

# MAKING *an impact*

## VANDIVERS HONORED FOR 40-YEAR COMMITMENT TO DEKALB

There are people who deliver medical care and then there are people who embody the caring spirit this profession promises. It's a spirit that shines brightly inside Maureen and Roy Vandiver, M.D. The couple was honored for 40 years of leadership, vision and philanthropy that ensures that their caring spirit is evident throughout every inch of DeKalb Medical and in each patient interaction.

Giving back is second nature to the community-minded couple, who met while Maureen was volunteering at a local hospital in 1960. A well-respected neurosurgeon, Dr. Vandiver has applied his medical moxie and leadership to better understanding brain disease and bringing the latest innovations to DeKalb Medical. He was elected chief of staff of DeKalb Medical in 1988, and served as president of the DeKalb Medical Society, the Georgia Neurological Society and the Medical Association of Georgia. He also served as chairman of the Political Action Committee of the American Medical Association. In 1999, Dr. Vandiver left DeKalb Medical to become chief executive officer and chairman of the board for MagMutual Insurance Company, a professional liability company, insuring some 17,000 physicians in the Southeast. He proudly served in this capacity until he retired in 2011.

### Giving Back

Driven by the belief that healthcare is one of the most important and valuable assets society has, the Vandivers have impacted medicine in multiple ways. No healthcare or community cause has been too great or too small for the Vandivers, who are passionate about improving health education, patient support and access to care. A trained social worker and breast cancer survivor, Maureen has devoted her life to championing breast cancer and AIDS research, seat belt laws and smoking cessation, and has served as the president of both the DeKalb Medical Association Alliance and the Medical Association of Georgia Alliance, program coordinator of the DeKalb Medical Cancer Center and chair of the DeKalb Medical Foundation.

"We want to be good citizens of the hospital and of our county," says Maureen, who was born in Decatur and has lived there all of her life. "DeKalb County and DeKalb Medical have given us a very rich and rewarding life, and it's time to pay it back," adds Dr. Vandiver. "We are enthusiastic about the growth of DeKalb Medical and proud to do our part in helping our community have the best care and diagnostic tests modern medicine can provide."



*The DeKalb Medical Comprehensive Breast Center Reception Area at North Decatur was named in honor of Maureen and Roy Vandiver, M.D., as a tribute to the generous contributions they have made to DeKalb Medical.*



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### Removing Barriers to Care

Because her breast cancer was detected early with an excellent outcome, Maureen has worked hard to remove barriers that prevent women from receiving the life-saving benefits of the latest diagnostic and early detection technology. One of Maureen's greatest accomplishments was to raise money for DeKalb Medical's Wellness on Wheels (WOW) van. The 42-foot mobile clinic took healthcare into the heart of medically underserved and uninsured communities in Georgia. Maureen also helped start the Cancer Center at DeKalb Medical at North Decatur, where she served as program coordinator for three years. The reception area

of DeKalb Medical's Comprehensive Breast Center at North Decatur was named in the Vandivers' honor last fall as a tribute to the inspiration and example of hope their life's journey has given to so many.

Named Mr. and Mrs. DeKalb by the American Heart Association, no couple could have a greater combined heart or ability to improve the lives of their friends and neighbors through their generous philanthropy. "We are so blessed to have the Vandivers as part of our Foundation family and as pillars of the community and proponents of quality care for everyone," says Leigh Minter, executive director of the DeKalb Medical Foundation.