

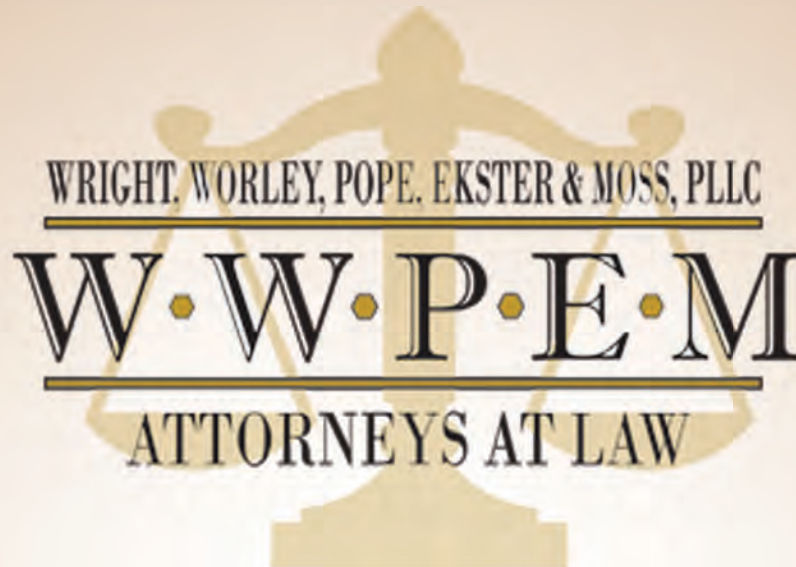
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Appetizer

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Atmosphere

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Runner Up: San Jose



BBQ

Winner: Joe's BBQ

Runner Up: Smithfield's
Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q



Biscuits

Winner: Bojangles

Runner Up: Hardee's



Breakfast

Winner: The Donut
Shop

Runner Up: The Etna Diner



Buffet

Winner: Southern
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Runner Up: East Wind



Burger

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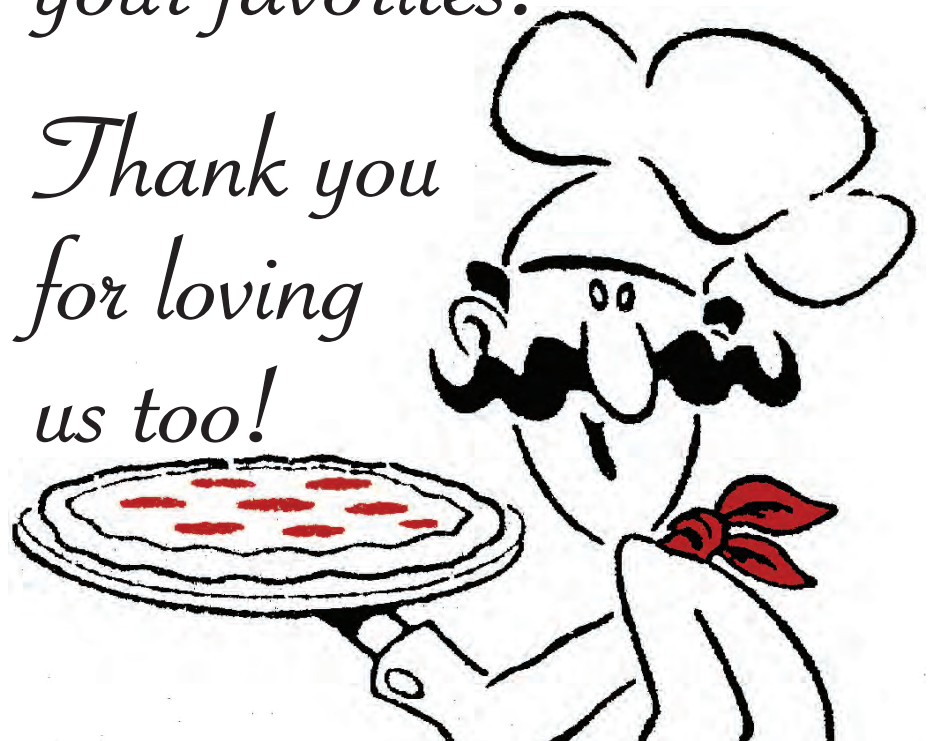
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Runner Up: China King



