## Vidant Bertie Hospital Development Council

The 12th Annual Vidant Bertie Hospital Development Council Denim to Diamonds Reverse Raffle Fundraiser was held in Sept. 2018. The event celebrated the extraordinary career of longtime, beloved surgeon, Dr. Alden Davis. Prior to the event, Vidant Bertie Hospital President Brian Harvill announced that the funds raised during the event would be used to support the hospital's surgical suite and would most likely assist with the purchase of new operating room (OR) equipment. "We think that it is certainly appropriate to use the proceeds from the event for surgical equipment given that Dr. Davis has performed hundreds and hundreds of procedures in the OR at Vidant Bertie over his long, distinguished career. He is a Bertie County native, and is beloved by everyone in the community," stated Harvill.





New endoscopy equipment

Although the OR could use several pieces of upgraded equipment, OR Manager Elizabeth Lawrence recently informed Development Council representatives that new endoscopy equipment and scopes are the current greatest need. The Vidant Bertie Hospital Development Council wholeheartedly endorsed using the funds to assist with the purchase of equipment for the OR.

Surgical equipment may not be "glamorous" but glamor means nothing when it comes to your health. Many Bertie County and surrounding area residents will now be able to have more procedures at Vidant Bertie because of the new/upgraded equipment. Statistics overwhelmingly indicate that being near home for any type of medical procedure, test, hospital stay, or doctor's appointment is very beneficial to patients and improves outcomes. Why go to a larger facility when your needs can be met close to home — in your own backyard? Patients routinely compliment the staff at Vidant Bertie and note that it is wonderful to have that "hometown touch" when they are in the hospital. Offering more surgeries close to home is an example of how Vidant Bertie helps to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve — every single day.



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