

2024 Philanthropy Impact Report  
Acute Care for the Elderly Unit and  
Luminis Health Gilchrist Lifecare Institute

Thanks to your continued generosity, Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center (LHAAMC) can provide dedicated, high-quality inpatient and emergency care tailored to the unique needs of older adults. Also, your gifts enhance our ability to provide compassionate palliative and hospice care for patients and their families at every stage of their journey.

By the Numbers

LHAAMC is proud to serve the community with patient- and family-centered care. These numbers highlight the cumulative success of our two programs:

Our **Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) Unit** focuses on evaluating and understanding our elderly patients’ physical, cognitive, and social needs. The average age of ACE unit patients is 82 years young. In addition to medical treatment, the ACE Unit team focuses on pain relief, falls and mobility issues, nutrition and hydration, delirium, dementia, depression, sleep issues, and pharmaceutical interactions.

**Luminis Health Gilchrist Lifecare Institute (LHGLI)** – This program partners two nationally recognized organizations – LHAAMC and Gilchrist – in a shared commitment to support patients and their families with hospice and palliative care in the hospital and in homes as well as in skilled nursing facilities in Anne Arundel County.

	Number of Patients in 2024
Acute Care for the Elderly	1,805
LH Gilchrist Total Patients	792

## You Are Supporting Much-Needed Emergency Care for Older Adults

Thanks to your generosity, LHAAMC's Institute for Healthy Aging has proudly achieved Level 3 Bronze Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA) status and is currently working toward Level 2 Silver Accreditation. A GEDA award is important for patients because it signifies a commitment to providing high-quality, well-coordinated care for older adults in the emergency department.

Our community has also provided valuable support for our NICHE (Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders) training in areas such as fall prevention, end-of-life care, and delirium management. Recognizing that hospital stays can be especially challenging for our senior patients, we've introduced a telemedicine program designed to proactively support them –helping to prevent hospitalizations or shorten their duration whenever possible. And when receiving care at home, patients can access appropriate resources such as home palliative and geriatric supportive care or hospice care depending on their needs.

### A Patient's Story

A loyal donor made a gift for an Emergency Department (ED) age-activity cart. During a particularly demanding shift, Chi, a registered nurse of the ED, brought comfort to a distressed patient with dementia by giving her a baby doll from the cart. As a result of her compassionate response to the patient's distress, Chi was honored with the following September "Rise and Shine" Employee Recognition:

*"During a very challenging shift in the ED, Chi had a patient with dementia that was very distraught and frequently crying. Chi used the age-friendly cart in the ED to provide this patient with a baby doll to care for. This made all the difference for the patient – she was happy to swaddle and hold the baby. It seemed to bring her much comfort. Thanks, Chi, for taking the extra time to make a difference in this patient's stay!"*

### Thank You!

Because of you, our older patients' unique and complex needs are met with the compassionate, personalized care they deserve. Your commitment is making a lasting difference in their lives—and we are deeply grateful.