



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Teddy Bear Clinic helps children's medical fears disappear**

*(May 13, 2014 – Anderson, S.C.)* –Teddy bears and other stuffed animals are invited to receive a free check-up Saturday, May 17 at the 8th annual AnMed Health Teddy Bear Clinic. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon outside AnMed Health Women's and Children's Hospital at 2000 E. Greenville St. in Anderson.

The Teddy Bear Clinic familiarizes children with hospital personnel and medical equipment by treating stuffed animals for common injuries and ailments. Upon arrival, each stuffed animal receives a hospital identification band. Kids then take their stuffed animals through a series of screenings and procedures. This includes measuring their weight, height and blood pressure as well as getting an x-ray.

During the event, children can also meet MedShore's Andy the Ambulance, visit with police and firemen, and sit in an AnMed Health LifeFlight helicopter.

The Teddy Bear Clinic is a free event designed for children from 4 to 10 years old. All children must be accompanied by an adult and should bring their own teddy bear or stuffed animal.

The event will be held rain or shine. In the case of rain, the Teddy Bear Clinic will be moved inside. For more information, parents can call 864.512.4670.

*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](http://www.AnMedHealth.org).*

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