



2024

A YEAR OF *good*

SANFORD
HEALTH
FOUNDATION

Dear Friends,

Thank you for making 2024 a record-setting year for philanthropy at Sanford Health. Thanks to your generosity, we are powering innovation, fueling breakthroughs and advancing excellence across our system of care. In doing so, we are saving more lives, creating better outcomes and making a difference for more patients, residents and families than ever before.

More than anything though, your generosity is ensuring that people in large and small communities across the Midwest have access to world-class care, close to home — no matter what their zip code is.

As we look ahead to 2025 and beyond, we are excited for new opportunities to further advance excellence in rural health care as Sanford Health expands into Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan through our merger with Marshfield Clinic Health System, and as we grow our presence in western South Dakota and Wyoming through partnerships with Black Hills Orthopedic and Spine Center and Black Hills Surgical Hospital.

THERE'S SO MUCH GOOD AHEAD.

While our footprint grows and our reach expands, it's important for you to know our roots remain firmly planted in the communities we serve. To that end, our mission to improve the human condition, one gift at a time, remains unchanged. We'll continue to inspire philanthropic support for each of our locations, and as always, 100% of every dollar raised will stay local to touch the lives of those who count on us every day.

However you've chosen to lend your support — whether in your hometown, or to broader initiatives like research or virtual care — we're grateful you made the choice to Give for Good. Thank you for entrusting us with your philanthropic wishes and for allowing us to put your generosity to work for patients, residents and families every day.



With gratitude,

Deb Koski

Deb Koski
Chief Philanthropy Officer



GIVING FOR GOOD

2024 PHILANTHROPIC IMPACT: \$56.25 MILLION



As the largest nonprofit rural health system in the U.S., our work is fueled by philanthropy. Here, every gift makes a life-changing difference by powering the good patients and families see and feel every day — from world-class care to vital services, leading-edge technology, lifesaving equipment, cutting-edge research and so much more.

In 2024, we created **MORE THAN \$56.25 MILLION IN PHILANTHROPIC IMPACT** to support innovation, research, care and everyday comforts for patients, residents and families.

- **17,629 DONORS** joined us in 2024 to help advance health, hope and healing. Of those:
 - **7,366 donors** made their very first gift in 2024.
 - **4,679 donors** made ongoing monthly gifts, helping us sustain programs all year long.
 - **5,631 donors** made gifts under \$50, proving that gifts of all sizes add up to make a big difference.

HERE FOR ALL. HERE FOR *good.*

Thanks to those who **GIVE FOR GOOD**, we continue to work toward our vision to improve the human condition for everyone at every stage of life through exceptional care, spiritual enrichment, innovation and discovery.



THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, 2024 WAS ANOTHER YEAR OF GOOD:

- We provided care to **1,067,686 patients** and welcomed **9,778 babies** to the world.
- 70 principal investigators pioneered new breakthroughs by leading more than **180 research studies**.
- **6,664 patients** participated in clinical trials, accelerating new treatments and new solutions.
- We provided a place of belonging, faith and love for more than **10,500 senior residents** at our Good Samaritan locations.
- Following our merger with Marshfield Clinic and new partnerships with Black Hills Orthopedic and Spine Center and Black Hills Surgical Hospital, our combined **53,060 employees — including 2,209 physicians and 1,800 advanced practice providers** — began a new chapter in our journey to advance excellence in rural health.

THE POWER OF *endowment*



1,456
TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS

TOTALING
\$195.9 MILLION

GENERATING
\$19.5 MILLION
IN EARNINGS IN 2024

**POWERING AND SUSTAINING PROGRAMS,
INNOVATION AND ENHANCEMENTS TO CARE**

Today, the Sanford Health Foundation holds 1,456 endowment funds totaling nearly \$196 million.

These gifts, which carry the names, hopes and charitable intentions of visionary donors, play an essential role in supporting our mission of care.

“Endowment gifts ensure that we can deliver exceptional care not just today, but for generations to come,” said Deb Koski, chief philanthropy officer for the Sanford Health Foundation.

That’s because endowed gifts grow over time thanks to thoughtful investment strategies.

Their annual earnings are “used to sustain and support vital programs, advance medical innovation, pioneer lifesaving medical research and further define the future of health care across our region,” Koski said.

“Because endowments grow in perpetuity, they have the power to impact the health of individuals and the strength of communities far beyond a donor’s lifetime, truly creating a limitless legacy” Koski said. “It’s a giving vehicle whose impact is almost impossible to measure. We’re so grateful to our endowment donors for giving in this way and for their dedication to creating a healthier future for all.”