Coffee

Winner: Dunkin'

Runner Up: McDonald's



Dessert

Winner: Piggypies
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Runner Up: Darel's Bakery



Fast Food

Winner: Cook Out

Runner Up: McDonald's



French Fries

Winner: What-A-Burger

Runner Up: McDonald's



Fried Chicken

Winner: Pigford's

Runner Up: Smithfield's
Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q



Hot Dog

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Runner Up: Ray's Grill



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Ice Cream

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Runner Up: Lee's Creamery



Italian

Winner: Anthony's
Runner Up: Zeko's



Lunch Special

Winner: Dale's Seafood
- Whiteville
Runners Up: The Etna Diner,
Ivy's Cafe (Tie)



Mexican

Winner: San José
Runner Up: San Juan



Place to buy fresh produce

Winner: Robinson's
Produce Farm
Runner Up: Ray's Seafood & Produce



Place to buy meat

Winner: Hills Food
Stores
Runner Up: Pierce & Co.



Pizza

Winner: Pizza Village
Runner Up: Franco's

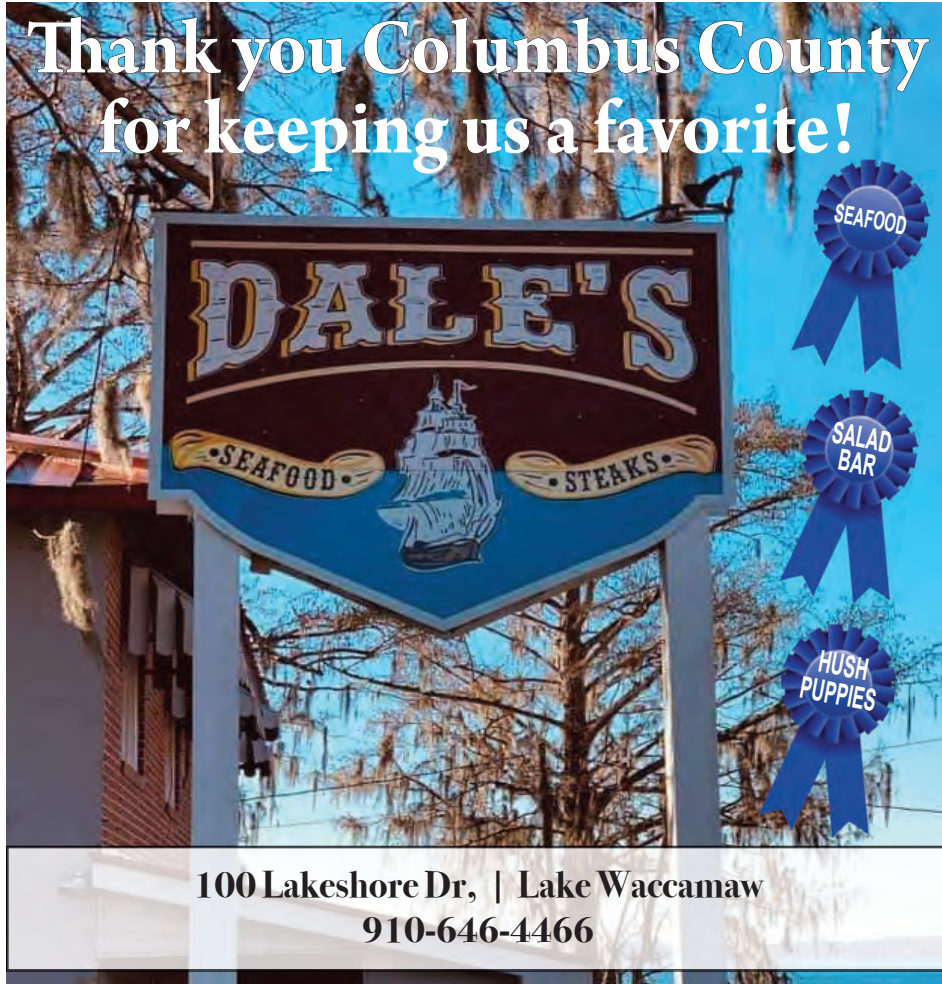


Restaurant - Overall

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Runner Up: San José



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Food



Salad

Winner: Pizza Village

Runner Up: Sub-Sational Subs & Salads



Salad Bar

Winner: Pizza Village

Runner Up: Dale's Seafood
- Lake Waccamaw



Sandwich

Winner: Sophie's Café
-Bistro

Runner Up: Sluggers' Deli



Seafood

Winner: Dale's Seafood
- Lake Waccamaw

Runner Up: Dale's Seafood
- Whiteville



Steak

Winner: Southern Sizzler

Runner Up: The Chef & The Frog



Sub

Winner: Sub-Sational
Subs & Salads

Runner Up: Sluggers' Deli



Sweet Tea

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Runner Up: Pizza Village



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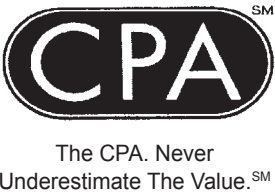
