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Pictured above from left: Peter and Patti Feeney and Katie Beekman, MD, co-hosted an evening focused on the future of cancer care in Chelsea. Ben Miles, President, Chelsea Hospital, is also pictured at right.

A Message from our Regional Vice President of Philanthropy



The Moments That Unite Us

Some of the most meaningful moments in life happen when we least expect them.

A physician delivering news with compassion. A caregiver taking an extra moment to listen. A family celebrating a recovery they once feared might not come. A patient, grateful for the care they received, deciding to make that same care possible for someone they may never meet.

These moments can feel deeply personal. But they also remind us of something larger: **none of us experiences health, healing or hope entirely on our own**.

That truth is at the heart of our Mission—and at the heart of philanthropy.

Every day across Trinity Health, I see generosity transform deeply personal experiences into something greater. Gratitude becomes an investment in exceptional care. Compassion becomes support for a family navigating loss. A meaningful relationship between a physician and patient inspires others to give back. And one person's decision to help creates possibilities for countless people who will follow.

That is the remarkable thing about philanthropy: **one moment can become a lasting source of hope for someone else.**

You will see that throughout this issue of *Gift of Health*. Our cover story features an Evening of Care and Connection hosted by one of our physicians and her grateful patients (p. 4). You will also meet generous patients such as the Robertsons (p. 13) and Dr. Sandra Lyness (p. 14), whose own experiences inspired them to make a difference for others, and you'll learn about our Bereavement Program (p. 5), which enables us to walk alongside families during some of life's most difficult moments.

Different stories. Different circumstances. But a common thread runs through every one of them, people choosing to care for one another.

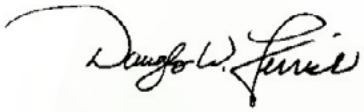
And right now, that matters deeply.

The needs of the communities we serve continue to grow, as does our opportunity to respond with compassion, innovation and exceptional care. Philanthropy helps us meet that moment—not someday, but today. It strengthens the care we provide, expands what is possible and helps ensure that hope and healing remain within reach for every person who turns to us.

Thank you for being part of that work. Whether through your generosity, your advocacy, your volunteer service or simply your belief in our Mission, you are helping create moments that matter—and ensuring their impact reaches far beyond any one of us.

As the holiday season approaches, I hope you find time for the people and moments that mean the most to you. And I hope you know how grateful we are that you are part of this community.

With gratitude,



Douglas W. Ferrick
Regional Vice President, Philanthropy
Trinity Health – Southeast Michigan

A Look at Your Impact

Over the past fiscal year (July 2025 through June 2026), your generosity touched the lives of thousands of patients, families, and caregivers across Trinity Health-Southeast Michigan.

Because of supporters like you, our new hospital in Livingston County became a reality; families gained access to fresh, nutritious food; communities benefited from advanced medical technology; and cancer patients received transportation assistance to life-saving treatments. These are just a few of the many ways your philanthropy is expanding access to care and strengthening the health of our communities.

Thank you for standing with us in our Mission to be a compassionate and transforming healing presence. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and the hope and healing you make possible every day.

Total Funds Raised	$20,272,838
Grant Funds Secured	$2,343,191
Cash and Pledges Received	$2,926,315
Planned Gift Commitments	$15,003,332
Endowment Funds Distributed	$1,290,321
New Donors	267
New Donor First-Time Gifts	$290,133
Funds Released	$20,274,761



An Evening of Vision and Impact for Cancer Care at Chelsea Hospital



Community members and Chelsea Hospital leaders gathered at the historic Cavanaugh Lake home of Katie Beekman, MD, to discuss the future of cancer care in Chelsea.

Community members gathered recently at the historic Cavanaugh Lake home of Katie Beekman, MD, Medical Director of Oncology, Trinity Health – Southeast Michigan, for an intimate evening focused on the future of cancer care in Chelsea. The event was co-hosted by Dr. Beekman and Peter and Patti Feeney, longtime Chelsea residents and dedicated hospital supporters. Patti is also a grateful patient of Dr. Beekman.

As guests enjoyed the beautiful setting, they learned about the rich history of the home and its original owner, Frank Glazier, a founding figure in Chelsea whose vision helped shape the community we know today. A recurring theme throughout the evening was the impact one person can make. While Frank Glazier's legacy transformed a town, today's supporters have an opportunity to make a lasting difference for local patients and families facing cancer.

