforts to improve community health and eliminate health disparities.

Additionally, the deployment of [Prisma Health and South Carolina Department of Public Health mobile units](#) marks a significant milestone in expanding mobile health services, bringing clinical care directly to underserved neighborhoods. Together, these initiatives represent a concerted effort to enhance community health collaboratively and address the unique needs of residents in these areas.

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# FY 2025 in Review

## Community Grantees

In FY 2025, the Board invited four applicants and allocated \$100,000 to the following high-impact projects.

### Metabolic Syndrome & Food Security

SC Thrive | \$25,000

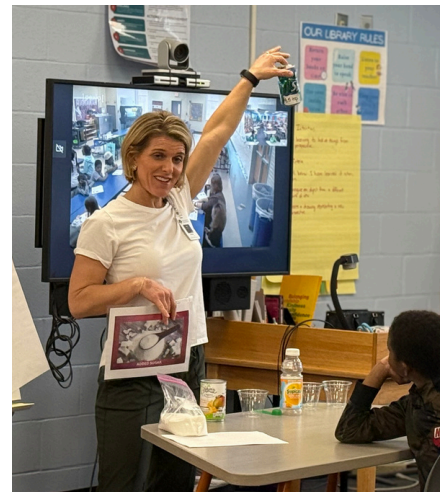
Collaborated with churches in Richland County to provide health services and education to local residents while reducing food insecurity through the distribution of free food boxes.



### Immunizations

Prisma Health Community Health Flu Shot Initiative | \$50,000

Supplied the necessary materials to provide free flu vaccinations for families in Richland County.



### Telehealth/Telemedicine

Prisma Health Telemedicine | \$10,000

Acquired new telehealth equipment to improve health education outreach for students and parents in Richland County School District One.

### Community Impact Partnership

Senior Resources, The Lourie Center | \$25,000

Supported the expansion of the Lourie Center, a subsidiary of Senior Resources, by providing free memberships to fitness center classes and access to facilities to promote active aging.

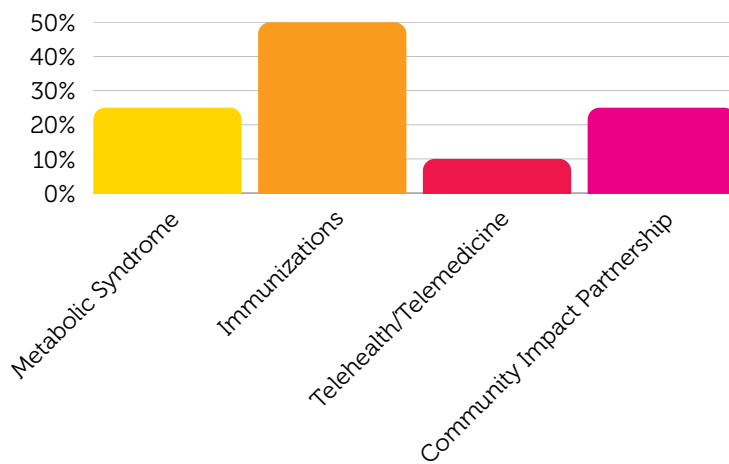
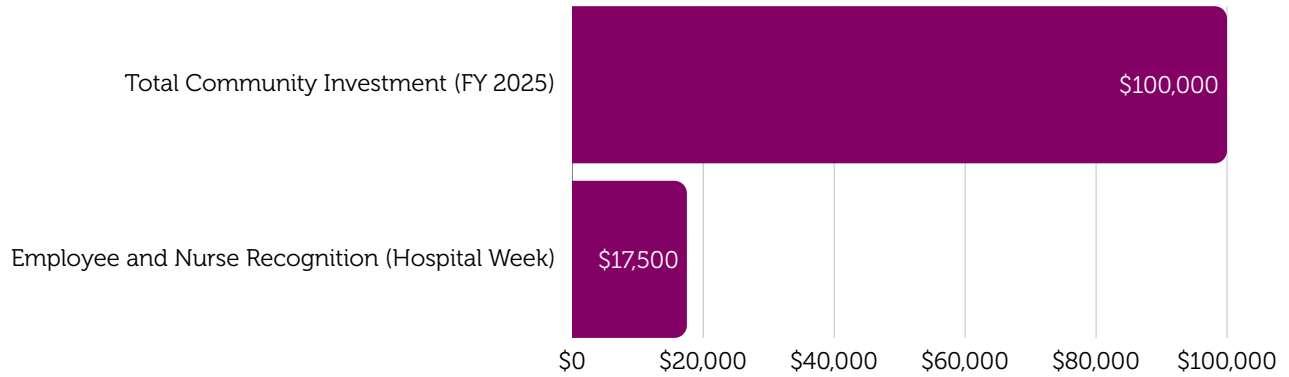


### Funding Process and Guidelines

Funding decisions are strategic and contribute to solving or effectively addressing the following health care issues in a substantial and sustainable manner. Preference is given to projects that also positively impact Prisma Health Richland's performance. For detailed information about Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustee's funding criteria, visit [www.rmhbot.org](http://www.rmhbot.org).

# Finances

## Investment Summary



In the fiscal year 2025, Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees invested a total of \$117,500, with 85% allocated specifically for community programs.

The distribution of funds reflects a focus on the organization's priorities, with the greatest support allocated to immunizations via the Prisma Health Community Health Flu Shot Initiative.





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## Looking Ahead

### FY 2026 Goals and Vision

Rise Up Richland is committed to a future focused on **deeper asset mapping** at the neighborhood level, ensuring that resources are placed where residents need them most. Our sustainability efforts are geared toward **equipping grant recipients with the necessary infrastructure**, such as refrigeration for food programs, to create a lasting impact in the community. Additionally, we are dedicated to **supporting CEO Jennifer Montgomery** in her vision for Prisma Health Midlands, promoting leadership that drives positive change and enhances the well-being of our residents.

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## Call to Action

Join us in our mission. Review our Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) data and implementation plans at [prismahealth.org/chna](https://prismahealth.org/chna), and stay engaged with our quarterly public sessions.

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# Acknowledgements

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- Richland County Council (Ms. Chakisse Newton)
- South Carolina Department of Public Health (SC DPH)

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