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Winner: Liberty
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Runner Up: Shoreland



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Winner: State Employees'
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Runner Up: Truist



Best Customer Service

Winner: 410 Furniture
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Runner Up: FOCUS Broadband



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Broadband
Runner Up: Spectrum



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Runner Up: Amy's Academy
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Daycare/Preschool

Winner: Opening
Doors Preschool II (Tie)



Runners Up: SCC Child Development
Center, Bri's Caring Heart Child Care

Dental Office

Winner: Dr. Brent
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Runner Up: Whiteville Family
and Cosmetic Dentistry

Funeral Home

Winner: Worthington
Funeral Home



Runner Up: Peacock Funeral Home
& Crematory

Hair Salon

Winner: Cocktails



Runner Up: Hair Fetish

Home Health Care

Winner: Liberty Home
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Runner Up: Well Care

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Insurance Agency

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Runner Up: State Farm



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Broadband

Runner Up: Spectrum



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Winner: Intracoastal
Landscape Designs

Runner Up: Bronson's Landscaping



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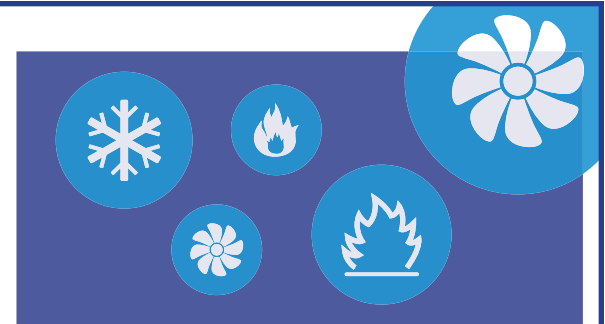
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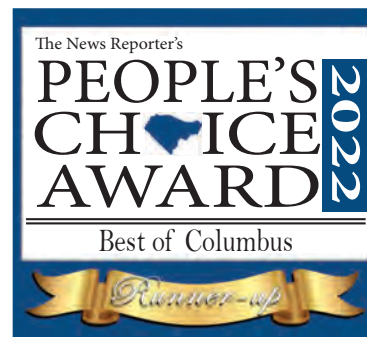
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Runner Up: Williamson, Walton &
Scott