Learn more about the power of endowments and the unique tax benefits for North Dakota residents who choose to give through endowments. »



A GIFT THAT KEEPS *giving*

Thanks to an endowment at the Sanford Health Foundation, a unique program at Moorhead High School is taking the game of football beyond X’s and O’s to help shape the hearts and minds of today’s student-athletes and tomorrow’s leaders.



At Moorhead High School, the Teiken Academy is redefining freshman football by focusing on more than just the game.

Supported through an endowment established by Brent and Jodell Teiken, and developed through a partnership between Sanford Health, the Sanford Health Foundation and Moorhead High School, this one-week camp equips incoming freshman football players with the skills they need to succeed in sports and in life.

Through workshops, team-building exercises and mentorship opportunities, the Academy addresses critical topics like leadership, communication, mental health, and how to navigate challenges like social media.

“We’re honored to support this program. It’s an incredible idea with the potential to make such

a profound impact,” Brent said. “The Teiken Academy teaches teamwork and leadership through the context of an activity kids love. We hope these lessons stay with them for a lifetime.”

Since its launch in 2023, the Teiken Academy has impacted over 100 young lives, creating a sense of brotherhood while preparing participants to become resilient leaders who can uplift their peers and strengthen their communities.

Inspired by the Teikens’ personal experiences in sports and their desire to make a difference, the impact of the Teiken Academy is clear for freshman like Peter who said, “this experience changed my life forever.”

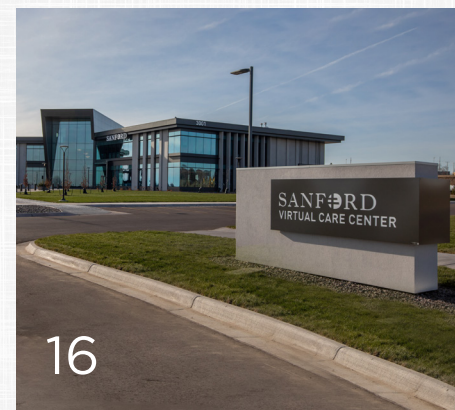
The Teikens hope the program inspires lasting change, proving that one act of kindness can indeed transform lives and communities.

Above: Brent and Jodell Teiken join members of the 2024 Teiken Academy at Moorhead High School. Learn more about the mission and the impact of the Teiken Academy. »



A YEAR OF GENEROSITY, MILESTONES AND CELEBRATION

Our growing community of donors joined us for milestone moments and community events throughout 2024 — all to support our mission of care.



1. The Miracle Maker Radiothon in Grand Forks, North Dakota, raised more than \$49,000 for Sanford Children's.
2. Pours for a Purpose raised \$245,000 to help launch the Bemidji region's first-ever Mobile Mammography Unit.
3. Big Stars & Pink Guitars raised \$1 million to enhance breast cancer care at the Edith Sanford Breast Center in Sioux Falls.
4. An expansion of the Sanford Heart and Vascular Center in Bemidji added three new cath labs and additional enhancements to help care for more patients.
5. The Roger Maris Gala raised \$1.5 million for the Peltier Lodge, the new center for patient lodging in Fargo.
6. We expanded care in western South Dakota and Wyoming as Black Hills Orthopedic & Spine Center and Black Hills Surgical Hospital joined the Sanford Health system.
7. The Cares for Kids Radiothon raised \$185,000 for Sanford Children's Hospital in Fargo.
8. The Blueway Gala raised \$215,000 to help advance pediatric behavioral health across central and western North Dakota.
9. The Cure Kids Cancer Radiothon raised more than \$239,000 to support kids and families battling childhood cancer across the Sioux Falls region.
10. Sanford Health employees donated more than \$416,000 during the month-long Celebration of Gratitude, an annual effort highlighting the impact of philanthropy.
11. Sanford Health and Marshfield Clinic Health System signed an affiliation agreement. The merger was officially finalized in early 2025.
12. The Great American Bike Race raised \$102,000 to support local kids at Sanford Children's in Bismarck.
13. The Billion Pavilion, the new outdoor play area at the Castle of Care in Sioux Falls, officially opened for play. The project was funded entirely by philanthropy.
14. The Children's Gala raised \$1.2 million to enhance pediatric care at Sanford Children's locations across the Sioux Falls region.
15. In honor of its 75th anniversary, the iconic Moorhead Dairy Queen raised more than \$75,000 for Sanford Children's in Fargo on Miracle Treat Day.
16. The Sanford Virtual Care Center opened as the training ground for the next generation of clinicians and the nation's first accelerator center to advance care for rural patients.
17. The Midwest Communications Radiothon raised more than \$213,000 for Sanford Children's in Sioux Falls.

