This three-year, $130 million project is a big one. It includes more than 74,000 square feet of new construction and 141,000 square feet of renovated space — all on our existing footprint. This project will help us continue to bring advanced technologies and deliver quality health care to the community.

Changes for now and the future
State-of-the-art facilities help us take care of our families, friends and neighbors.

“Some of our facilities date back to the ’60s,” says Marjorie A. Mathieu, R.Ph, MBA, FACHE, vice president, Southeast Georgia Health System. “And our patient volumes have grown tremendously over the past several years. We’re renovating patient rooms to be more comfortable, spacious and private, and we’re adding an entire new nursing unit that we had originally planned to build in the future, because we need it today.”

That nursing unit is just part of the renovation. The master renovation and expansion project will include the following improvements:

- **Emergency Care Center.** There will be an increase from 35 exam/treatment rooms to 50 — including two trauma rooms — totaling more than 12,000 additional square feet overall.

- **Surgical Services Tower and new Inpatient Floor.** In addition to a new main entry to the department off Parkwood Drive and a two-story lobby, 16 new operating rooms will be added, as well as endoscopy suites, a post-anesthesia care unit, and pre- and post-recovery bays with increased privacy.
Your gift to the 20-20 Vision Campaign can help guarantee quality health care in our community for generations to come.

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If you have questions, please call the Foundation at 912-466-3360.

● **St. Simons Tower 4th and 5th Inpatient Floors.** Many of the patient rooms will be renovated to increase space, comfort and privacy.

The project also includes upgrades to the central energy plant to accommodate the expansion. And the construction is being done in such a way that we can add an additional floor now and a second in the future. The current project is slated to be completed at the end of 2020. It’s a big undertaking. And one that Southeast Georgia Health System can’t do alone.

**Funding the vision**

We were able to start the renovation and expansion thanks to $106 million in tax-exempt revenue bonds. However, these bonds do not cover the entire cost of the project.

The Thomas and Mildred Beach Trust gave a generous donation of $4.7 million that is helping to pay for the Emergency Care Center. In addition, the Southeast Georgia Health System Foundation Board is dedicated to supporting the renovation and has committed $4 million to the project. The Foundation is also conducting a 20-20 Vision Campaign with a goal to raise $4 million more for a total of $8 million.

So far, the Foundation has raised nearly $5 million of the $8 million goal. It is looking to organizations and individuals in the community to help support the future of hometown health care.

“We are extremely grateful for the leadership of our Foundation Board, incredible generosity of the Health System team members who have contributed, and the numerous community members and businesses supporting our 20-20 Vision Campaign,” says Krista Robitz, director, Development, Southeast Georgia Health System Foundation.