### **MISSION**

Promote Health in Our Region Support the Healthcare Community Assist Individuals with Healthcare Needs



#### HURRICANE FLORENCE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE

When Human Nature Outshines Mother Nature

The Foundation witnessed the extraordinary goodness of so many people post Hurricane Florence. The CarolinaEast Health System made a generous gift to kick start an assistance fund (The CarolinaEast Employee Assistance Hurricane Relief Fund) for employees that had significant and life changing damage due to the hurricane. The public, as well as Health System vendors, were encouraged to make donations and an incredible <sup>\$</sup>674,000 has been raised. To date, 357 of our employees received financial assistance with a total of <sup>\$</sup>673,982 distributed funds. This support to the employees has been an incredible way of thanking them for their selfless service during the Hurricane.



#### HEALTH SYSTEM SPOTLIGHT

CarolinaEast Health System has received the **Cardiovascular Center of Excellence** Accreditation by the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology. This was accomplished with an incredible amount of work by hundreds of providers, nurses, imaging techs, EMTs, quality professionals, support services as well as the physicians, administration and board and highlights the five star quality of care provided by CarolinaEast.

# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

In 2018, the CarolinaEast Foundation assisted 1079 local families on their healthcare journeys through our donor funded patient assistance program. In the first three months post Hurricane Florence, requests for that program increased from 446 requests in 2017 to 719 requests in 2018. This impactful program assists local families with unmet healthcare needs such as wheelchair ramps, prescription medication assistance, gas and lodging vouchers, and medical supplies.

## 2018 BREAKFAST WITH

The Foundation's Annual Patient Assistance Fundraiser was a huge success. Due to the generosity of sponsors and family participants, we served 453 local children and their families with this fun, Santa themed event. Seventy children and



their families were sponsored through generous donations. The net proceeds of this event (\$60,000) goes directly into the Foundation's patient assistance program. Mark your calendars for next year's Breakfast With Santa, December 7, 2019.