

Memorial Health Care System

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Dr. Woodruff A. Banks Jr. and Zan Guerry Receive 2011 Humanitarian Award

Chattanooga, TN – The Memorial Health Care System Foundation awarded Dr. Woodruff “Woody” A. Banks and Zan Guerry with the 2011 Humanitarian Award for their extraordinary service and dedication to Memorial and the Chattanooga community to improve health and quality of life.

Dr. Banks has a long history of practice in the Chattanooga area as a general surgeon and has provided key leadership during his tenure at Memorial. He was Memorial’s chief of staff, served on the Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and acted as chairman of the board.

In the medical community, his activities include membership in the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, the Tennessee Medical Association, the Southeast Medical Association, the Chattanooga Regional Oncology Association and the Chattanooga Academy of Surgery. He is a diplomat and a fellow of the American Board of Surgery. In 1994, Dr. Banks received the McCallie School Alumni Achievement Award.

Zan Guerry and the Hamico Foundation are changing Chattanooga with their generosity to area causes and their desire to make Chattanooga a better place to live and work. Regardless of whether it is for children, education or healthcare, Mr. Guerry and the Hamico Foundation invest time and energy to promote healthy lifestyles for all ages through sports, nutrition and exercise.

Mr. Guerry serves as chairman of the Baylor School Board of Directors as well as holds seats on the United Way Board of Directors and the University of Chattanooga Foundation Trustees. He was inducted into the Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame in 2010.

Humanitarian Award recipients are friends and leaders at Memorial that share Memorial’s vision and give their wisdom and experience to guide, inspire and advance our healing mission.

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