A Personal Approach to Philanthropy

The gathering also demonstrated a more personal approach to philanthropy: bringing small groups of community members together to learn about and support important health care initiatives that matter to them.

"I was honored to host this deeply caring group of individuals in my home for a conversation that is so close to my heart," said Dr. Beekman. "The spirit of the evening was truly about what we can accomplish together for the good of our community."

Supporting Patients Beyond Treatment

Guests heard about two important priorities for the Chelsea Cancer Center. The first is sustaining vital patient support services, including transportation assistance, prescription support, nutritional counseling, spiritual care, and behavioral health resources. The second is a long-term vision to reimagine the Chelsea Cancer Center, creating more space for patients, caregivers, and the growing demand for cancer care services.

"We have an extraordinary team of physicians, nurses, and caregivers who show up every day for our patients," Dr. Beekman said of her colleagues at the Cancer Center. "We see firsthand how having access to exceptional cancer care close to home is profoundly meaningful for our neighbors. It changes the experience for patients. It allows them to be surrounded by their support systems. And it ensures that care feels personal, not overwhelming."

Investing in Cancer Care Close to Home

Currently the Cancer Center offers a comprehensive, patient-centered approach, from early detection and diagnostics to advanced treatment and survivorship support. Patients have access to infusion therapy, multidisciplinary care teams, and coordinated support services that address the whole person.

Just as important, said Dr. Beekman, this care is delivered in a setting that feels compassionate, connected, and deeply rooted in this community.

"Our vision is to continue expanding and enhancing cancer services so that patients here do not have to travel far to receive the highest level of care. A community that will walk with us on this journey is critical ensuring every patient receives not only excellent clinical care, but also dignity, comfort, and hope," Dr. Beekman said.

To learn more about how you can support cancer care services and renovation of the Cancer Center at Chelsea Hospital, please contact Jennifer Maisch, Director of Philanthropy, Chelsea Hospital at Jennifer.Maisch@trinity-health.org or 734-649-7481.

Trinity Health Bereavement Program Wraps Families in Support During Life's Most Difficult Moments

For Barb Stephen, Volunteer and Bereavement Specialist, Trinity Health Oakland and Trinity Health Livonia, supporting individuals and families through grief is more than a role. It's a calling.

That calling comes to life through the Bereavement Program at Trinity Health Oakland and Trinity Health Livonia, where Barb helps families navigate the difficult weeks and months following the loss of a loved one.

"I believe as a hospital ministry, it is part of our Mission to support our community in all of life's moments," Barb said.

Reaching Out When Families Need it Most

The Bereavement Program begins contacting a patient's next of kin approximately eight to ten weeks after a loss.

"At that point, the loved one is beginning to try and find the new normal," Barb explained. "And we can help."

Through compassionate conversations, Barb listens for signs of social isolation and identifies ways the program can provide support. Depending on a family's needs, that may include grief resources, educational materials, referrals to social services, or connections to additional support through Trinity Health. She also works closely with our Community Health Workers and Chaplains to ensure families receive personalized care.

Support Tailored to Every Family

Grief looks different for everyone, which is why the Bereavement Program takes an individualized approach.

"Young families with children have different needs than an older person losing a spouse, for example," Barb said. "We want to let our patient families know that they are not in this alone and that they are part of our Trinity Health family."

After each outreach call, families receive customized information and resources designed to help them navigate their unique circumstances and begin the healing process.

A Lasting Impact

Sometimes the support provided through the program leaves a lasting impression for years to come.

Barb recalls working with a young mother whose husband passed away, leaving her to raise their twin daughters alone. In addition to providing grief resources focused on helping children cope with loss, the program gave each daughter a handmade "love blanket" created by volunteers.



Pictured: Members of the Women's Guild Knitting Group from St. John Armenian Church in Southfield who share their time and talent knitting beautiful blankets and other hand-knitted goods to comfort patients and families at Trinity Health Livonia.

More than a decade later, the family remains connected.

"It has probably been more than 10 years," Barb said, "but at Christmastime, the mom still sends photos of the girls with their blankets."

A Reminder That No One Grieves Alone

Barb often attends funerals and memorial services for former patients, where she occasionally sees the cherished blankets displayed among family tributes.

"That's when you know how much it meant to the families," she said.

Through compassionate outreach, practical resources, and simple acts of kindness, Trinity Health's Bereavement Program reminds families that even in their darkest moments, they are not alone.

