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## **VAN HAUSER SELECTED AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2017 HEALTHY LEARNERS CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN AWARD**

**COLUMBIA** – Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year of serving children who are in need and without resources, [Healthy Learners](#) today announced Van Hauser as the recipient of the 2017 *Healthy Learners Champion for Children Award*.

The *Healthy Learners Champion for Children Award* is inspired by an individual that has demonstrated a long term commitment to improving health care resources available to children, performed a single action that had a significant and long-lasting impact on Healthy Learners or advanced Healthy Learners' mission through a personal commitment of time, talent, financial resources and service.

Awarded by [Healthy Learners](#) and the [Healthy Learners Board of Trustees](#), the award will be presented to Hauser during the [18th Annual Healthy Learners Champions for Children Golf Tournament in Memory of George Younginer](#) on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the [Fort Jackson Golf Club](#) in Columbia, SC.

Hauser is a strategic conceptual thinker, who brings a unique perspective in partnership with clients to provide real estate, facilities & project management solutions. After spending three decades in facilities management, Hauser has proven success in project delivery methodology and knows what truly drives operations, efficiency and quality.

A past recipient of the Engineer of the Year Award presented by the NC Healthcare Engineers' Association, Hauser has earned several facilities engineering certifications. He has also been a featured speaker at many state and national facility management conferences.



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Hauser holds a master of health administration degree from Pfeiffer University and a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of North Carolina (Charlotte). Hauser says that he is a passionate golfer who works to support his habit.

“A dedicated and loyal donor and supporter of Healthy Learners and the golf tournament since 2011, Van has selflessly given of his time and talent to Healthy Learners,” said Jo Pauling-Jones, executive director of Healthy Learners. “Annually, he quietly works behind the scenes to host a premier golf tournament. Healthy Learners is proud to recognize and honor Van for serving as our 2017 Champion for Children.”

“Incredibly honored to be recognized by Healthy Learners, and blessed to have the opportunity to support a ministry devoted to removing children’s health barriers to learning. Many selfless volunteers put their time and energy into this mission and I am humbled in serving alongside them and the wonderful staff,” said Hauser.

[Healthy Learners](#) is a faith-based non-profit that connects children to care so that poor health is not an obstacle to doing well in school. The organization addresses poverty at its root, so that future generations can lift themselves, and their communities, to a better life.

[Registration](#) for the [Healthy Learners Champion for Children Golf Tournament in Memory of George Younginer](#) begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by a 12:00 Noon shotgun start. The day will conclude with dinner and entertainment, announcement of winners and the awarding of prizes. Please join us for an exciting day of golf and fun as Healthy Learners celebrates a significant milestone of 25 years of service to children, which includes 59,000 vision, dental, medications and other health-related services to 12,644 individual students!

For [registration and general tournament information](#) please contact Aundrea’ Simons by telephone at 803.454.0350, Ext. 3, via email at [aundrea.simons@healthylearners.com](mailto:aundrea.simons@healthylearners.com), or visit the Healthy Learners website at [healthylearners.com](http://healthylearners.com).

[Healthy Learners](#) was founded in 1992 based on the belief that children learn better when they are healthy. A ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System, Healthy Learners has five programs that serve 149 schools across eleven (11) South Carolina school districts. The counties served are Allendale, Dillon, Georgetown, Greenwood, Lexington and Richland. For more information, see [healthylearners.com](http://healthylearners.com).

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