New Business

Winner: Block's Bar
& Grill
Runner Up: District 7 Barbershop



Nonprofit or Charity

Winner: Families First
Runner Up: Community CPR



Oil Change

Winner: Southern Tire
& Muffler
Runner Up: Black's Tire & Auto



Pharmacy

Winner: Crossroads
Runner Up: Baldwin Woods



Primary Care

Winner: Advanced
Primary Care
Runner Up: Vineland Family
Medicine



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People



Accountant

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Runner Up: Alan Thompson

Attorney

Winner: Butch Pope



Runner Up: Boyd Worley

Auto Mechanic

Winner: Harry Hinson



Runner Up: Craig Best

Auto Salesman

Winner: Brett Gross



Runner Up: Vann Underwood

Banker

Winner: Jeremy Coker



Runner Up: Meredith Jackson

Barber

Winner: Heath Long



Runner Up: Levy Jones

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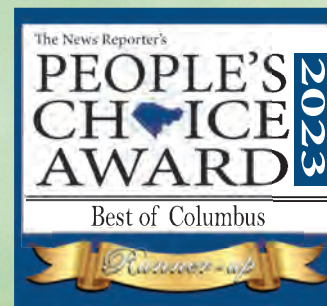
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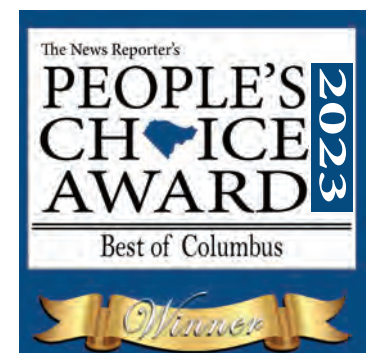
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Runner Up: Billy Prease



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Winner: Dr. Brent
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Runner Up: Dr. Ernie Ward



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Winner: Jamie Rooks

Runner Up: Anna Grace
Worthington



Electrician

Winner: Mike Lennon

Runner Up: John Ashley
and Matt Smith



Hair Stylist

Winner: Autumn
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Runner Up: Tommie Lynn
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Runner Up: Mary Jo Williamson



Occupational Therapist

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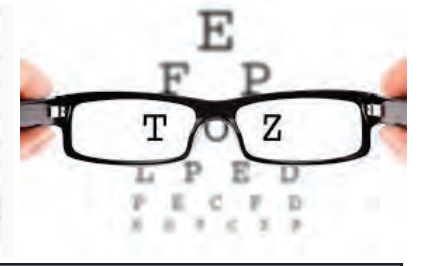
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People



Nurse

Winner: Suzanne
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Runner Up: Angie Nance



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Winner: Dr. Thomas
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Runner Up: Dr. Tiffany Jackson



Pediatrician

Winner: Dr. Jugta Kahai

Runner Up: Dr. Peter Chambers



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Winners: Leslie Little
and Cynthia Hansen (Tie)

Runner Up: Brianna Monroe



Pet Groomer

Winner: Betty Gail
Kronenwetter

Runner Up: Hannah McPherson



Pharmacist

Winner: Mickey
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Runner Up: Angela Rooks Soles



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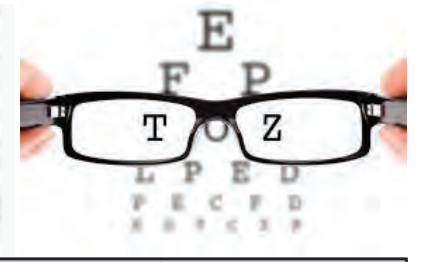
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People



Plumber

Winner: Matt Smith

Runners Up: Clint Ward,
Ross Psencik (Tie)



Primary Care Provider

(Tie)
Winners: Amy Ransom,
PA-C, Peggy Sue Barnhill, MD

Runner Up: Jeff Clarke, PA-C



Real Estate Agent

Winner: Jackie
Ray-Pierce

Runner Up: Ruth Gaskins



School Principal

Winner: Wendell
Duncan

Runner Up: Kalee Hill



Speech Therapist

Winner: Carla Brown

Runner Up: Taylor Jordan



Teacher

Winner: Kristi Greene

Runner Up: Amanda Hill



Tree Trimmer or Remover

Winner: Dee Watts

Runner Up: Davey Simmons



Veterinarian

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Runner Up: Dr. Nicole Martin



