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## DR. PETERS GIVES BACK

Many people would have written off the hopes of a young boy who began life in a poor Christian family in Kerala, India. But despite the overwhelming odds, this young boy committed himself to his goal of becoming a physician and at the age of 17 entered medical school in his home country of India.

After completing training in London, Pittsburgh, and at Wake Forest University, Dr. Lenny Peters settled in High Point, NC to begin his career of caring. To this end, he formed Bethany Medical Center, a multi-specialty medical group providing medical care to a diverse population of patients. The name Bethany as recounted in the New Testament, is the name of the house where Martha, Mary, and Lazarus lived. They were very different types of people that were united by their love for Jesus. Bethany Medical Center is also made up of different types of people from diverse backgrounds united in love and care for patients and for fellow human beings.

Dr. Lenny Peters endless drive and commitment to excellence has led to further successes in the establishment of Peters Enterprises Inc., a comprehensive investment real estate and management company, as well as the formation of the Bank of North Carolina, a publicly traded regional bank. Dedicating his time, finances, energy and talents to so many, it comes as no surprise that Dr. Lenny Peters received a humanitarian award. Dr. Lenny Peters, president and CEO of Bethany Medical Center, received this humanitarian award from Henry Schein Inc. for his philanthropic generosity for over 20 years. Dr. Peters has touched so many lives when asked why he is so successful he answered, "paying attention to details, promise less and deliver more and that he surrounds himself with good people." He has raised 4 children here in the triad all of whom are successful they reside in New York.

Not one to forget his humble origins, Dr. Peters formed the Lenny Peters Foundation in 1993 to give back to communities that have touched him in his life journey. The organization recognizes there are financial needs locally and globally that have not been met. The goal is to assist those in the Piedmont Triad of North Carolina in Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem, Burlington and its surrounding communities of Lexington, Asheboro, Reidsville, Stokesdale, Summerfield, Madison, Oak Ridge, Trinity, and Jamestown North Carolina. In addition, the Lenny Peters Foundation is a long-time supporter of the Piedmont Triad's United Way campaign. Through the foundation, Dr. Peters founded the Jayamatha Orphanage in Kerala, India which provides housing, food, and education to over 200 children in need. This financial assistance provides housing, food and education to every Jayamathan orphan. The Orphanage is run by Franciscan Christian Missionaries which cares for approximately 210 children in Nalanchira the capital of Kerala, located over 5 miles from the major railway station and about 7 miles away from the major airport.

Dr. Peters feels that it is important to give people a hand up not a hand out. He supports people in the local area who are in need of a onetime gift. People whose financial aid has fallen through due to a relative's death or illness. Help with Greensboro college football program. He gives scholarships to students at High Point University. The foundation is here for people in our community that needs one time gifts to help with their life's struggles. The foundation has helped local charities such as Open Door Ministries, His Laboring Few Ministries, Murphy's Kids, Community Clinic of High Point. To get involved go to [www.LennyPetersFoundation.com](http://www.LennyPetersFoundation.com).

