Enjoy reading this report of gratitude and appreciation for your generous support in 2020. Thanks to friends like you, philanthropy helped provide services vital to the community’s health and well-being. Your support takes AdventHealth from good to excellent!

It was an incredible year involving courage, action, and love. Thank you for doing your part!

With Gratitude,

Robert V. Jackson, MD  
Chair

Laurie D. McCormack  
Executive Director

“Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.” – Voltaire
The new garden will feature accessible flower and vegetable beds – including a special raised bed that is fully ADA compliant for children using a wheelchair - a play structure, an inclusive outdoor educational area, special outdoor musical instruments, child-sized gardening tools – and lots of fun! Grand opening events for the garden are being planned for this June.

What started as an idea for a few beds of plants, vegetables and flowers grew into a showcase space that will be a feast for the senses. In August, an intimate, socially-distanced groundbreaking event for the Kyla Y. Hartong Memorial Sensory Garden took place under sunny skies. Construction began shortly after the event and planting will begin this spring.

The Sensory Garden, located on the grounds of the B.E. Smith Family Center, will provide children of all abilities who attend programs in the Early Learning and Britain Development programs with diverse sensory experiences. Like plants, children need ongoing and consistent care to flourish and bloom. The garden will provide unlimited sensory stimuli through the sounds, sights, tastes, smells and sounds of nature. Children and staff at the Center look forward to planting, digging and reaping the rewards of their work during the growing season.
“Behavioral Health is essential to whole person care at AdventHealth and we appreciate the generous donors who value this important mission.” – Rennie Shuler-McKinney, Director of Clinical Services, Behavioral Health

Support from philanthropy gave the Behavioral Health area a new look and feel. This included new furniture to remove all ligature risks, enhance the aesthetics, promote a healing environment, provide comfort, and durability needed for the high utilization by patients. In 2020, there were 5,172 patient encounters in Behavioral Health. Thanks to support from the community, patients are positively impacted with a safe and welcoming environment.
ADVANCING WHOLE PERSON CARE

AdventHealth Shawnee Mission Cancer Center began a partnership with Gilda’s Club Kansas City in 2019. This includes free educational classes and support groups to individuals and families cared for at the Cancer Center. But, when COVID-19 hit, in-person sessions came to a quick halt. That’s when AdventHealth Foundation, the Cancer Center, and Gilda’s Club worked together to purchase technology to address an overall community need to rapidly shift programming in a new virtual climate.

“After the onset of the pandemic caused our programs to cease in mid-March of 2020, AdventHealth provided much needed laptops for our staff, allowing them to work remotely and quickly move our programming to digital platforms. By April, our support groups, educational workshops and lifestyle classes were up and running in virtual format,” said Clara Anderson Sainte, LSCSW, director of diversity, equity, inclusion and programs at Gilda’s Club Kansas City. “In addition to the life-changing work we were already doing together, AdventHealth helped us connect with individuals and families impacted by cancer during the pandemic in new and innovative ways.”

With support from AdventHealth Foundation, the AdventHealth Cancer Center Shawnee Mission provides the DigniCap system to patients. This patented medical cooling device offers patients the ability to minimize hair loss during chemotherapy to improve well-being and quality of life.

“DigniCap offers a way for our patients to not only feel in control of this aspect of their care, but helps them feel whole.” – Connie Wood, Administrative Director of Oncology Services
The CHP is AdventHealth Shawnee Mission’s three-year strategy designed to address needs identified through data collection and prioritization. Current needs include the following: lack of resources of mental and behavioral health, high healthcare costs and access to health insurance, chronic disease in communities of color, and poor pregnancy outcomes in Wyandotte County. The target areas for this program include hundreds of families who are people of color, uninsured, and living below the national poverty level.

Philanthropy provided much needed support to two vulnerable, local communities in Kansas as part of AHSM’s Community Health Plan (CHP). The support included COVID testing, translation of COVID information in five languages, fresh produce, cleaning and sanitizing supplies, winter clothing, shoes, backpacks and school supplies, and scheduling families for well-check visits.
A generous gift was used to purchase equipment for the AHSM Emergency Department. The LUCAS Compression device is a vital tool in the treatment of cardiac arrest patients. The device delivers effective, consistent, uninterrupted, and hands-free chest compressions and can help effectively manage the code scene while helping the patient to maintain good circulation.

The Accuvein vein visualization system provides rapid vein access with minimum pain. It’s especially useful for the elderly, obese, dark-skinned, and hypovolemic patients, as well as those who have a history of IV drug use or have chronic illness that presents unique problems in finding an appropriate vein to start an IV.

“When caring for patients in the ER, where moments matter and lives are in the balance, having access to state-of-the-art medical equipment is essential to providing the best emergency care for our patients. I’m grateful for the many community members who enhance our work by generously supporting the AdventHealth Foundation.” – Joseph Reuben, MD, FACEP
Numerous gifts to the Area of Greatest Need from companies, individuals, charitable foundations, and net proceeds from the Golf Classic helped support the following needs:

• Care packages for AdventHealth Team Members (AHTM) who tested positive for COVID-19.

• AHTM well-being counseling and support sessions.

• Meals and other refreshments for frontline health caregivers.

• Internship program for Cristo Rey High School students exploring career interests in healthcare.

• Personal protective equipment for hospital use.

• Recognition items to show appreciation for volunteers.

• Additional salaries and supplies for the Early Learning program which remained open during the pandemic.

• Materials, massage chairs and other furnishings for “Serenity Rooms” established in the hospital to help AHTM cope with the stress of the pandemic.

The Area of Greatest Need is an unrestricted fund that gives AdventHealth Foundation the flexibility to provide philanthropic support for unanticipated and urgent needs, as well as needs not covered by other restricted funds. In 2020, this fund, and other gifts received specifically for COVID-19 relief, helped provide critical and urgent support to our caretakers and others impacted by the pandemic.
Giving by Donor Type

- Corporations: 31%
- Foundations: 17%
- Individuals: 33%
- Organizations: 19%

Total Fundraising Activity: $4,156,040

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Programs Impacted by Philanthropy 2020

- B.E. Smith Family Center
- Behavioral Health
- Birth Center
- Britain Development
- Cardiology
- Community Health
- Dr. J Douglas Cusick Medical Missions
- Early Learning
- Emergency
- Friends Helping Friends
- Home Health
- LIV Women’s Health Conference
- Medical Library
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Nikki Reynolds Education
- Endowment
- Nursing Education
- Oncology
- Perinatal Bereavement
- Pharmacy
- Pulmonary
- Shirley Hayes Volunteer Fund
- Social Services
- Steve Jeffers Lecture
- Tess’s Touch
- Unrestricted/COVID-19 Relief

Total Donors: 1,566
Total Gifts: 12,339
Posthumous congratulations to long-time board member, former Senator Dick Bond, on being named Emeritus Director of the AdventHealth Foundation. Dick will be deeply missed as he contributed to the health and wellness of the community in so many ways. His estate plans included a generous gift which establishes an endowment for children served at the hospital, with preference for those at Britain Development and the B.E. Smith Family Center. Dick was an advocate for children with special needs and he generously provided his time and financial support. He was the 2010 recipient of the Richard V. Edmonds Award for Exemplary Service to Britain Development.

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