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the **Pink** of Health

Specialty-care clinics and primary-care centers
keep Charleston residents hale and hearty.

By Jack Bailey



Charleston residents have access to a wide variety of top-quality health-care services typically only found in larger metropolitan areas.

“For a city this size, the level of health-care services is extraordinary,” says Steven Summer, president of the West Virginia Hospital Association. “Those living in Charleston are extremely fortunate to have this array of programs and services.”

The leader in the local health-care market is the Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC), a nonprofit, 893-bed regional referral and academic medical center. With more than 5,000 employees, it is the second-largest private-sector employer in the state, according to Workforce West Virginia.

CAMC has three locations throughout Charleston — General Hospital, Memorial Hospital, and Women and Children’s Hospital.

Memorial Hospital has developed a national reputation as a leader in cardiac care. It is home to the nation’s fourth largest cardiology program, and it’s one of the top ten busiest heart centers. Here, physicians excel in bypass surgery and perform more cardiac catheterizations than either Johns Hopkins or the Mayo Clinic.

“For the last several years, CAMC has been listed in *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the 50 best hospitals for heart [care] and heart surgery,” Summer says.

Memorial Hospital is also home to the Charleston division of West Virginia



The University of Charleston plans to launch a pharmacy school.

University’s medical school. More than 100 residents per year continue their education through the program.

At Women and Children’s Hospital, more than 3,200 babies are born every year. The hospital is home to the region’s largest and busiest neonatal intensive care unit and pediatric intensive care unit, taking in babies born in other parts of West Virginia that require specialized care.

CAMC’s General Hospital in downtown Charleston is home to the hospital’s

trauma center. Each year nearly 2,500 patients are treated at the trauma center. In addition, General is home to one of only two kidney transplant programs in the state. Since the program’s inception in 1987, more than 650 kidney transplants have been performed there. CAMC operates the program in conjunction with the Cleveland Clinic.

Like CAMC, St. Francis Hospital has a long history of serving the health-care needs of Charleston residents. Founded



Today’s retirees appear healthy.

KEEPING GOLDEN YEARS BRIGHT

With the country’s booming elderly population comes a growing health-care need. West Virginia, which is a hotspot for retirees due to its low cost of living and central location, is meeting those needs. Five geographic areas across the state have committed to providing quality health care to seniors.

The cities of Morgantown, Bluefield, and Beckley, and Nicholas and Summers counties have been named designated retirement communities. Communities must meet several criteria to achieve DRC status, with a strong health-care environment key among the requirements, according to Regina Mayolo, co-chair of RetireWV.

“You have to verify that you have quality medical facilities or you don’t get designated,” she says.

But, Mayolo says, there’s more to retirement than trips to the doctor’s office. There’s often a misperception that seniors rely too heavily on health-care resources, but the current retiree population appears healthier than their predecessors.

“When we talk about retirees, we’re talking about baby boomers,” she says. “These are people who stay active by walking, jogging, skiing and playing golf or tennis. Retirees take advantage of everything from walking trails to senior basketball leagues.”

— Jake Stump

in 1913, this facility is now part of the Nashville, Tennessee-based chain Hospital Corporation of America, which operates 191 hospitals and 82 outpatient surgery centers in 23 states.

Summer says that the wound care center at St. Francis is recognized as an exceptional place to receive trauma care, adding, "Those living in and around Charleston have the opportunity to take advantage of several renowned clinical centers of excellence at all the hospitals in the area."

In the neighboring town of South Charleston, Thomas Memorial Hospital draws patients from throughout the region. Named for Congressional Medal of Honor winner Herbert J. Thomas Jr., the hospital is a 261-bed facility that features a variety of specialty services including pediatrics, a cancer center, and even a sleep disorder center.

While the region's hospitals are major employers themselves, their economic impact is much larger than that. "If you add in all of the support businesses that serve these hospitals, health care is a major component of the economy," says Bill

Goode, president of the Charleston Area Alliance, a regional economic development group.

The city's Ronald McDonald House is one of these support businesses. It was among the first offshoots of the growing medical services sector and now is a vital resource for hospitals and their patients. The charity provides low-cost housing for families of children who are admitted to area hospitals.

Charleston's health-care market has remained strong in recent years, and analysts expect that to continue into the future. Economist George Hammond, who studies West Virginia's economy as director of the West Virginia Economic Outlook Project, predicts the health-care industry will continue to grow through 2009 at an annual rate of 1.5 percent.

The University of Charleston plans to keep pace with this growth by launching a pharmacy school, the second such program in the state. A \$10 million, three-story building to house the new school is expected to be completed in time for 75 students to begin taking classes there in the fall.

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