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### **Dosher Welcomes Over 300 Guests to Community Cookout and Birthday Party**

SOUTHPORT— Dosher Memorial Hospital held their much-anticipated community cookout and 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday party on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at the hospital's back entrance. Over 300 guests enjoyed a cookout lunch, music, games, and the camaraderie of friends, neighbors, Dosher staff, members of the Dosher Trustees, Dosher Volunteers, Dosher Foundation Board, and hospital leaders.

Speakers included Mayor of Southport and Director of Dosher's Department of Emergency Medicine Dr. Joseph Hatem, Chairman of the Dosher Board of Trustees Robert Howard, Dosher President and CEO Lynda Stanley, Former Dosher CEO Edger Haywood III, and Randy Jones, Dosher Trustee and great grandson of hospital founder Dr. J. Arthur Doshier.

The speaker program included a formal dedication of an academic scholarship named for Mr. Haywood, who served as the CEO and Administrator of Doshier Hospital from 1992 – 2012. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student at Brunswick Community College pursuing a healthcare degree. Doshier President and CEO Lynda Stanley said, "Edgar cared deeply for our staff. He wanted every single employee to have an opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. His vision and investment in our staff changed lives, and this scholarship is a way for us to honor his legacy."

Community support for the hospital was an overarching theme in the speakers' remarks and reflective in the enthusiasm of the attendees. Lynda Stanley said, "Doshier was founded on community support, and it is touching to see that our patients and neighbors continue to hold this investment in our hospital." Stanley said, "We are extremely grateful to be here for our community when they need us, and we value this relationship. That's really what we are celebrating today."

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