CREATING HEALTHY *futures*

When an injury or illness strikes, a child's life can change in an instant. Thanks to your support, local kids like Emma, and their families, can turn to Sanford Children's for lifesaving care, close to home.



EMMA'S STORY

For the first nine months of her life, Emma Neu was a healthy, happy baby girl. She ate well, achieved all her milestones and brought joy to everyone she encountered — especially her parents, Courtney and Trent.

Then, out of nowhere, things changed.

Emma woke from a nap with a swollen eye and a lump on her temple. Initially suspecting allergies, her parents sought medical advice. When she developed a low-grade fever, a trip to the emergency room revealed devastating news: Emma had a rare and aggressive form of acute myeloid leukemia.

The Neu family's world quickly turned upside down as Emma began a grueling two-year cancer journey. She endured two bone marrow transplants, months of chemotherapy, countless procedures and numerous setbacks.

Despite the challenges, Emma's health, and her bright spirit, were nurtured by the world-class pediatric care, lifesaving equipment and kid-friendly environment at Sanford Children's Hospital. Along the way, the entire Neu family felt supported thanks to programs fueled by philanthropy including Child Life, which uses education and therapeutic play to ease kids' fears and anxiety, and Direct Assistance, which helps families with meals, transportation, lodging and more.

"Sanford Children's wrapped around us in every way possible," Courtney and Trent said. "We pray no parent has to experience this, but we couldn't be more thankful for having Sanford Children's so close to home."

Above: Emma Neu during treatment and today, cancer free. Learn more about Emma's journey and how philanthropy supports kids and families at Sanford Children's. »



YOUR IMPACT



GIVING FOR SANFORD CHILDREN'S

Together, we're surrounding kids and families with all the good they need to get better, faster, close to home. Your philanthropic support fuels everything from direct assistance for families, to patient care services, lifesaving pediatric equipment and so much more.

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

1. Your help powers **vital services** like Child Life, social work, music therapy and more — all of which are provided at no cost to families.
2. Your generosity fuels **leading-edge equipment** like Giraffe OmniBeds for NICU patients and other life-saving technology such as pediatric ventilators, ultrasound machines, resuscitators and more.
3. Your support helps us provide **direct assistance**, such as meal vouchers, mileage reimbursements and lodging, while also supporting ongoing education and collaboration to ensure our staff remains at the forefront of care.

ADVANCING BETTER *outcomes*

Your generosity is transforming cancer care and treatment, fueling breakthroughs in research, and supporting meaningful programs to help patients like Ryan get back to living fully.



RYAN'S STORY

When Ryan Johnson of Casselton, North Dakota, began experiencing severe chest pain, he knew something was wrong. Little did he know he was at the beginning of what would become a two-year-long, life-changing journey of courage, determination, love and compassion.

Ryan was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a type of cancer that affects the bone marrow.

Receiving the news was scary and overwhelming, Ryan said, but the team at the Sanford Roger Maris Cancer Center was there every step of the way. "From the moment you walk in, someone greets you with a smile. They put us at ease," he said.

Throughout Ryan's journey, he and his family never walked alone thanks to world-class

care, lifesaving treatments and meaningful programs like Nurse Navigation — all of which are fueled in part by philanthropy.

In May 2023, Ryan received bone marrow from his sister, Robyn Larson, during a transplant procedure at Roger Maris, home to the state's only Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant program.

Today, more than a year after his transplant, Ryan is doing well. But his lifesaving experience at Roger Maris is never far from his mind.

"I'm just so thankful Roger Maris was there. They genuinely cared about me. They became a family for me," he said.



Above: Ryan Johnson and his sister, Robyn Larson. Learn more about Ryan's journey and how philanthropy supports cancer patients. »



YOUR IMPACT



GIVING FOR THOSE WITH CANCER

We all know the pain and fear of a cancer diagnosis. It's a disease that has touched all our lives, but also one that unites us in a shared commitment to bring hope and healing to those navigating a cancer journey. With your support, we're finding new insights, enhancing care and treatment, and advancing better outcomes to help more patients and families on the road to remission.

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

1. Your help powers **vital services** like Nurse Navigation, Child Life, survivorship programming, healing arts and massage therapy — all of which are never billed to patients.
2. Your generosity fuels **leading-edge equipment** like ultrasound machinery, bone marrow transplant technology, chemotherapy recliners and more.
3. Your support helps us provide patients with **assistance for treatment-related costs** not covered by insurance, complimentary wigs and head coverings for chemotherapy patients and more.

