

# Memorial Health Care System

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## *Memorial Auxiliary Funds Simulation Learning Center*

Chattanooga, TN – On Friday, January 21, the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Executive Committee presented a check in the amount of \$104,371 for the creation of The Simulation Learning Center at Memorial.

Simulated patient care training is an idea adapted from airline industry flight simulators, which have been used in pilot training for more than 50 years. Now, transferred to the healthcare industry valuable lessons are being learned by hospital based clinicians in these hands-on, high-level controlled learning environments.

The Simulation Learning Center will be used to train and educate nursing technicians, nursing assistants and graduate nurses. Experienced nurses will utilize the Center for their annual educational initiatives. A Simulation Learning Center in health care is used predominately as a training technique that exposes individuals and teams to realistic clinical challenges through the use of life-like mannequins, task trainers, virtual reality, or standardized patients, and allows participants to experience in real-time the consequences of their decisions and actions.

Jean Payne, director of Memorial's Volunteer Services, praised the Auxiliary's support of memorial.

"This recent gift is another wonderful example of how the Auxiliary continues to make a difference in providing the best healthcare to our community," she said.

The Auxiliary's funds will specifically be used to help purchase "iStan" the simulator, as well as providing necessary training and equipment.

"The work of our more than 500 Auxiliary volunteers is critical to Memorial, and the Foundation is so excited the Auxiliary found this project to be worthy of their support," said Jennifer Nicely, Vice President and Chief Development Officer for Memorial.

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Memorial Health Care System is a not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to the healing ministry of the Church. Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and strengthened as part of Catholic Health Initiatives, it offers a continuum of care including preventative, primary and acute hospital care, as well as cancer and cardiac care, orthopedic and rehabilitation services. Memorial is a regional referral center of choice with 4,000 associates and more than 700 affiliated physicians providing health care throughout Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia. Memorial Health Care System is recognized as one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, the health care industry's leading source of information on hospital quality. To learn more, visit [www.memorial.org](http://www.memorial.org).