For information about volunteer opportunities at Trinity Health visit trinityhealthmichigan.org/foundation-and-giving/volunteer.



Trinity Health Ann Arbor Launches *Front Line of Hope and Healing* Campaign to Expand Emergency and Neuroscience Care

As the region's healthcare needs continue to grow, Trinity Health Ann Arbor's Emergency Department is experiencing unprecedented demand, caring for nearly 90,000 patients each year. With patient volumes rising and cases becoming increasingly complex, the hospital is embarking on a significant expansion and redesign of its emergency care facilities to better serve the community now and for generations to come.

Support for this expansion will be partially accomplished through the *Front Line of Hope and Healing*, a transformational campaign to expand emergency and neuroscience care at the hospital. The campaign will support a comprehensive Emergency Department expansion that will nearly double the number of private treatment rooms, increasing capacity from 59 to 95 rooms, while reducing open treatment bays to enhance privacy, comfort, and safety. The project will also add advanced diagnostic equipment, including an additional CT scanner and ultrasound, create expanded clinical operations space, and introduce a modern healing environment designed to improve the patient experience and support caregivers in delivering exceptional care.

Recognizing that many emergency patients require specialized neurological treatment, this campaign will also advance plans for a state-of-the-art Neurosciences Institute at Trinity Health Ann Arbor. The institute, launched with a lead gift of $10 million last fall, will bring advanced neurological diagnosis, treatment, and recovery services together in one comprehensive location, creating a seamless continuum of care for patients.

“Community support is essential to making this vision a reality,” said Doug Ferrick, Regional Vice President of Philanthropy, Trinity Health - Southeast Michigan. “Philanthropic gifts to the campaign will help expand access to life-saving care and advance innovation in two areas of growing need for our region.”

My husband, Herb, was very thankful for the doctors, staff and caregivers at Trinity Health Ann Arbor. After Herb's successful quadruple bypass surgery, we began supporting various programs at Trinity Health Ann Arbor including the cancer center, cardiac care, projects at The Farm and the emergency department. Herb always wanted to help others in need. Trinity and all of its many excellent programs and departments are extremely important for the people of our community.

--Karla Linkner, grateful patient and philanthropic supporter of Trinity Health Ann Arbor.



More private treatment rooms, shown above, are part of the ER expansion plans, funded in part by the *Front Line of Hope and Healing* campaign.



The THAA ED renovation features clean, modern spaces, such as the central nursing station shown, designed to support caregivers in delivering exceptional care.

To support this important work, please contact AJ Quackenbush, Gift Officer, at AJ.Quackenbush@trinity-health.org or scan the QR code at left.

Trinity Health Receives Presidential Community Partner Award



From left: Pam Zarkowski, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs for University of Detroit Mercy; Shannon Striebich, President and CEO, Trinity Health Michigan, and Dr. Donald Taylor, President of University of Detroit Mercy present at the 2026 University of Detroit Mercy Alumni Spirit Awards.

Trinity Health was honored with the Presidential Community Partner Award during the University of Detroit Mercy Alumni Spirit Awards on September 24, 2026.

The Spirit Awards recognize distinguished alumni and community partners who demonstrate excellence in their professions, provide outstanding leadership, and make meaningful contributions through service to their communities and the university.

Receiving this award from University of Detroit Mercy, another organization rooted in the shared legacy of the Sisters of Mercy, was especially meaningful. The award reflects our ongoing commitment to serving our communities and advancing a Mission centered on compassion, service, and the well-being of those entrusted to our care.

To see the full list of honorees, visit udmercy.edu.

Trinity Health Livingston Launches Community Leadership Council

The Community Leadership Council (CLC) at Trinity Health Livingston was recently created to strengthen the hospital's connection to the community by offering input on initiatives, serving as local ambassadors, acting as the voice of the community for healthcare programs, and supporting key priorities through fundraising and education.

Building on the *Forging Our Future* campaign momentum, the Council engages community members across Livingston County to expand volunteer involvement, promote Trinity Health's Mission and priorities, and foster grassroots support. Members will serve three-year terms and include former Campaign Cabinet members as well as new community representatives. Three high school students have also joined the Council and will serve one-year terms, contributing valuable youth perspectives and helping grow their potential as future community leaders.