FOSTERING HOPE & *strength*

Here, no one fights breast cancer alone thanks to your support of lifesaving equipment, leading-edge treatments and programs that surround patients like Cassie with the hope and care they need to navigate the road to remission.



CASSIE'S STORY

Sadly, nearly 1 in 8 women in the U.S. will face a breast cancer diagnosis during their lifetime. Women like Cassie Hajek, a young mother, physician and researcher who received the heartbreaking news of her breast cancer following a routine exam.

Cassie had dedicated her career to saving the lives of others. She never expected to be a patient herself.

"A breast cancer diagnosis always takes people by surprise. No one is expecting it," she said, explaining that at the time of her diagnosis, she and her team were submitting a manuscript about breast cancer risk.

Her experience affirmed what she already knew — breast cancer can and does touch everyone.

Thanks to leading-edge equipment, lifesaving therapies and world-class care, Cassie's cancer was caught at a stage where it was still treatable. Still, her journey was long and complex, with 16 weeks of chemotherapy and six weeks of radiation. Through it all, Cassie never walked alone thanks to the Edith Sanford Breast Center, where philanthropy fuels vital programs like Nurse Navigation, survivorship initiatives, advanced screening technology like 3D mammography, and so much more.

"I honestly feel grateful for the entire process and everything the Foundation does with donor funds to support that," Cassie said. "All along the way, I couldn't have asked for a better team."

Above: Cassie Hajek during treatment and today, cancer-free. Learn more about Cassie's journey and how philanthropy supports breast cancer patients. »



YOUR IMPACT



GIVING FOR THOSE WITH BREAST CANCER

Thanks to you, the Edith Sanford Breast Initiative is more than leading-edge research and medicine — it is a lifeline to hope and healing for every patient and family navigating a breast cancer journey. Your philanthropic support fuels everything patients need for compassionate, personalized care from day one of their diagnosis.

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

1. Your help powers new **breakthroughs in breast cancer research** and provides support for clinical trial patient care costs not covered by insurance.
2. Your generosity is improving access to lifesaving screenings and fueling the addition of **leading-edge equipment** like 3D mammography machines, leading to faster and more accurate diagnoses for more women and men, no matter where they live.
3. Your support keeps staff on the forefront of breast cancer care through advanced training and helps us provide **meaningful services and programs** like complimentary wigs and head coverings for chemotherapy patients, Nurse Navigation, survivorship programming and more.

DRIVING *solutions*

Your generosity is fueling breakthroughs in research, uncovering new insights and advancing lifesaving treatments for patients and families across our communities and around the world.



THE AHRENDT FAMILY'S STORY

In the final weeks of his battle against alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of soft tissue pediatric cancer, 10-year-old Landon Ahrendt asked his parents, Scott and Jaymi, for one last wish: that they keep fighting for kids and families facing childhood cancer.

Through the L3 Foundation (Live, Love, Landon), the Ahrendt family has done just that. Since Landon's passing in 2014, Scott and Jaymi, along with Scott's brother, Jason, and his wife, Heather, and other visionary donors, have donated nearly \$1.5 million to support pediatric cancer research and programs like Camp Bring It On — making a difference for kids and families navigating a cancer journey.

Their charitable investments through the Sanford Health Foundation also established the Innovations in Pediatric Oncology Initiative

at Sanford Research. Since it launched in 2021, the Initiative has advanced immunotherapy and cellular research in exciting ways, revealing new insights and discoveries for the promise and power of harnessing a child's own immune system to help fight cancer.

A gift from the L3 Foundation in 2024 will fuel even more momentum. Dr. Safiya Khurshid joined the team as the Initiative's first pediatric oncology researcher and future plans envision "Landon's Lab," a center dedicated to pediatric oncology research.

"I think about our promise to Landon everyday. Through our philanthropic investments in Sanford Research, his legacy lives on," Scott said.



Above: The Ahrendt family. Learn more about Landon's journey and the Innovations in Pediatric Oncology Initiative at Sanford Research. »

YOUR IMPACT



GIVING FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Together, we're pioneering new frontiers, fueling innovation and accelerating new possibilities. Your philanthropic support is helping our scientists, researchers and physicians collaborate and advance game-changing discoveries faster than ever before, transforming care and improving outcomes for patients today, and for generations to come.

