

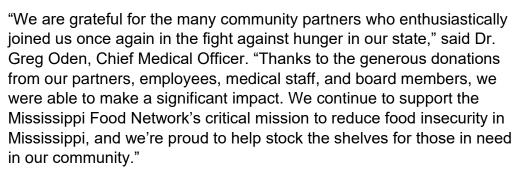
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Merit Health Hosts Third Annual Jars of Love Peanut Butter Drive to Fight Hunger in Central Mississippi

FLOWOOD, MS (April 10, 2025) – Merit Health recently wrapped up its third annual Jars of Love Peanut Butter Drive, benefitting the Mississippi Food Network. Held in celebration of National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day on April 2, the initiative brought together local businesses, organizations, and community members to help combat hunger in Central Mississippi. This year's drive collected nearly 5,000 jars of peanut butter for the Mississippi Food Network.



Merit Health was joined in the effort by Pafford and AMR Emergency Medical Services, accentCare Home Health, Hinds Community College Nursing and Allied Health, Holmes Community College Nursing, and the Mississippi College Athletic Department, along with support from Chamber of Commerce partners including Flowood, Pearl, Rankin, Clinton and the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership.





"One in six Mississippians struggle to put food on their plates, many of which are working families or seniors on a fixed income," says







Mississippi Food Network Senior Development Manager Stacey Cain. "The Jars of Love Peanut Butter Drive will provide over 16,500 meals to many of these families in our communities. Mississippi Food Network is so grateful for Merit Health and their generosity in continuing to feed families with love for the past three years.

For more information	า on how to s	upport the	Mississippi	Food	Network,	or to	sign ι	up as	a vol	unteer,
visit their website at	www.msfood	net.org.								

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About Merit Health's Jackson Area Hospitals

Merit Health's Jackson area hospitals serve the healthcare needs of residents of Mississippi through its five affiliated hospitals in central Mississippi. The healthcare system offers a wide array of services including cardiology, orthopedics, women's health, emergency departments and broad diagnostic medical and surgical services. The network has more than 750 licensed beds, more than 2,100 employees, more than 14,000 admissions and more than 89,000 emergency department visits each year.

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