

A NEWSLETTER FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE OMH FOUNDATION

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#### **MISSION**

To generate financial and other public support for the mission of Onslow Memorial Hospital through fund-raising and friend-raising activities.

### **VISION**

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## **ABOUT PROJECT 2020**

The OMH Foundation is now in its third year of fund-raising for Project 2020, a 7-year, \$2 million campaign to support the need for a new patient tower at Onslow Memorial Hospital.

The current tower is almost 40 years old and was built to serve Onslow County in the 1970s. Since then, the population has increased by over 70 percent. Over the past 40 years, the healthcare industry has also dramatically enhanced medical care equipment. The current infrastructure struggles to accommodate this needed equipment.

With Onslow Memorial Hospital's emphasis on patient- and family-centered care, we recognize that families want to be involved in patient care, now more than ever. The older, smaller rooms are not large enough to accommodate family members. The new space will be designed to include patient families as key caregivers and partners in their loved ones' healing process.

With your help, we can bring the latest technology, equipment, and facilities to Onslow County and provide the best medical care in a patient- and family-centered environment. You can truly make a difference in the quality of healthcare for our community by supporting Project 2020 today.

Ways to support Project 2020 include sponsoring the OMH Foundation's annual event, or making a Major Gift of \$25,000 or more. If you wish to learn more about the benefits of your support through these gift options, please contact the OMH Foundation at (910) 577-2651.

# Lee Ann Thomas OMH Foundation Executive Director

On April 14, Onslow Memorial Hospital welcomed Lee Ann Thomas as Executive Director of the OMH Foundation. While previously serving on the Foundation Board for the past six years, Lee Ann helped organize many successful annual fund-raising events. She has also volunteered with other nonprofits, including the Onslow County Medical Society Alliance, Arendell Parrott Academy and the Parkwood Elementary PTO. She is a graduate of the Wake Forest/Bowman Gray School of Medicine Physician Assistant Program and practiced at Family Health Center in Edmore, Mich., before moving to North Carolina with her husband and children.

## "Thank You" from Lee Ann Thomas

In my new role as Executive Director of the OMH Foundation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have made such a wonderful impact on our hospital by supporting the efforts to bring quality local healthcare to Onslow County.

A special "thank you" to our Leadership Donors: Golden Corral, Louis & Doris Sewell, Marine Federal Credit Union and The Cannon Foundation for their generous support. We truly appreciate all the businesses, physicians, clubs and organizations, hospital employees and individual sponsors that help make all our events so successful.

We certainly could not accomplish all that we do without our wonderful volunteers—including our Foundation Board members, Events Committee members, hospital employees, Auxiliary, SAT students, auction donors and our local Marines (retired and active). The time and talent you all share with us is an inspiration to me every day.

Each year, we have one major fund-raising event. Past events include MASH BASH, Key West Island Fest, Cowboy Up, Hippie Hippie Shake, Mardi Gras and Biker Bash. I invite you to check out our website (onslowfoundation.org) for pictures and information from these exciting events. Over the past six years, our donors and volunteers have helped us raise over \$868,000 to help support Onslow Radiation Oncology, including the purchase of the mobile PET scanner, and Project 2020.

The Foundation's 2015 event, to be held on Feb. 28, will be our fourth year in support of Project 2020. I am excited to announce our event theme is "Disco Fever." I hope to see you all there, dancing the night away in your polyester leisure suits, flashy jumpsuits, and platform shoes!

Let's continue our important work into the future, as together we make OMH the hospital of choice for Onslow County citizens.

Sincerely, Lee Ann Thomas Executive Director, OMH Foundation





# Whole Lotta Love (for Biker Bash) raises over \$100,000

**Leather-clad patrons** sporting tattoos, custom choppers, skull artwork and rock 'n' roll music set the tone for the Onslow Memorial Hospital Foundation's annual fund-raising event, Biker Bash. The sold-out event welcomed over 700 community members and raised over \$ 100,000 for Project 2020 which is a 7-year, \$ 2 million campaign to support the need for a new patient tower.

Thanks to the skills of the hospital maintenance department and the decorating committee led by Lee Ann Thomas, the American Legion Building had the look and feel of a movie backdrop from "Ghost Rider." Local motorcycle enthusiasts loaned their "colors" and t-shirts to add to the décor. Many thanks go to area Marines led by Sgt Major Joe Houle, for helping us with this amazing transformation. And kudos to Gayle Alvis for organizing the auction tables! The beautiful tables successfully grabbed the attention of many generous bidders interested in golf outings, beach houses, jewelry, and amazing baskets.

Golden Corral, the event sponsor for this year's fund-raiser, provided yet another delicious dinner

topped off by a colorful motorcycle-themed cupcake display. Thank you, Golden Corral, for your generous support over the last 6 years, totaling over \$76,000 in food and services!

The Foundation would like to offer a special thanks to our Hall of Heritage supporters: Louis and Doris Sewell and Marine Federal Credit Union. We also send a grateful "thank you" to ALL our sponsors for your continued support for Project 2020. We truly appreciate all that you do for our community and Onslow Memorial Hospital. We couldn't have done it without everyone's generosity and help!

We are grateful for the remarkable work of our Foundation Board, Events Committee, Donors, and Community Members that help make the event possible and help to impact the entire community by providing the best healthcare, right here at home.

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# PROJECT 2020 7-YEAR, \$2 MILLION CAMPAIGN

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