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

1. Your help allows our team of researchers to **supercharge progress** toward a future where we can cure type 1 diabetes, be a beacon for those with rare diseases, pioneer innovative cancer treatments and more.
2. Your support fuels hundreds of **clinical trials** in type 1 diabetes, breast cancer, immunotherapy, rare diseases and more. Your help also provides clinical trial participants with assistance for patient care costs not covered by insurance.
3. Philanthropy supports opportunities for researchers to **expand knowledge and enhance understanding** through conferences and trainings, as well as STEM education outreach to inspire the next generation of innovators.

CELEBRATING GUARDIAN *angels*

The Guardian Angel program is a special way grateful patients and families can recognize exceptional caregivers who've made a difference. 100% of their gifts of gratitude go toward helping future patients and families in their communities.

Join us in celebrating our 2024 Guardian Angel honorees. These extraordinary caregivers each received special recognition and a Guardian Angel pin they can wear to share the power of kindness.

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| Allison Aberle | Dr. Marioara Doina Gavozdea Barna | Samuel Hill | Dr. Brenda Miller | Sanford Inpatient Rehab Unit |
| Brady Anderson | Julie Dokken | Sarah Hoepfner | Julie Minion | Sanford Oncology Department |
| Connor Anderson | Jessica Drummond | Anna Holen | Kelley Moore | Sanford Roger Maris Cancer Center Pediatric Oncology team |
| Rebecca Anderson | Barbara Dudgeon | Benjamin Hovestol | Dr. Kevin Murphy | Roger Maris Cancer Center staff |
| Samantha Anderson | Karla Ecklund | Lorna Ihle | Michael Myers | Quinn Schwartzkopf |
| Dr. Steven Anderson | Douglas Edwards | Dr. Adam Jackson | Dr. Amber Neugebauer | Dr. Christen Seaman |
| Susan Anderson, NP | Dr. Layne Egan | Kristine Joy Jarabelo | Dr. Antoinette Newman | Kelli Sears |
| Brooke Arndorfer | Paige Erbstoesser | Dr. Ashley Jensen | Dr. Roxanne Newman | Dr. Cindy Sondag |
| Dr. Richard Arness | Dr. Emmanuel Erestain | Dr. Brian Johnson | Dr. Laura Nichols | Dr. Todd Sorensen |
| Kim Bastemeyer | Deanna Erickson | Luke Johnson | Nurses on 2nd floor in ICU and Hospice | Dr. Matthew Sorrell |
| Ashley Benson | Vickie Ernst | Danielle Joyce | Dr. Ukamaka Nwadibia | Dr. Preston Steen |
| Kayla Benz | Dr. April Evans | Olivia Karzon | Jennifer Olbum | Dre Steinwehr |
| Becky Berentschot | Julie Fettig | Jaclyn Keller | Isabelle Olson | Catherine Stigen |
| Andrea Berger | Emily Fleischhacker | Katelyn Kennedy | Dr. Lacey Olson | Dr. Kenneth Stone |
| Casey Bjoralt | Dr. Stephen Foley | Micah King | Dr. Zachary Osborne | Paige Strandberg |
| Dr. Paul Bjordahl | Sally Frank | Kylee Klimpke | Dr. Timothy Pansegrau | Dr. Adam Stys |
| Natalie Braun | Dr. Jerome Freeman | Emily Knese | Raul Parra | Megan Taggart |
| Dr. Bradley Braunagel | Dr. Anu Gaba | Dr. Richelle Knudson | Alicia Pederson | Dr. Shelby Terstriep |
| Dr. Joseph Bruenjes | Kellie Garver | Deana Koehnen | Laura Peterson | Katie Thompson |
| Dr. Andrew Burgard | Bill Gassen | Dr. Bradley Kohoutek | Dr. Steven Pletcher | Ernest Thurman |
| Tyler Buss | Dr. Jared Gervais | Austin Kulzer | Erin Puttonen | Dr. Hassan Turaihi |
| Theresa Cameron, PAC | Debbie Gonnerman | Dr. Jacob Kusmak | Dr. Steven Quamme | Dawsen Tyryfter |
| Dr. Charlene Card | Dr. Thandiwe Gray | Jeanne Kussatz | Dr. Akuffo Quarde | Diana Vanderwoude |
| McKenzie Carson | Nicole Grobe | Hannah Laprath | Anne Reese | Cindy Vanwell |
| Dr. Danny Choy | Dr. Donald Gullicks | Kim Ledger | Dr. Sara Reinke-Schmidt | Kacie Wagner |
| Travis Christopher | Dr. Craig Haggerty | Dr. Scott Lichty | Billie Rud | Carah Wickey |
| Macy Cornwall | Dr. Michael Haley | Dr. Maritza Lopez | Dr. Sara Ruter | Angela Wilebski |
| Kristin Crawford | Cynthia Hanson | Stephanie Lorenz | Dr. Mohamed Sanaullah | Dr. Rodney Will |
| Angela Cross | Heather Hanson | Dr. Mark Lounsbery | Sanford Boekelheide Neonatal Intensive Care Unit | Christy Williams |
| Tara Curtis-Haberlock | Dr. Lindsey Hanson | Dr. Aaron Luebke | Sanford Cardiology | Susanne Wood |
| Laura Dahl | Kyla Harney | Dr. Seth Maliske | Sanford Emergency Room Staff | Dr. Nicole Woodley |
| Dr. Jared Daniel | Princess Harris | Billy Marsh | Sanford Fargo Home Hospice | Dr. Kirk Wyatt |
| Dr. Khalin Dendy | Dr. Jeanne Hassebroek-Johnson | Christina Martin | Sanford Health Dickinson Infusion Clinic | Dr. Sadaf Yousuf |
| Dr. Paula Denevan | Kristina Hathaway | Sarah Matcha | Sanford Hospice House - Fargo | Dr. Abdallah Abou Zahr |
| Stacey Devries | Amanda Hatter | Dr. Mirosław Mazurczak | | Tessa Zens |
| Dr. James Dewar | Dr. Erik Heitkamp | Judy McCombs | | Dr. Ryan Zimmermann |
| Dr. Amanda Diamond | Dr. Alisha Hemraj | Dr. Derek McLister | | |
| Dr. William Dicks | Dr. Kristin Hermanson | Dr. Sara Mees | | |
| Joseph Dirks | Shelly Hewson | Leah Mellor | | |
| Dr. Jesse Dirksen | | Dr. Samuel Milanovich | | |



