



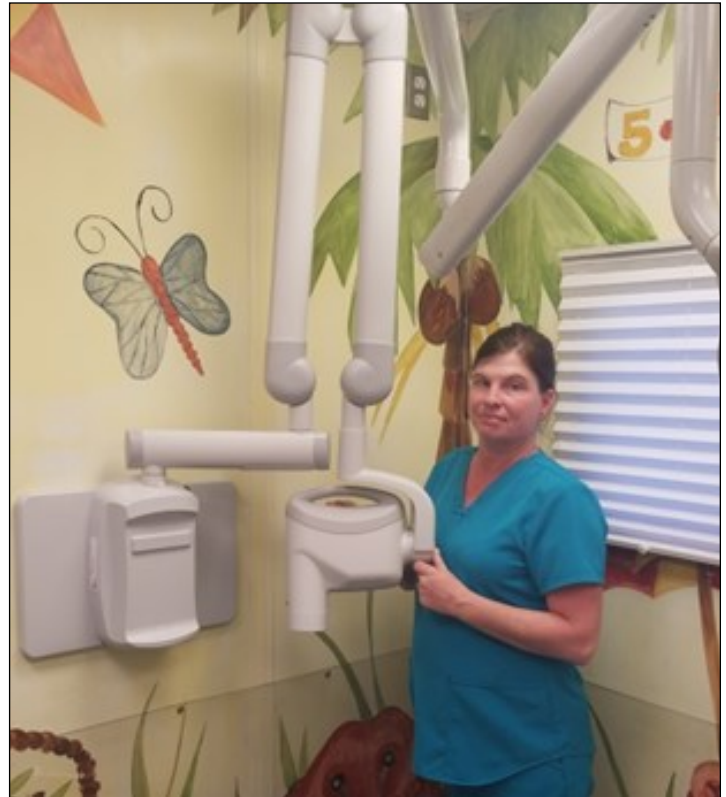
The CARING Connection

# Foundation Raises Funds to Replace X-Ray on Love Mobile Dental Unit

Donations to CareFIRST Carolina's MILES OF SMILES program were used to replace a broken dental x-ray unit and outdated light fixtures in the LOVE Mobile Dental Unit. This mobile unit augments the portable units when school classroom space is not available for area children to be seen by the CareSouth Carolina dental teams.

This 40 foot unit is complete with two exam rooms, and all the needed equipment to see the children at their school.

Thanks to everyone who donated and



keeps this valuable community asset serving the needs of

children with no access to dental care.

## 'Stand Up For Veterans' Event Held

Every year the CareFIRST Foundation partners with local donors and non

profits to make medical and dental services available to area veterans who may

not have access to care. All veterans are welcome. This one day event is a way to give back to the veterans in our region.

Dental services and follow ups, medical exams as well as podiatry exams are available. Veteran support services all come together to make this event a blessing for those who need it.



Proud Partner of United Ways in: Chesterfield / Marlboro County, Dillon County & Hartsville



**CareFIRST Carolina is the supporting foundation of CareSouth Carolina Inc. and is dedicated to financially supporting the mission of CareSouth Carolina and its patients. Together, the organizations provide and improve access to health and support services to those who need them most. It is the first regional foundation to focus on improving the access and the quality of primary health care in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina.**

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## Foundation Aiding Local Transportation Initiatives

As transportation services continue to grow the need is being seen more and more region wide. CareFIRST Carolina is still looking for partners to grow needed essential services transportation routes in Dillon, Marion and Chesterfield counties. Many local governments as well as community minded businesses and industries are now coming together to create a better and safer way for local residents to get to and from work, pharmacies, medical/dental appointments, shopping, paying bills as well as social services and trade school classes.

In Marlboro County alone nearly 3000 trips were taken in December of 2019! Services to the Wallace area are set to begin in February. Services in Dillon and



Marion are anticipated in April and mid-May, respectively. Local partners are making this happen.



## Mohawk Industries Supports Foundation

CareFIRST Carolina Foundation was proud to accept a \$3,500 check from Mohawk Industries to assist CareSouth Carolina patients in Marlboro County with better access to critical healthcare needs.



## Foundation Participates in Food Donation Event

CareFIRST Carolina Foundation, PDRTA, Harvest Hope and Vantage Point joined forces again to expand the transportation services to the residents of Clio with a food donation event for residents age 60 and over.

Over 100 boxes of shelf stable canned goods as well as fruits, vegetables and Perdue chicken were distributed to those who signed up for MARTi services!

The MARTi service now has over 100 unique age 60 and older users in Marlboro County.

## Community Support is what builds the CareFIRST Foundation Legacy

### Will you join us and assist with a \$20 gift?

Every day there is one of our local friends or a neighbor who finds out they need medications they cannot afford, a specialty care visit they are not prepared for or a CT or MRI to diagnose a condition that is ongoing and getting worse. As they say “it does take a village to raise a family” — it takes a community to act as a safety net to help each other.

The CareFIRST Carolina Foundation was started to act as a way to secure this help but also be sure follow up care and diagnosis are all part of a larger plan. Being a patient of CareSouth Carolina (open to everyone) is all it takes to become a part of this program. Sometimes only a few dollars is needed for medications. In other circumstances it may cost a few hundred to see a specialist and sometimes over a thousand for a critical CT or MRI to diagnose and better treat a condition. A small contribution will go a long way to bringing the care needed to a friend or neighbor in medical crisis.

Our goal is to have one thousand people make a \$20 investment. Your gift could assist a young uninsured mother who may need a mammogram, a father who passed out at work due to undiagnosed diabetes and needs insulin but is not able to afford the medication, or even a relative who has an x-ray show a “shadow” that could be cancer but has no way to know for sure. We want to assist them, but need your support to do that! Community Health Centers do not have line item funding for these services and that is why the foundation was created. We target your donations, local and regional donations, as well as have annual events to raise funding to support these services and much more.

Go to <http://www.caresouth-carolina.com/foundation/> click on the DONATE button and become a member of the CareFIRST Family. We welcome you \$20 gift. A monthly gift option is available as well.

**“Together lets help someone today...”**



***Congratulations to the foundation's Jennifer Thomas and her family for having the winning booth at CareSouth Carolina's Fall Festival event in Hartsville.***

## ***Golf Tournament Planned***

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual "Miles of Smiles" Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, May 13, at Cheraw State Park. Team fees remain the same at \$250 for four players in a captain's choice format with best ball, mulligans \$5 (2 per player) and red tees \$5 (one per player) additional. Come out and play for a great cause. Sponsorships are available. Over 3,000 area children were seen in 2019 by the dental teams in area schools — 1,600 more were seen by the mobile ROADS teams for medical services! Your participation and sponsorship makes great things happen!

### **CareFIRST Prescription Assistance**

**July—December, 2019  
\$14,636.89**

<b>County</b>	<b>Prescriptions</b>
Chesterfield	95
Darlington	327
Dillon	266
Lee	164
Marlboro	172
Other	124
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,148</b>

### **UWH Supports Veterans**

The United Way of Hartsville again supported Hartsville area veterans who may be in crisis or need to find a health care home. Joann DeLong presented a \$5,000 check to the CareFIRST Carolina Foundation Board.



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