

HEALTHY INSIGHTS

from HEALTHY LEARNERS



Our Most Important Asset

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 1992, Providence Hospitals and a group of committed community citizens had the foresight to establish a program to help alleviate health-related barriers to learning that faced economically disadvantaged children in Columbia, South Carolina. First known as Health Reach, the program began by offering services to five Columbia inner city elementary schools.

Now 20 years and one name change later, our impact has grown exponentially. Last school year, Healthy Learners provided 4,963 services to 1,758 children through five Healthy Learners programs serving 145 schools in nine school districts across South Carolina. Transporting children to their appointments continues to be a critical service that we provide. Last school year alone, our student liaisons traveled nearly 110,000 miles transporting children like Aleesha and Shemar, who you'll read about inside this newsletter and who rely on Healthy Learners to get them to their medical appointments.

As needs have grown, the need for additional resources has also increased. We work hard to stretch our resources as far as possible, but like everyone else, we have been impacted by the economic challenges of the past several years. That's why your support is more important than ever to help us maintain our mission of removing children's health barriers to learning.

We are truly blessed to serve our communities' most important asset—our children—and are forever grateful for our generous supporters and the community for investing in the health and future of our children.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo Pauling-Jones".

JO PAULING-JONES

Executive Director, Healthy Learners

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Measuring Our Impact

Report Card 2011-2012

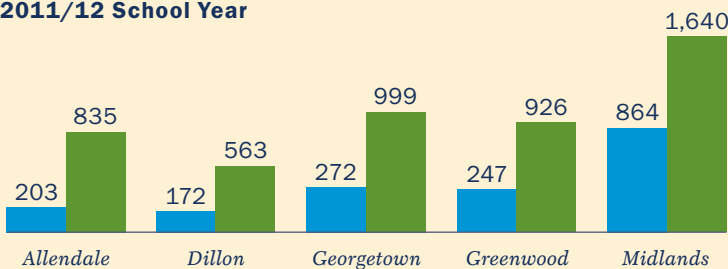
"Many times I have had situations that are virtually impossible and Healthy Learners figures out how to get the needed services. I do not know what my school would do without Healthy Learners and the way they ALWAYS figure out a solution for the child—truly a blessing."

— School Nurse

Healthy Learners, a faith-based nonprofit, continues to make great progress in connecting South Carolina children to care so that poor health is not an obstacle to doing well in school. In school year 2011-2012, Healthy Learners provided 4,963 vision, dental and other health-related services, and traveled nearly 110,000 miles to provide access to health care for 1,758 children in five program areas across the state:

- Allendale — Allendale County School District
- Dillon — Dillon School Districts Three and Four
- Georgetown — Georgetown County School District
- Greenwood — Greenwood School District 50
- Midlands — Lexington School Districts Two and Four; Richland School Districts One and Two

Healthy Learners Program Statistics 2011/12 School Year



- ★ **Students Served** (1,758 program total)
- ★ **Services Provided** (4,963 program total)

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

Healthy Learners collected hundreds of completed surveys from students, parents, teachers and school nurses to gauge their satisfaction with Healthy Learners and the impact of its services. Survey results include:

- 92% of parents indicated Healthy Learners has had a direct positive effect on their child's motivation to learn.
- 72% of teachers surveyed observed improvements in classroom engagement with children served by Healthy Learners.
- 99% of teachers would be willing to refer students in their classroom to Healthy Learners in the future.
- 99% of school nurses agreed or strongly agreed that many students would not have access to basic health care without Healthy Learners.

"I am very grateful for this program. You all just don't know how much it means to be a single parent that has three children and no transportation."

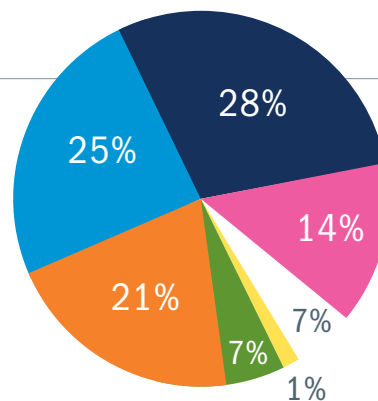
— Parent of Healthy Learners children

"Fantastic program—keep it going!" — Teacher

"His grades changed greatly and he reads all the time." — Parent of a Healthy Learners child

SERVICES PROVIDED

Healthy Learners delivered a variety of services in the 2011-2012 school year, with vision, medication and dental services accounting for more than 70 percent of 4,963 services provided. The pie chart to the right shows all services provided by category.



Types of Services Provided

Counseling	334	7%	★
Dental	1,025	21%	★
Episodic	600	14%	★
Hearing	42	1%	★
Medication	1,245	25%	★
Vision	1,379	28%	★
Other	338	7%	☆

Total 4,963

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—Marie Taylor, family nurse practitioner at Georgetown Health Group

Partner Profile

GEORGETOWN HEALTH GROUP: DOING A WORLD OF GOOD



Marie Taylor

As a family nurse practitioner at Georgetown Health Group, Marie Taylor, FNP, has treated hundreds of Healthy Learners children, but one child in particular stands out.