GUARDIAN ANGEL HONOREE:
DR. STEVEN QUAMME
Family Medicine, Bemidji

“Dr. Quamme is incredibly caring and compassionate toward his patients. After my son suffered a massive stroke, he was there with us every step of the way, over the course of many years. He truly prioritizes your health and well-being.”
— Bemidji family



GUARDIAN ANGEL HONOREE:
STEPHANIE LORENZ
Chaplain, Sanford Medical Center, Bismarck

“She made fingerprint pendants and a “heartbeat in a bottle” for my family when my husband died. She then met with us later to make a special pendant for my niece. She went above and beyond.”
— Bismarck family

Known for her compassion and empathy, Chaplain Lorenz has made more than 2,000 pendants for local families navigating difficult health care journeys.



GUARDIAN ANGEL HONOREE:
DR. CHRISTEN SEAMAN
Pediatrics, Critical Care, Fargo

“My son was admitted to the hospital after having severe respiratory issues. Even with intervention, he wasn't improving. He got moved to the PICU and Dr. Seaman took over his care. I cannot say enough about how amazing she is. Her care is unmatched!”
— Fargo family



GUARDIAN ANGEL HONOREE:
DR. JARED DANIEL
Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, Sioux Falls

“He made my daughter feel special and heard. When she voiced concerns, he took the time to listen and address them. With every step, his team has been authentic and reliable, and the professionalism, thoroughness and skill have been so reassuring. What a blessing they have been.”
— Sioux Falls family

Learn more about how you can celebrate a caregiver through our Guardian Angel program. »



GIVING FOR *good* IN BEMIDJI

Inspired by a decades-long career in medicine and the community they've called home, Dr. Howard Hoody and Kristi Miller are using philanthropy to help advance health care across the Bemidji region.



HOWARD & KRISTI'S STORY

For Dr. Howard Hoody, the opportunity to practice medicine in Bemidji for more than four decades was far more than just a career. It was a chance to be part of something meaningful in a place where patients and colleagues were like family, and where every day offered the chance to make a difference.

As a family practice physician, "it was rewarding for people to invite me into their lives to help them navigate their health care and life issues," Dr. Hoody said.

Inspired by his love for Bemidji, Dr. Hoody and his wife, Kristi Miller, have a long history of giving through the Sanford Health Foundation, supporting local cancer care, hospice and the region's first mobile mammography unit.

One gift stands out though — a tribute to Ann Daley, a longtime nurse in Bemidji.

"Ann was a trailblazer. She started the patient education program here and ran it for decades," he said.

Ann also led a support group for people grieving the loss of a partner. When Dr. Hoody's first wife, Mary, passed away in 2015, Ann invited Dr. Hoody to join.

