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**VOTE DANNIE MONTGOMERY**

**ACTIVIST • COMMUNITY LEADER  
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As the 14th of fifteen children born to the late Charlie Thomas and Dannie Mae McCormick, Dannie was the first to go to college. From the age of eleven, her sisters, Pastor Iris Tillman and Pastor Elizabeth Evans were her parents.

Through challenging work and a profound spiritual relationship with God and the Church, Dannie's foundation is strong! She serves with boldness, honesty, and inspiration.

**VOTE DANNIE MONTGOMERY FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, ELECTION DAY.**

A lifelong resident of Anson County, Dannie is married 42 years to John Montgomery, and they live in Lilesville. They have four sons, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She loves to travel and has visited forty-three states, twenty islands, and three countries. Dannie enjoys meeting people. She was truly honored to meet and have conversation with, then- candidate Barack Obama, the first African American President.

Dannie is currently the Pastor of Grace Covenant Church of God of Prophecy in Albemarle, NC where she is the servant leader to a small congregation devoted to pleasing God. Her core values are Prayer and Service.

Dannie completed her Master of Public Administration and Supervision Degree at University of Phoenix; B.S. Business Administration at Wingate University; and B.S. Business Education at Fayetteville State University. She also graduated from South Piedmont Community College; and attended Bible College in Cleveland, TN and School of David, Church of God of Prophecy.

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Dannie believes that Hard Work equals Success. She is a Licensed Notary Public, Retired Public Education Administrator and Teacher, Former NC Employment Security Commission Supervisor of Dislocated Worker Program, Mecklenburg County, and Mentor.

Community Service, Transformational Leadership, and Political Activism keeps her moving FORWARD! She is currently the Chair of the Anson County Democratic Party, member of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. / Black History Month Program Committee, NC Association of Educators / National Education Association Lifetime Member, and NAACP Member.

Over the years, Dannie Montgomery has received countless awards. The one she is most proud of is the Anson County NAACP Ada Ford Singleton Humanitarian Award, an award honoring an individual who was a fearless advocate for justice and equity in Anson County during the Civil Rights Movement. We were all born to serve one another, but it is only possible if you have the "true" love of Jesus internally. *ALL GLORY TO GOD!*

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**Atrium Health Levine Cancer Begins Treating Patients with Proton Beam Therapy**

**Levine Cancer is the only site in the Carolinas and one of less than 50 in U.S. to offer this advanced radiation therapy**

Atrium Health Levine Cancer is proud to announce it will begin treating patients with proton beam therapy this week at the new Atrium Health Levine Cancer Proton & Advanced Radiation Center. The center, located on Atrium Health's downtown Charlotte campus, is the first and only facility in the Carolinas to offer this innovative and lifesaving treatment for adult and pediatric patients with complex tumors.

"The Proton & Advanced Radiation Center is one of less than 50 facilities in the United States — and the first and only facility in the Carolinas — to offer this innovative and lifesaving treatment for adult and pediatric patients with complex tumors," said Ken Haynes, president of Advocate Health — Southeast Region. "This is an exciting and monumental day for our cancer program, and we are extremely grateful for our world-class clinical staff and generous community supporters who made today possible."

Proton beam therapy is a form of radiation therapy that delivers a beam of protons that damage a tumor's DNA and destroy cancer cells. It is highly precise, targeted and effective, and can lead to fewer side effects and less damage to surrounding healthy tissue than conventional radiation therapy. Proton beam therapy can be used to treat various types of cancers, especially those that are located near critical organs and structures, such as the brain, lung, eye, head and neck. It can also reduce the risk of long-term complications and secondary malignancies for children and adolescents, who are more sensitive to radiation exposure.

"We are thrilled to bring this state-of-the-art technology to our patients and families, who will no longer have to travel out of state to receive this treatment," said Dr. Ruben Mesa, president of Atrium Health Levine Cancer. "This is a testament to our commitment to providing the best care possible for our community, closer to home."

The new center is part of a \$69 million investment into the Charlotte region by Atrium Health, which also includes Gamma Knife radiosurgery, another advanced form of radiation therapy for brain lesions. The center houses a 110-ton proton accelerator unit called the cyclotron, which is three stories tall and serves as the powerhouse for proton beam therapy. The unit was delivered and installed in December 2023, after a complex and meticulous process that involved transporting it across the country and lifting it by crane into the building.

As the hub for collaborative, world-class radiation care and clinical trials involving experts from Atrium Health Levine Cancer and Atrium Health Levine Children's, the center serves patients who would benefit most from proton beam therapy. "We are excited to offer proton beam-based clinical trials at this facility fueled by our National Cancer Institute- designated Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center," says Mesa. "We'll not only be treating patients with this revolutionary therapy, but we'll also research ways to revolutionize what's possible for patients."

"We are proud to have a skilled and expert team of radiation oncologists who provide personalized and comprehensive care for our patients, using the most advanced and appropriate tools available," said Dr. Stuart Burri, chairman of the radiation oncology department at Atrium Health Levine Cancer. "With proton beam therapy, we are adding another cutting-edge option to our arsenal of treatments, and we are excited to join a select group of cancer centers in the country that can offer this innovative technology."

Learn more about proton beam therapy and other radiation therapy options at Atrium Health Levine Cancer ([atriumhealth.org/proton](http://atriumhealth.org/proton)).

**Medicare Beneficiaries Should Review Their Options for 2024**

Medicare beneficiaries are urged to compare and evaluate their current plans and make necessary changes during the annual Open Enrollment Period.

"Medicare plans and prices change," Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey said. "It is important for Medicare beneficiaries to take advantage of the Open Enrollment Period by contacting local Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors to save money, improve your coverage or both."

The Open Enrollment Period began on Oct. 15 and runs for eight weeks to give you enough time to review and make changes to your Medicare coverage. Changes must be made by Dec. 7 to guarantee your coverage will begin without interruption on Jan. 1, 2024.

It is important to contact your local SHIIP counselor before deciding about coverage because you may be able to receive more affordable and better Medicare health and/or drug plan options in your area. For example, even if you are satisfied with your current Medicare Advantage or Part D plan, there may be another plan in your area that covers your health care and/or drugs at a better price.

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance and offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. SHIIP counselors can also help people find out if they are eligible for Medicare cost savings programs.

**Here are some of the ways to review and compare plans available for 2024:**

- Get one-on-one help from local SHIIP office Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616..
- Get one-on-one help from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, by calling 1-855-408-1212, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visit [www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan) to compare your current coverage with all of the options available in your area, and enroll in a new plan if you decide to make a change.
- Review the Medicare & You handbook. It was mailed to people with Medicare in September.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- Contact your trusted licensed insurance agent.

SHIIP counselors are not licensed insurance agents and they do not sell, endorse or oppose any product, plan or company. If you have questions about your specific plan, we encourage you to contact your insurance agent or the insurance company.

For more information about SHIIP and the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, call 1-855-408-1212 or visit [www.ncshiip.com](http://www.ncshiip.com).

**COVID-19 Information**

To stay up to date on COVID-19 in North Carolina, visit [covid19.ncdhhs.gov](http://covid19.ncdhhs.gov) or text COVIDNC to 898211. Call 2-1-1 (or 888-892-1162) for general questions or for help finding human services resources in your community.

For a national perspective, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

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