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In continuation of our commitment to the health and well-being of our community members, Emory Healthcare and Wesley Woods Long-Term Acute Care Hospital conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment. The report assessed the needs of the community served by Wesley Woods Long-Term Acute Care Hospital using quantitative data and input from individuals representing the broad interest of the community. Using this report, Wesley Woods Long-Term Acute Care Hospital identified two primary health needs of our community:

- Improve access to care in the community and collaborate with community partners to lessen the barriers to obtaining care including the shortage of health professionals, costs of care to the patient, transportation, insurance, health disparities, and other factors
- Expand community awareness of healthy behaviors and available resources/care settings through education and community based programs and increase the focus on preventative care and disease management for chronic conditions in the community to reduce health disparities and improve the health of the community

Wesley Woods Long-Term Acute Care Hospital developed the strategies below to outline how we plan to address the identified health needs of the community we serve. Through these strategies, Wesley Woods Long-Term Acute Care Hospital strives to improve the overall health of our community, while delivering the best possible care to our patients.

Priority	Access to care and community collaboration
Strategy Statement:	Improve access to care in the community and collaborate with community partners to lessen the barriers to obtaining care.
Major Actions	Sub-Action
Shortage of healthcare professionals	Partner with local academic institutions and offer internships/educational programs (i.e. Nursing, Social Work, etc.) to their students to increase the potential of hiring graduates into the Wesley Woods workforce.

Managing the cost of care	Reduce hospital and skilled nursing facility readmissions by identifying reasons for readmission and developing action plans to address identified causes.
	Collaborate with post acute care providers to ensure patients have access to services after discharge.
Healthcare for uninsured	In collaboration with Emory Hospitals and community partners, provide clinically necessary care to uninsured individuals in the least restrictive environment.
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Priority	Community Awareness and Education
Strategy Statement:	Expand community awareness of healthy behaviors and available resources/care settings through education and community based programs and increase the focus on preventative care and disease management for chronic conditions in the community to reduce health disparities and improve the health of the community
Major Actions	Sub-Actions
Dementia Care	Conduct a Dementia Care Workshop for caregivers and staff to highlight foundations of dementia care and co-morbidities of dementia and mental illness amongst patients and families.
Caregiver Support Group	Conduct a monthly caregiver support group for patients, caregivers, and staff with focus on managing life transitions and/or being a caregiver for an older adult. This program is free of charge to participants.
SPARC (Sickness Prevention Achieved through Regional Collaboration)	In collaboration with Atlanta Regional Commission, provide preventative health care services at locations easily accessible to older adults.
Smoking Cessation	Provide community education regarding importance of smoking cessation and offer potential resources to support cessation.
Diabetic Education	Conduct a foot and nail care seminar with goal of educating on proper foot and nail care for diabetic patient.
	Nutritional support to conduct a seminar on healthy eating habits.