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Event to honor three extraordinary women

(Anderson, S.C. – March 6, 2014) – Since April 1908, women of extraordinary passion, energy, commitment and clinical excellence have contributed to the evolution of AnMed Health. Each year during Women's History Month, AnMed Health honors this tradition by holding the Extraordinary Women in Healthcare Awards and Symposium.

The 2014 symposium is at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 13 in the AnMed Health Cancer Center atrium. This year's featured speaker is Dr. Ninfa Saunders, president and CEO of Central Georgia Health System.

Saunders oversees the operations of The Medical Center of Central Georgia as well as the Medcen Community Health Foundation, Central Georgia Rehabilitation Hospital, Central Georgia Home Health and Home Care Services, Health Services of Central Georgia, Pine Pointe Hospice and Palliative Care, and Carlyle Place. Dr. Saunders also serves as the president and CEO of The Medical Center of Central Georgia, the second largest hospital in the state and a tertiary regional teaching medical center, a designated Level I Trauma Center, a perinatal center, and one of 42 twice-designated Magnet® hospitals for nursing excellence.

Saunders has close to 40 years of hospital administrative and clinical experience. Prior to her move back to Georgia, she was the president and COO of Virtua Health, the largest health system in South Jersey. Prior to joining Virtua, she served on the Governor's Georgia Cancer Coalition, created to develop regional centers of excellence for cancer prevention, detection, treatment and research. Previously, Dr. Saunders served as chief operating officer for the Dekalb Medical Center in Decatur, Ga.

As in years past, the symposium will honor some of the extraordinary women in health care today in three categories:

- **The Virginia Gilmer Extraordinary Woman in Healthcare Community Service Award** –Nominees for this category should demonstrate extraordinary commitment, dedication or influence in service to her community, not-for-profit organization, or cause. This award is named in honor and memory of Virginia Gilmer, founder of the hospital that would become AnMed Health.

• **The Mildred Jones Extraordinary Woman in Health Leadership Award** – Nominees for this category demonstrate extraordinary non-clinical leadership and integrity in support of AnMed Health’s integrated healthcare delivery system. This award is named in honor of housekeeping supervisor Mildred Jones who retired in 1996 at the conclusion of a 45-year career with AnMed Health.

• **The Gladys Grantland Extraordinary Woman in Clinical Excellence Award** – Nominees for this category demonstrate extraordinary clinical excellence and transformational leadership in support of AnMed Health’s integrated healthcare delivery system. This award is named in honor of operating room supervisor Gladys Grantland, RN, who began her nursing career in 1948 and retired in 2008.

The Extraordinary Women in Healthcare Awards and Symposium is sponsored by Dr. Gabrielle F. Cannick of Grand Oaks Dental; Terence Hassan, State Farm agent; and Terence Roberts, State Farm agent. The symposium is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. Please RSVP by calling 864.512.4103.

AnMed Health is a 690-bed, not-for-profit health system serving the Upstate and northeast Georgia. The system is anchored by AnMed Health Medical Center, a 461-bed acute care hospital. AnMed Health also has a satellite North Campus which includes the AnMed Health Women’s and Children’s Hospital, the AnMed Health Rehabilitation Hospital, a comprehensive Cancer Center, physician offices and the Cardiac and Orthopedic Center. The health system’s network also includes affiliations with Cannon Memorial Hospital in Pickens, Elbert Memorial Hospital in Elberton, Ga., and Carolinas HealthCare System in Charlotte. With roughly 500 physicians and more than 3,600 employees, AnMed Health is Anderson County’s largest employer. Learn more about us online at www.AnMedHealth.org.

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