

Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation

2025 Philanthropy Impact Report Age-Friendly Care

HONORING WHAT MATTERS MOST

At Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center (LHAAMC), caring for older adults begins with listening, preserving independence, and honoring what matters most to every patient.

With your partnership, we are transforming how older adults experience care in our Emergency Department (ED), on inpatient units and in primary care clinics. Because of you, care is not only clinically excellent, but deeply personal and grounded in dignity and respect.

REDEFINING EMERGENCY CARE FOR OLDER ADULTS

When older adults arrive in our ED, every decision matters. The right care, delivered quickly and thoughtfully, can mean the difference between recovery at home and an unnecessary hospital stay.

Thanks to generous donor support, LHAAMC launched the Geriatric Telehealth Evaluation, bringing geriatric specialists virtually to the bedside within minutes of arrival. As Maryland's first ED-based geriatric teleconsult program, it is designed to enhance the ED experience for older adults with complex medical needs. Delivered in collaboration with ApogeeCare Medical Group, this service provides an additional layer of specialized support to complement existing ED care.

Instead of an admission that could set back a patient's independence, geriatricians are able to recognize the unique care needs of this complex age group and connect them and their family to an onsite navigator to find the best care and resources in the community for ongoing support.

In just six months, more than 500 patients benefited from this innovative approach. Hospital admissions to this age group have been reduced by up to 35%, helping older adults avoid unnecessary stays while preserving safety, dignity, and independence.



This progress builds on our Level 3 Geriatric ED Accreditation, placing us among only nine hospitals in Maryland to receive this distinction. Together, we are raising the standard for age-friendly emergency care in our region.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

1,669 Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) Unit admissions

885 Luminis Health Gilchrist Lifecare Institute visits

500+ geriatric teleconsults



The ACE team delivers specialized, age-friendly care that protects independence and honors what matters most to older adults.

NURSES LEADING THE WAY IN AGE-FRIENDLY CARE

Older patients receive care on nearly every hospital unit, making it essential that teams are equipped because of donor support. Your investment also strengthens our participation in Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders, or NICHE, one of the most respected geriatric care models in the nation.

Today, 30 Geriatric Resource Nurses and 20 Geriatric Patient Care Associates serve as educators, peer consultants, and leaders of age-sensitive care across departments. This year, five ACE registered nurses attended the 2025 Regional NICHE Conference, where Danette, ACE RN and Clinical Educator, proudly presented a poster highlighting our age-friendly innovations.

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"It's very rewarding to take care of those who have paved the way for us, and to help them at this time in their lives. It's truly a blessing to touch someone at the end of their life. It's one of the most intimate moments you can truly share with a person, and it means so much to the families."

—Arianna Graziadei, ACE Unit Nurse

LEADING THE NATION IN AGE-FRIENDLY INNOVATION

With your partnership, LHAAMC has become one of only five health systems nationwide to receive the Age-Friendly Health System Pioneer designation from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. This leadership reflects a community committed to exceptional care for older adults.

All 17 Luminis Health Primary Care clinics have also earned Age-Friendly Health System Level 2 – Committed to Care Excellence designation, recognizing best practices are embedded across outpatient care settings close to home.

At the heart of this work is the 4Ms framework: What Matters, Medication, Mentation, and Mobility. These principles guide every interaction, ensuring care is safe, coordinated, and aligned with each older adult's goals.

EXTENDING CARE BEYOND THE HOSPITAL

Through our partnership with the Gilchrist Lifecare Institute, we extend comfort-focused care into patients' homes and communities, helping individuals with serious illness live well on their own terms.

Your philanthropic support of older adults across our region receive care that honors dignity, independence, and what matters most.

THANK YOU FOR CHAMPIONING AGE-FRIENDLY CARE

Philanthropy is helping set a national standard for compassionate, evidence-based, and person-centered care for older adults.