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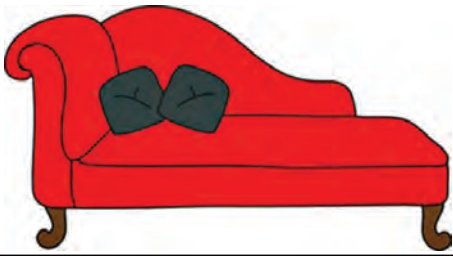



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Shopping



Farm Equipment

Winner: Tractor Supply

Runner Up: Quality Equipment



Farm Store

Winner: Tractor Supply

Runner Up: Gurganus Farm Store



Florist

Winner: The Tilted
Bucket Florist

Runner Up: Memory's Love Blossoms



Furniture Store

Winner: Cox Furniture

Runner Up: 410 Furniture & Gifts



Grocery Store

Winner: Food Lion

Runner Up: Hills Food Store



Gun Shop

Winner: Waccamaw
Outdoors

Runner Up: Pawn South



Home Decor

Winner: 2 Broke
Teachers

Runner Up: Alexander's



Jewelry Store

Winner: Collier's
Jewelers

Runner Up: Fowler Jewelry





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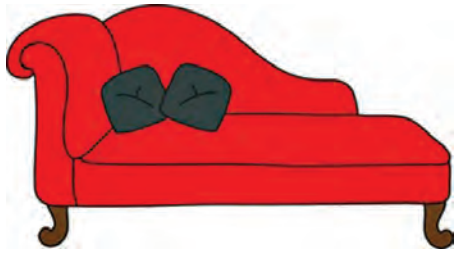
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Ladies' Clothing Store

Winner: Lee Lee's at
Madison & Main

Runner Up: Belk



Lawn Equipment

Winner: Singletary
Small Engines

Runner Up: Pait's Tractor



Men's Clothing Store

Winner: Belk

Runner Up: Lee Lee's
at Madison & Main



Mobile Home Sales

Winner: Clayton
Homes

Runner Up: Oakwood Homes



New Car/Truck Dealership

Winner: Vann Underwood
Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram

Runner Up: Town & Country
Chevrolet GMC



Nursery/Garden Center

Winner: Country
Nursery

Runner Up: Lowe's Home
Improvement



Pawn Shop

Winner: Pawn South

Runner Up: Murf's Pawn



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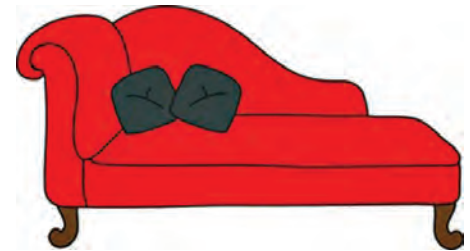
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Shoe Store

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Department

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Country Store



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Things To Do



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Harvest Festival



Runner Up: N.C. Yam Festival

Museum

Winner: N.C. Museum
of Natural Sciences at Whiteville



Runner Up: Lake Waccamaw
Depot Museum

Place to take out-of-towners

Winner: Lake Waccamaw



Runner Up: Daddy Joe's

Place to exercise

Winner: Nautilus



Runner Up: Body Shapers

Place to entertain kids

Winner: Whiteville's
Fun Factory



Runner Up: N.C. Museum of
Natural Sciences at Whiteville

Place to work

Winner: Columbus
Regional Healthcare System



Runner Up: Southeastern
Community College

Summer camp (day or overnight)

Winner: Ambassador Camp



Runner Up: Anchorage



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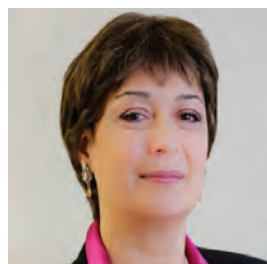
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Care Provider - Amy Ransom, PA-C



Care Provider - Jeff Clarke, PA-C



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Pediatrician - Dr. Peter Chambers



Physical Therapist - Kent Frazier



Speech Therapist - Carla Brown



Speech Therapist - Taylor Jordan



Nurse - Suzanne Savage



Nurse - Angie Nance



Occupational Therapist - Jesse Davidson

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