

# HACKENSACK MERIDIAN SOUTHERN OCEAN MEDICAL CENTER

## FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES



Nearly 50 years ago, Hackensack Meridian Southern Ocean Medical Center was founded by a small group of committed residents on Long Beach Island who shared a dream to build a hospital. Today, Southern Ocean Medical Center's dedicated donors follow in the steps of its founders by generously supporting the medical center's tremendous growth to meet the ever-changing health care needs of the community.

### ADVANCING CARE THROUGH SURGICAL EXPANSION

Southern Ocean Medical Center is preparing for a \$23 million surgical expansion project that will span 30 months. This project will support the expansion of four operating rooms to a total six state-of-the-art operating rooms. Four of the surgical rooms will expand in size and the remaining two surgical rooms will accommodate local procedures and minor procedures.

Efficiency for patients and their loved ones is important to Southern Ocean Medical Center. The renovation will also allow for expanded pre and post-op areas. To house necessary technology and supplies, a storage room will also be added. Sterile processing will also be expanded and improved upon to provide the safest patient care possible.

This surgical expansion will greatly reduce wait times for surgical space and comes during a time when there is great growth taking place, community and business-wide, all throughout southern Ocean County.

In addition to Surgical Services, Southern Ocean Medical Center features an Emergency Department, Oncology Center and a full range of Cardiac Services, to help care for our community.



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## FURTHERING PATIENT CARE WITH ADVANCED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

As health care technology advances, Southern Ocean Medical Center must ensure that its team members have state-of-the-art equipment to continue providing patients with exceptional care. Philanthropy enables Southern Ocean Medical Center to purchase critical and innovative technology for its surgical expansion, like the da Vinci Xi<sup>®</sup> Surgical System.

The da Vinci Xi<sup>®</sup> Surgical System is major investment of more than \$2 million, funded through pledge payments made by the four auxiliaries of Southern Ocean Medical Center, including the Boosters Auxiliary which operates the hospital gift shop, “The Bird Cage”; the Holly Auxiliary that operates a thrift shop in Waretown under the same name; the Laurel Auxiliary, which operates the “Second Time Around” thrift shop in Tuckerton; and the SOCH Auxiliary, which operates the “Old and New Shop” in Manahawkin.

The recent acquisition of the robot has enabled the Southern Ocean Medical Center to expand its surgical capabilities with the ability to make minimally invasive surgery a standard of care. Now, patients have local access to both open and robotic-assisted surgery options, which enables surgeons to operate with enhanced vision (up to 10 times what the human eye can see), dexterity and precision. By using stealth robotic-assisted technology, patients can benefit from smaller incisions associated with minimal scarring, less blood loss, fewer complications, faster recovery, shorter hospital stays and less need for narcotic pain medicine.

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