The inaugural Community Leadership Council includes the following members, listed alphabetically: Kathleen Barden, Barb Binkley, Amanda Borg, Patricia Claffey, Tim Corrigan, Lindsay Debolski, Doug Ferrick, Sammy Godfrey, Sophie Gomez, Carol Griffith, Scott Griffith, Amanda Huszti-Vickers, Claire Myers, Kelly Myers, John O'Malley, Mike Perry, David Rex, Bill Rogers, Karen Storey, and Philip Utter.

As part of their service, Council members champion a philanthropic initiative of their choosing, focused on addressing critical healthcare needs in the community. The inaugural project centers on expanding access to behavioral health services in Livingston County through the creation of a Behavioral Health Hub. According to the 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment, approximately 15% of adults in Livingston County experience frequent mental distress — often for two weeks or more each month — and more than one in five (21.8%) have been diagnosed with depression. Centers for Disease Control data reports 40% of U.S. high school students had persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness.

This initiative is designed to improve access to urgent behavioral health care, strengthen care coordination and follow-up, and expand education and support resources for individuals and families across the community.

To learn more about the CLC or to support behavioral health initiatives in Livingston County, please contact Lindsay Debolski at Lindsay.debolski@trinity-health.org.



Members of Trinity Health Livingston's newly established Community Leadership Council (pictured) gather to strengthen connections between the hospital and the community by providing input on key initiatives, serving as ambassadors, and supporting local healthcare priorities, including expanding access to behavioral health services in Livingston County.

Chelsea Hospital Creates a Lasting Tribute to Julie Deppner


Julie Deppner

In May, Chelsea Hospital board members gathered in the hospital courtyard for a special dedication of The Julie Deppner Bouquet Garden, honoring our former board colleague and extraordinary community volunteer. Julie's life was tragically cut short in an accident just before Christmas 2025, and this garden stands as a lasting tribute to her generosity, kindness, and deep commitment to Chelsea Hospital and the community.

The board originally came together in 2025 to support creation of the garden as part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing the patient and family experience. The project has since become a meaningful reflection of Julie's enduring legacy. Designed as both a place of beauty and reflection, the garden will also allow patients and families to cut flowers and create small bouquets — offering moments of comfort and encouragement.

"Julie lived a life following the Rotary International motto: 'Service Above Self.' You could see it in the work she chose. She was a schoolteacher in her first career and in her second career she led staff at two senior retirement centers, passionately caring for her crews and loving her residents, fully engaged with their lives. She loved her family and was 'all in' with her husband, two sons, and later was SO excited to have two wonderful daughters-in-law," said Paul Schissler, Vice Chair, Chelsea Hospital Local Board.

With still more energy and love to share, using her intelligence and big heart for her community," he continued, "she was an avid member of Rotary, served on the Chamber of Commerce Board, the Chelsea Hospital Board, and the Chelsea Senior Center Board. She gave herself to those she loved and for the many causes she supported. What an extraordinary, lovely human being."

The Board plans to continue this commitment by directing its annual gifts toward the garden's expansion and ongoing care.



Trinity Health Michigan Hospitals Earn National Recognition for Excellence in Patient Care

Trinity Health Michigan hospitals have recently received national recognition for delivering exceptional care, earning honors from both *U.S. News & World Report* and *Newsweek*.

In the recently released 2026-2027 *U.S. News & World Report* Best Hospitals rankings, Trinity Health Ann Arbor, Trinity Health Grand Rapids, Trinity Health Muskegon, and Trinity Health Oakland were named among the Best Regional Hospitals in Michigan. In addition, Chelsea Hospital was recognized as one of the nation's Top 50 hospitals for rehabilitation, while Trinity Health Livingston and Trinity Health Livonia earned High Performing ratings in several adult procedures and conditions.

The rankings reflect outstanding patient outcomes, quality of care, patient experience, and clinical performance. Only 16% of the nearly 4,500 hospitals evaluated nationwide received a Best Hospitals designation.

"Being recognized among the best hospitals in Michigan is a testament to the extraordinary commitment of our colleagues to deliver exceptional, compassionate care every day," said Shannon Striebich, President and CEO of Trinity Health Michigan. "These honors highlight the quality of care we provide and our commitment to achieving strong patient outcomes while improving the health of the communities we serve."

Earlier this year, Trinity Health also received global recognition when Trinity Health Ann Arbor and Chelsea Hospital were named among *Newsweek*'s World's Best Hospitals 2026. The prestigious ranking evaluated more than 2,500 hospitals across 32 countries using hospital quality metrics, recommendations from healthcare professionals, patient survey results, and patient-reported outcomes.