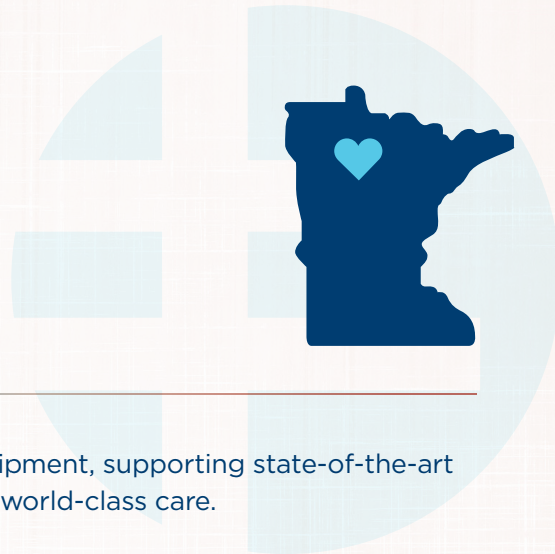
The support group helped Dr. Hoody through his grief and even led him to find love again. "It's where Kristi and I met," he said.

The couple eventually married and later, they established an endowment in Ann's name to advance health care education. "It's a tribute to Ann," Dr. Hoody said. "Through this, her good work lives on."

Above: Kristi Miller and Dr. Howard Hoody. Learn more about their story and the impact of giving across the Bemidji region. »



PHILANTHROPY AT WORK



Across the Bemidji region, philanthropy is advancing lifesaving equipment, supporting state-of-the-art technology and fueling projects that will provide greater access to world-class care.

TOTAL RAISED: \$1.05 MILLION

Here's how we put your generosity to work in 2024:

LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

- We're confronting the growing issue of breast cancer in rural, underserved areas across northern Minnesota through the region's first-ever **Mobile Mammography Unit**, bringing the most advanced early detection technology to surrounding communities including Walker, Bagley, Blackduck, Cass Lake and Park Rapids. Additional locations will be added over time.
- We're saving more lives thanks to the addition of the new **PET/CT digital imaging system** at the Sanford Joe Lueken Cancer Center. This state-of-the-art equipment allows us to detect and track cancer before symptoms manifest, at the earliest and most treatable stages.



LEADING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY

- Our pharmacists and technicians are spending more time educating and supporting patients thanks to the addition of **Phyllis, our new pharmacy robot** in Bemidji. As the region's first pharmacy robot, Phyllis improves efficiency, accuracy and wait times for a better patient experience.

PATIENT CARE & FAMILY SUPPORT

- We're enhancing care for hospice patients and their families through the addition of **new hospice suites** at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center. These dedicated spaces offer hospice patients compassionate end-of-life care, expert pain management, emotional and spiritual support and peaceful time with loved ones.

GIVING FOR *good* IN BISMARCK

Grateful for the education that shaped his career in health care, David Miller always knew he wanted to give back. Now, his gifts through the Sanford Health Foundation are supporting advanced education for nurses in the Bismarck region today, and for generations to come.



DAVID'S STORY

After growing up on a farm near Killdeer, North Dakota, David Miller enrolled at the Bismarck Hospital School of Nursing where he learned the tenets of a profession that would change his life: "Honesty, integrity and a passion for helping others — that's nursing," he said.

He finished nursing school early so he could enlist in the U.S. Army where he cared for wounded soldiers as an emergency room nurse in Vietnam. After a plane crash during his service left him injured and hospitalized, he gained a patient's perspective — further deepening his commitment to nursing.

After his service and further education, he went on to work as a nurse anesthetist.

But throughout his career, David never forgot where he came from — or the impact of his education. So in 1989, he made his first gift to

support nursing education. Since then, he's given more than \$2.1 million through the Sanford Health Foundation to support advanced education for nurses in the community where his own career in health care was born, including a \$1 million gift in 2024.

David's generosity is not only impacting the field of nursing today. His legacy gift through the Sanford Health Foundation will advance nursing education for generations to come.

"Nursing school was instrumental in my life. I always wanted to give back so others could have the same experiences. I think Sanford really stands at the forefront of care in the Midwest. I'm excited to see the impact this can have."



Above: David Miller as a student, and today with recipients of the David Miller Scholarship. Learn more about David's story and the impact of giving across the Bismarck region. »

PHILANTHROPY AT WORK



Across the Bismarck region, philanthropy is improving outcomes and providing more patients and families with access to world-class care, close to home.

