Paying Tribute: A History

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Blount Memorial Hospital is dedicated to meeting future health care challenges with steady growth and unparalleled service to our community. Since the hospital is a nonprofit organization, it receives no federal, state or local tax dollars to supplement patient revenue, which makes meeting its goals difficult. That is why Blount Memorial is constantly looking for solutions to those challenges, which have decreased the funds available for capital improvements and other special projects.

The Blount Memorial Foundation

The Blount Memorial Foundation was established in 1989 and exists to support the mission and goals of Blount Memorial Hospital. The Foundation provides financial support and advocacy for programs that improve the health and well-being of the entire community, specifically the underserved and uninsured.

The Foundation Advisory Board is a group of more than 25 community volunteers who provide a link between Blount Memorial Hospital and the people of our community through fund raising, hospital programs and other activities. With their efforts to provide the necessary resources, Blount Memorial can continue to fulfill its missions to provide quality health care and respond to changing needs in our region.

About the Tribute program

A gift to the Blount Memorial Foundation is a significant and meaningful way to honor or memorialize friends and loved ones. Through the Tribute program, donors can recognize joyous occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries and other milestones; express gratitude for acts of kindness; or commemorate those who are deceased.

How are the Tribute gifts used?

Each Tribute helps Blount Memorial maintain the high standards of treatment and care that are so vital to the health and well-being of our community. Donations are used to improve and expand the hospital’s facilities, equipment and community outreach services, as well as assist in meeting the health care needs of the underserved in our community.

How will my Tribute be recognized?

Donors receive prompt acknowledgement by mail of their generosity. And while keeping the amount of the donation confidential, the individual or family, as appropriate, will be notified of the tribute. All memorial and honorary gifts also are listed in Blount Memorial Foundation publications.

All gifts to the Blount Memorial Foundation are tax-deductible as provided by law.

For more information about honoring or memorializing a friend or loved one through the Tribute program, call the Blount Memorial Foundation at 865-977-5727.
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