"This is a significant recognition that reinforces the overall quality of care and elite medical services we provide to Ann Arbor and surrounding Washtenaw County communities," said Alonzo Lewis, President of Trinity Health Ann Arbor, Livingston, Livonia, and Oakland. "Our community can feel confident knowing they have access to award-winning, high-quality healthcare close to home."

Together, these national and international honors underscore Trinity Health Michigan's ongoing commitment to providing exceptional care, advancing clinical excellence, and improving the health and well-being of our communities.

Two New Gift Officers Join Trinity Health – Southeast Michigan Philanthropy Team



Jessica Malcheff



Beth Nugent

The Trinity Health - Southeast Michigan Office of Philanthropy has recently welcomed two colleagues, Jessica Malcheff and Beth Nugent.

Jessica joins Trinity Health Michigan as a Gift Officer, supporting Trinity Health Livonia. She brings extensive fundraising and nonprofit leadership experience spanning higher education, healthcare, and community-based organizations. Her background in donor engagement, community outreach, and organizational leadership will support efforts to strengthen donor relationships and expand philanthropic activity across the Livonia community.

Beth joins Trinity Health Michigan as a Gift Officer, supporting Trinity Health Ann Arbor. Beth brings more than 20 years of fundraising experience across healthcare and higher education philanthropy. Most recently, she served as Senior Director of Development for the University of Michigan School of Nursing. Beth also brings healthcare philanthropy experience from her time with Ascension Health Foundation, providing a strong foundation for developing donor relationships and advancing our Mission in the Ann Arbor community.

Contact Jessica at Jessica.Malcheff@trinity-health.org or 517-320-2021. Contact Beth Nugent at beth.nugent@trinity-health.org or 734-255-2928.

Transformational Bequest Supports the Future of Care at Trinity Health Livonia

A remarkable legacy of generosity will benefit patients and families for years to come at Trinity Health Livonia, thanks to a $1.5 million bequest from the estate of grateful patient Richard O'Dell.

Mr. O'Dell's gift was inspired by the exceptional care he received as a patient at Trinity Health Livonia and by the compassion shown not only to him, but also to his family. Deeply appreciative of the physicians, nurses, and colleagues who went above and beyond to support them, he chose to leave a lasting investment in the future of healthcare in the community.

"Bequests are incredibly meaningful because they allow us to, with thoughtful stewardship, direct resources where they can have major impact in a timely way," said Jessica Malcheff, Gift Officer at Trinity Health Livonia. "Richard's generosity is a powerful expression of gratitude and trust. His legacy will help us respond to challenges, seize opportunities, and support our Mission for generations to come."

For more information about how you can support Trinity Health Livonia or to discuss planned giving, please contact Jessica Malcheff at Jessica.Malcheff@trinity-health.org or 517-320-2021.



Memorial Giving Wind Chime Program
Expands to Trinity Health Oakland



The Trinity Health Memorial Giving Wind Chime program has expanded to Trinity Health Oakland, bringing its message of remembrance and healing to even more members of our community. In July 2026, a newly fabricated memorial wind chime was installed at Trinity Health Oakland, creating a dedicated space where visitors can pause, reflect, and honor the lives of loved ones.

The chime is located in **The Robin L. and James E. Henderson Reflection Garden**, a serene space made possible through the Hendersons' generosity and vision. Nestled within the garden, the memorial wind chime offers patients, families, staff, and visitors a peaceful place to pause, reflect, and honor cherished memories.

"We are honored to have the memorial wind chime placed in the Henderson Reflection Garden," said Robin and Jim Henderson (pictured below). "It is a privilege to help create a space that recognizes the lasting impact of those who have passed on. We hope the chime serves as a meaningful reminder of the memories and legacies that continue to inspire and comfort us."

The Memorial Giving Wind Chime program recognizes tribute gifts of $1,000 or more made in memory of loved ones. With the installation of the Oakland chime, the program now features seven chimes across Trinity Health - Southeast Michigan, joining those at Trinity Health Ann Arbor, Chelsea Hospital, Trinity Health Livingston, and Trinity Health Livonia. Together, these memorials serve as lasting symbols of remembrance, gratitude, and the enduring legacy of those they honor.



To learn more about memorial giving and the Memorial Wind Chime program, visit our website at trinityhealthmichigan.org/memorialgiving, or contact Jocelyn Turner, Director of Individual Giving, at Jocelyn.Turner@trinity-health.org, or 734-712-1955.

