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## Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Winthrop University** officials announced a gift of **\$14,000** from **Tenet Healthcare**, the owner of **Piedmont Medical Center**. Tenet has provided similar support to the university throughout the past decade, contributing more than \$100,000 total to the annual fund and the recent capital campaign.

Over the years, unrestricted support from **Piedmont Medical Center** has helped Winthrop carry out its mission as one of the best universities of its kind. University officials said they value the contributions that **Piedmont Medical Center** continues to make to Winthrop in a variety of ways, including financial gifts, internships and conference sponsorships.

"It has been a true partnership," said **Winthrop President Anthony DiGiorgio**. "The leadership at Piedmont Medical Center has always understood that a collaborative relationship between Winthrop University and Piedmont Medical Center creates a stronger community. We appreciate their contributions to our scholarship and academic programs."

**Piedmont Medical Center** has also developed a partnership with Winthrop's health care management program. Winthrop students are eligible for a 10-week, 400-hour administrative internship offered at the Rock Hill hospital. Piedmont staff members provide expertise and guidance to health care management classes and to the **Winthrop University student chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives**.

"At Piedmont, we believe it's vitally important that we look beyond our hospital walls and take a keen interest in our community, especially when it comes to educating students in healthcare fields," said **Charles Miller**, president and CEO of Piedmont Medical Center. "We've committed funds to scholarships for Winthrop students for many years, and the investment has paid off for the students, the university and the patients we serve at Piedmont. Meeting the healthcare needs of the future will take all of us working together, and that work is well under way."

The hospital also has been a primary sponsor of the **Robyn Bixenman Memorial Conference**, in memory of the wife of William Bixenman, a Rock Hill nephrologist. **Winthrop's College of Business Administration** periodically holds the conference for the medical practice managers of York County.

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