
Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award



William E. Jamison

Established in 1993 by the Community Foundation Board of Directors, the Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award serves as a memorial to Mr. & Mrs. Sauer for their philanthropic support of our community. The 1998 recipient of the Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award is William E. “Jamie” Jamison. In December 1953, he was named Administrator of Pardee Hospital. He was involved in the original construction of the hospital as well as a number of major expansions. In order to finance the construction and renovation projects without debt, Mr. Jamison was very active in fundraising efforts and continued his involvement and support after his retirement.

In 1986, due to his knowledge of the hospital and healthcare field, he was asked by the County Commissioners to return to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. Since then he has served in a number of capacities as an active member of the Finance, Building & Grounds and Social Committees of the Board of Trustees. In 1991-92 he took a very active role in a capital campaign to raise in excess of \$2,000,000 to offset construction projects. He is an individual who has devoted almost 40 years of service to Pardee Hospital and the healthcare delivery system of Henderson County. He is always willing to give unselfishly of his time and resources in support of the hospital and its programs.

He has been actively involved in planning and developing many new health care programs since becoming a member of the Board of Trustees. These include:

Outpatient Radiology Center
Family Way Unit
Mall Education Center
Family Practice Residency Program

Kayden Radiation Oncology Center
Outpatient Surgery
Pardee Home Health Service
Surgery Expansion and Renovation

In addition to his devotion to Pardee Hospital, Mr. Jamison has demonstrated great allegiance to his community and nation. He served in the Army during World War II and was awarded the Legion of Merit for services in North Africa and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in Southern France. While serving in the Army he met his wife, Ginny, an Army nurse, and they were married in Sicily in 1944. He was retired with the rank of Captain in 1945 and served as Veterans Service Officer of Henderson County under the Veterans Commission of NC from 1946 to 1953. Mr. Jamison is a life member of the following organizations: North Carolina Hospital Association, American College of Healthcare Executives, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Club and Rotary Club. He has two sons, Chuck and Bill, his beloved wife Ginny died in 1991.

In honor of William E. “Jamie” Jamison, a \$1,500 grant will be awarded to Four Seasons Hospice, in memory of Sara H. “Lee” Waters.