Generous Planned Gift to Trinity Health Oakland Will Advance Cardiovascular Services in Oakland County


Cheryl and Pat Robertson

Trinity Health Oakland has received a $1 million planned gift from Paul and Cheryl Robertson of Birmingham to benefit Cardiovascular Services at the hospital. The gift also honors Kirit Patel, MD, a longstanding physician leader within the hospital, who has served as Mr. Robertson's cardiologist for more than 30 years. During that time, Dr. Patel has performed more than 10 interventional procedures on Mr. Robertson, all of which have significantly improved the quality of his life.

"I can't tell you how many times Dr. Patel has saved my life," said Mr. Robertson. "He is the smartest doctor I have ever dealt with across all specialties. The hospital's cardiovascular program has meant so much to me and my family personally that we were inspired to make this part of our legacy."

The Robertsons are dedicated philanthropists who have supported Trinity Health Oakland over the years in a variety of ways. This most recent gift will support advanced cardiovascular care at the hospital, including research, equipment and other initiatives focused on enhancing patient care.

"Supporting patients when they are most vulnerable and making a positive impact in their lives and the lives of their families, has been the privilege of my career," said Dr. Patel. "I am grateful to the Robertsons for making this meaningful gift and for helping our medical team reach into the lives of others to make a difference."

Trinity Health Oakland is recognized as a leading cardiovascular program in Oakland County and throughout Michigan. The hospital's heart and vascular services are supported by an experienced team of cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons and vascular surgeons, all of whom are board certified and have completed advanced fellowship training in their respective subspecialties. In addition, many of the nurses, technicians and therapists hold specialty certifications and have pursued advanced training in the management of cardiovascular disease, ensuring patients like Mr. Robertson receive the highest level of expertise and care.

If you would like to learn more about or support Trinity Health Oakland's cardiovascular services program, please contact Craig Peiser, Director of Corporate Philanthropy and Major Gifts, Trinity Health Oakland, at craig.peiser@trinity-health.org or 248-736-5815.



Correction: In the *United in Generosity* story in our Spring 2026 issue of *Gift of Health*, Chelsea Hospital Volunteers, Martha Luick, left, and Jane Newbound, were incorrectly identified in this photo of them staffing our hospital gift shop. Our apologies to these two wonderful ladies who so generously volunteer their time.

Trinity Health Oakland Receives Major Gift to Establish Heart Rhythm and Valve Clinics



Trinity Health Oakland has received a transformational gift from Sandra Lyness, PhD, (at left) a hospital donor and patient, given in honor of her physician, Interventional Cardiologist Michele DeGregorio, MD, FACC. The donation will support the construction of a dedicated Heart Rhythm Clinic & Heart Valve Clinic. Co-locating the two clinics in a shared space, with both specialized and shared staff, will improve access, streamline evaluation and care delivery, improve care coordination and enhance the overall patient experience.

The Heart Rhythm Clinic will offer initial consultations for patients with atrial fibrillation and other heart arrhythmias, providing comprehensive evaluation and guidance on treatment options. Meanwhile, the Heart Valve Clinic will support patients being considered for transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) and other structural heart conditions by offering evaluation, education, and care coordination.

"Dr. DeGregorio is an experienced and well-respected cardiologist and leader and, as this generous donation demonstrates, is deeply valued by his patients, many of whom attribute their lives and longevity to his experienced and compassionate care," said Fabian Fregoli, MD, President, Acute Hospital Operations, at Trinity Health Oakland. "This gift will significantly enhance our ability to coordinate care for patients with atrial fibrillation and advanced structural heart disease, including complex heart valve conditions."

Exceptional cardiovascular care requires exceptional resources. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, like Dr. Lyness, Trinity Health Oakland continues to invest in advanced technology, innovative treatments, and ongoing education for our clinical teams. Combined with the expertise of our highly trained cardiologists, surgeons, nurses, technicians, and therapists, these philanthropic investments help ensure patients receive leading-edge heart and vascular care right here in our community.

"Making a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and their families is why I chose cardiology," said Dr. DeGregorio. "Trinity Health Oakland has become a destination for advanced heart care, and this gift further accelerates our momentum as we continue building one of Michigan's leading cardiovascular programs."

If you would like to learn more about or support the heart rhythm and heart valve clinic at Trinity Health Oakland, please contact Craig Peiser, Director of Corporate Philanthropy and Major Gifts,Trinity Health Oakland at craig.peiser@trinity-health.org or 248-736-5815.