“There was a boy who had severe attention deficit disorder and was failing miserably at school. His parents didn’t have money to pay for medication and couldn’t take off

work to get him to health care appointments,” said Taylor. “With the help of Healthy Learners, we treated his ADD and he’s now on the honor roll. Every time I see him, he’s beaming with joy. He can now do what he always knew he could do.”

Georgetown Health Group is a family practice that provides primary health care services through five offices serving the Georgetown, South Carolina, area. For Healthy Learners children, the health group typically provides ADD assessments, episodic care, general health maintenance and more.

Georgetown Health Group has been involved with Healthy Learners since the program expanded to Georgetown County in early 2009. Local Coordinator Rebecca Lammonds was a friend of Taylor and asked her to join the board. Taylor was happy to say yes.

“In my occupation and in our community, which has areas that are very rural and poor, I have seen so many underserved children for so long. A lot of the children receive Medicaid, but simply couldn’t get to appointments because their parents had to work,” said Taylor. “Healthy Learners is a valuable asset doing a world of good.”

Taylor said the impact extends beyond individual children and well into each school Healthy Learners serves because school nurses who have screened for problems for years now have an outlet to provide solutions. “They can see tasks through to completion because of Healthy Learners,” she added.

Taylor also encourages other health care providers to become involved with Healthy Learners. “We owe it to the future of our children to become involved,” she said. ♦

Making a Difference

A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

Wanting a better life for his grandchildren, Reverend Samuel Greene moved Aleesha, 12, and Shemer, 11, from their crime-ridden neighborhood in Delaware to his home in Georgetown, South Carolina, in 2011. As the head pastor of a small congregation, the Bread of Life Outreach Ministry in Georgetown, Rev. Greene is pulled in many directions making hospital and nursing home visits, running a food pantry in a nearby city, and running a congregation. With a limited income, a job that he can’t take time off from and no other transportation options, Rev. Greene had a difficult time getting his grandchildren to medical appointments.

He learned about Healthy Learners through his grandchildren’s school. For more than a year, Healthy Learners has driven Aleesha and Shemer to dental appointments and Aleesha to her monthly medical appointments at the Georgetown Health Group.

“Healthy Learners does an excellent job transporting my grandchildren to their medical appointments and also encouraging them to be good, healthy learners. Before, I had to take time off or cancel their appointments when I couldn’t take time off. It was a difficult situation,” said Rev. Greene.



Reverend Greene’s grandchildren, Aleesha, 12, and Shemar, 11.

The move to South Carolina and the additional support Aleesha and Shemer receive from Healthy Learners and others has made a big difference in their lives. Rev. Greene said both are doing much better in school, making the honor roll the past two years. “They are in a much better situation here. They have more peace of mind and can focus on school and other good things,” he said.

In speaking about Healthy Learners, Rev. Greene added, “God bless you and keep up the good work.” ♦



NEWS BRIEFS AND NOTES



The Conder Elementary School All Star Steel Band provided entertainment at the golf tournament.



Beverly Smith, USC Head Softball Coach, Rick Henry, WIS-TV Sports Director, and Brian Buscher, USC Baseball Coach, participated in the Putt for Good-Coaches Challenge. They're pictured here with two Healthy Learners children.

13th Annual Golf Tournament a Big Hit

Now in its 13th year, the annual Healthy Learners Champions for Children Golf Tournament in Memory of George Younginer continues to be the largest fundraiser for Healthy Learners. Thanks to 139 golfers, 34 volunteers and many generous sponsors, the October 17 golf tournament at Fort Jackson Golf Club in Columbia, South Carolina, netted more than \$100,000 to help children access needed health care. The event featured a great day of golf, food, prizes and more, plus a long-drive demonstration by two-time World Longest Drive Champion David Mobley. The tournament was presented by AFLAC and had dozens of additional sponsors. The event was co-chaired by Judi Gatson, senior anchor, WIS-TV News 10, and Matthew Roberts, member, Nexsen Pruet, LLC and Healthy Learners board member. For a list of tournament winners, visit healthylearners.com/golf_tournament

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Allendale Hosts Community Meeting

Ken Hiatt, CEO/administrator of Allendale County Hospital, the Friends of Healthy Learners Allendale and the Healthy Learners Board of Trustees hosted a community meeting in Allendale in August. The meeting was held to discuss the sustainability of the Healthy Learners Allendale program and develop a plan of action to sustain the Healthy Learners Allendale program. Meeting participants made personal contributions, agreed to assist local neighborhood associations with fundraising and committed to be advocates for Healthy Learners Allendale. Participants included the superintendent of Allendale County School District, school nurses and principals, church and community members, parents of children served by Healthy Learners, South Carolina Representative Lonnie Hosey, South Carolina Senator Brad Hutto, and a representative from Congressman Joe Wilson's office.

Designer Showhouse Event Benefits Healthy Learners Georgetown

Healthy Learners was one of three community organizations to benefit from proceeds from tickets sales to see the Stewart Parker Designer Showhouse in Georgetown, South Carolina, October 13-27, 2012. Area interior designers shared their styling expertise through the design of the Stewart Parker House's porches, rooms and grounds. Healthy Learners received nearly \$5,000 from the event.



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