Exceptional Care Inspires Generosity at Chelsea Hospital



The Office of Philanthropy hosted a gratitude event for David Diep, DO, and his team to thank them for their exceptional care which inspired the gift from a recent grateful patient. In the group photo are from left: Dr. Diep; Rida Ali, PA; Chantel Kilgore, Office Coordinator; and Karen Saylor, Surgery Scheduler, all from the Trinity Health IHA Department of General Surgery.

When a local man, who has asked to remain anonymous, recently came to Chelsea Hospital for treatment, he expected excellent medical care. What he experienced exceeded all expectations.

Reflecting on his recent care journey, he was quick to praise the physicians, caregivers, and staff who supported him throughout his time at Chelsea Hospital. His gratitude didn't stop with words.

After reviewing his Explanation of Benefits and learning that Medicare reimbursed only a portion of the cost of his surgery and medical care, he began exploring ways he could give back. He reached out to the Trinity Health – Southeast Michigan Office of Philanthropy to learn whether he could use funds from his IRA to make a charitable contribution to the hospital.

"I wanted to do something meaningful to help ensure other patients can receive the same level of care that I did," he said. "I'm proud to be able to use the proceeds of my life's work to support a place that made such a difference in my life."

His unrestricted gift will allow hospital leadership to direct the funds where they are needed most. His generosity reflects a powerful connection between exceptional patient care and philanthropy.

"We often say that 'philanthropy is good medicine,' " said Jennifer Maisch, Director, Major Gifts. "Generous donors help make possible investments in technology, programs, facilities, education, and services that support outstanding patient care and advance our Mission."

For this patient, the decision to give was simple.

His story is a meaningful reminder of the culture of compassion, gratitude, and generosity that defines Chelsea Hospital. Every day, the dedication of physicians, nurses, and staff creates experiences that not only change lives but also inspires patients to invest in the future of care for others.

For information about how you can support programs at Chelsea Hospital, contact Jennifer Maisch at 734-593-5373 or Jennifer.Maisch@trinity-health.org

Trinity Health Ann Arbor Secures Grant to Pilot Behavioral Health Urgent Care



The Michigan Health Endowment Fund awarded a $351,896 grant to develop and pilot a Behavioral Health Urgent Care on the Trinity Health Ann Arbor hospital campus. The Urgent Care will include walk-in and telehealth services for patients across the region, reducing the need for Emergency Department visits.

Melissa Tolstyka, Director of Behavioral Health, said, "Patients can expect to receive rapid assessments with Behavioral Health Specialists on-site, brief treatment, psychiatric evaluation and medication as needed via telehealth, and other services such as peer support and care coordination."

Trinity Health Ann Arbor is in an ideal position to pilot the Urgent Care, since it is already a regional behavioral health service provider, has related program components like intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization programs, and is well-integrated with community partners and their programs.

One significant factor in addressing mental health concerns is a lack of providers at various points of care, which can result in people waiting a long time for appointments, not receiving services, or only receiving treatment when symptoms are severe enough to require Emergency Department visits or hospitalization. The Michigan Health Endowment Fund's grant award will help to address these regional problems. By offering initial treatment, stabilization, and referral for outpatient services, the Urgent Care can prevent behavioral health conditions from deteriorating to the need for hospital-based interventions. Watch for announcements about the Behavioral Health Urgent Care opening in 2027.

What is the Michigan Health Endowment Fund?

The Michigan Health Endowment Fund (Health Fund) is a philanthropic foundation that works to improve the health of Michigan residents, with special emphasis on children and older adults, while reducing the cost of care.

The Health Fund was created through Public Act 4 of 2013, which authorized certain changes on how Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) operates. The law requires BCBSM to contribute up to $1.56 billion over 18 years to a health endowment fund that benefits Michigan residents and specifies that the fund should focus on children and older adults, with funding in eight areas:

- Behavioral health
- Health services for foster and adopted children
- Access to healthy food
- Wellness and fitness
- Infant mortality
- Technology enhancements
- Health-related transportation
- Foodborne illness prevention

To learn more about the pilot, contact Kathy Joyce, Director, Grants and Foundation Relations, at MKathleen.Joyce@trinity-health.org or 202-210-9608.

Consumers Energy Foundation Grant Expands Access to Healthy Food in Oakland County



Wendy G., Pontiac resident and THOA Farm Share member, enjoys receiving her weekly Farm Share box filled with fresh, locally grown seasonal produce.

Thanks to a generous $25,000 grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation, Trinity Health Oakland is helping more individuals and families access the nutritious food they need live healthier lives.

The grant supported Trinity Health Oakland's food programming funding 20 Farm Share Assistance memberships, benefiting approximately 60 individuals throughout the growing season. Each participating household received a weekly Farm Share box for 36 weeks, filled with six to eight varieties of fresh, locally grown seasonal produce, providing consistent access healthy food and supporting long-term wellness.

"Access to safe, healthy and nutritious meal options is an essential component to the wellbeing of our communities. Families should never have to worry about where their next meal is coming from. Through partnership and collaboration, we can support programs that address food insecurity and create meaningful and impactful outcomes for families while building healthier communities," said Catherine Wilson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Consumers Energy Foundation.

In addition to receiving fresh produce, Farm Share participants are able to utilize Trinity Health Oakland's free on-campus food pantry. The pantry offers essential items such as dairy products, protein sources, and shelf-stable foods, helping families supplement their weekly produce and maintain a balanced, nutritious diet.

Together, the Farm Share Assistance program and food pantry address both immediate food needs and the broader challenges of food insecurity, ensuring community members have access to healthy food options year-round.

The impact is significant. Trinity Health Oakland's food programs have consistently demonstrated improvements in food security, healthier eating habits, and participants' overall health and well-being. Through its generous investment, the Consumers Energy Foundation is helping low-income Oakland County residents thrive while strengthening the health of our community.

Community *Engagement*



Chelsea Skonieczny, Food Program Coordinator (left), and Kelsey Monks Carry, Manager, Food Program from The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland educate the community about the locally grown food and good health at the Northville Farmers Market.



DeMaria Building Company, based in Novi, recently presented a gift to support behavioral health services at Trinity Health Livonia, continuing its tradition of giving through the company's annual Charity Golf Outing. Above, representatives from DeMaria Building Company present a $15,000 gift to members of the Trinity Health philanthropy team.



Pictured from left: Karsten Fliegner, MD; Kristen Flannery, RN, and Drew Brown, RN, enjoy lunch provided by grateful patient Robin Hammer in appreciation of the care she received at Trinity Health Oakland.



Employees from Mi Bank in Bloomfield Hills recently enjoyed volunteering at The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland in the Spring and Fall, helping with spring clean-up, fall planting and more.



Trinity Health Ann Arbor, Oakland, and Livonia, in collaboration with the Trinity Health Office of Philanthropy in Southeast Michigan, partnered with Fifth Third Bank to celebrate babies born on May 3, adding a little extra joy to an already special day for families. As part of the "5/3 Day" tradition, each newborn and their family, such as the Hernandez family shown here, received a thoughtful gift package, including a $1,053 contribution toward a 529 college savings plan for the new baby, along with a box of goodies.



Oxford resident Kathy Major (above) turned her passion for helping others into action, raising $1,800 through a grassroots fundraiser at Collier Lanes in Oxford, MI, to support Trinity Health Oakland's free mammogram program. Funds raised through her community fundraiser will help provide lifesaving screenings to women in need.



Leo H., Trinity Health Oakland's youngest volunteer helps at The Farm alongside his grandpa and former Trinity Health colleague, Charlie Carpenter of Beverly Hills. Leo has been volunteering with Charlie for three years since the summer before 3rd grade, and helps with weeding, planting, sorting items for the vegetable boxes and cutting flowers that are distributed patients.



The Brighton Chamber of Commerce rallied Member Businesses to provide meals for Trinity Health Livingston colleagues during their busy first few weeks at the new campus this summer. From left: Mindi Croff, Executive Assistant and Jackie Glossop, RN, Nurse Educator, gratefully accept the generous donation of meals for hospital staff.



Jennifer Maisch, (left) Director of Major Gifts, Chelsea Hospital, and Chelsea Rupert, Director of Donor Experience, joined fellow Trinity Health - Southeast Michigan philanthropy team members at The Farm at Trinity Health Ann Arbor for annual Bouquet Day, creating bouquets for donors and patients.



Barb Stephen, Volunteer & Bereavement Specialist, Trinity Health Oakland and Trinity Health Livonia, was recently awarded the Heart of Trinity Health Award. This award is presented to colleagues who are champions of our culture and personify our Mission, values and are dedicated to the patient and family experience.

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