TOTAL RAISED: \$2.65 MILLION

Here's how we put your generosity to work in 2024:

LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

- We're **enhancing care for our tiniest newborns** through the addition of state-of-the-art equipment like the Arctic Sun Stat Temperature Management system, which continuously monitors temperatures, alerts NICU caregivers of changes and can automatically begin therapy.
- We're **advancing breast health** thanks to the addition of early-detection equipment like the Barco Reading Monitor, which helps radiologists detect abnormalities earlier and with greater confidence.



COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- We're **fueling behavioral health support for teens** through a new collaboration between BeHEARD and Sanford Fit that brings clinical experts and education professionals together to deliver mental health resources directly to kids and their caregivers across our region.
- We're **providing specialized care for more patients in Dickinson, Minot, Jamestown, Watford City** and other rural areas across central and western North Dakota thanks to virtual care — making it easier for patients in rural areas to get the care they need, when they need it, close to home.

PATIENT CARE & FAMILY SUPPORT

- We're **surrounding local children with care and comfort** through programs like Child Life and Direct Assistance, which provides support for families to help with meals, mileage, lodging and more.
- We're **helping kids with childhood onset conditions** grow stronger and live more fully by providing support for specialized therapies, adaptive bikes, wheelchairs, orthotics and more.

GIVING FOR *good* IN FARGO

For Julie Burgum, a gift to Sanford Health was a chance to honor two special women and the compassionate care they received during their cancer journeys.



JULIE'S STORY

For Julie Burgum, losing both her mother, Esther C. Opp, and her mother-in-law, Katherine K. Burgum, to cancer was heartbreaking and life-altering. "They were both so special to me, and to so many," Julie said.

Diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2010, Esther was forced to navigate the complexities of accessing care from her small town in south central North Dakota. Despite the frequent three-hour trips to Fargo for treatment, the care and compassion Esther received at the Sanford Roger Maris Cancer Center stayed with Julie even after her mom's death in 2022. Katherine also battled cancer with courage and grace, leaving an indelible mark on Julie.

Since their passings, Julie had often thought of how best to honor their legacies. Last year, she found the answer.

Inspired by Norma Peltier's gift to establish a patient lodging facility near the campus of Roger Maris, Julie made the decision to support the project in memory of Esther and Katherine.

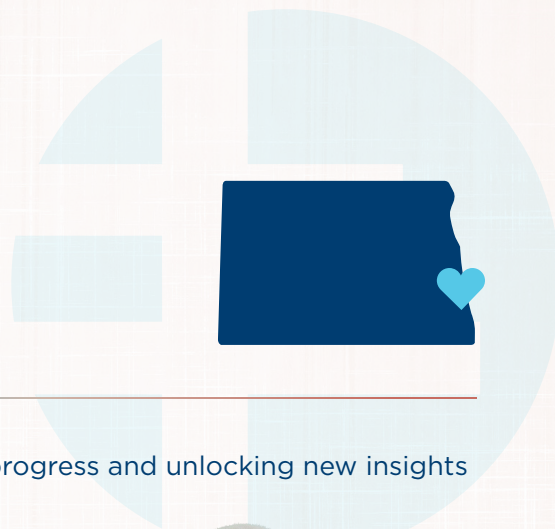
When it opens, the Peltier Lodge will serve as a home away from home for cancer patients and their loved ones — nearly 50% of whom travel more than 60 miles for care.

As a member of the Sanford Health Foundation Board, Julie's appreciation for philanthropy's role in advancing health care runs deep and her generosity reflects a lifelong commitment to improving access. "This project will make a difference," she said. "It's so important to bring world-class health care closer to home."

Above: Julie Burgum. Learn more about Julie's story and the impact of giving across the Fargo region. »



PHILANTHROPY AT WORK



Across the Fargo region, philanthropy is enhancing care, fueling progress and unlocking new insights for the future of medicine.

TOTAL RAISED: \$5.19 MILLION

Here's how we put your generosity to work in 2024:

PATIENT CARE & FAMILY SUPPORT

- We're offering comfort and enhancing care in a PAW-sitively new way thanks to **Fox, the region's first facility dog**, possible through the NutriSource Facility Dog Program at Sanford Children's Hospital.
- We're surrounding cancer patients and their families with support and guidance from day one of their diagnosis through our **Nurse Navigation program**.
- We're surrounding pediatric patients with care and comfort through programs like **Child Life, Music Therapy and Direct Assistance**, which provides support for families to help with meals, mileage, lodging and more.



LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

- We're improving outcomes for our tiniest pediatric patients through the addition of state-of-the-art equipment like the Giraffe Omnibed Isolette, our new **neonatal mobile incubator** that safely transports critically ill or premature newborns while maintaining a stable environment.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- We're providing **patients in surrounding communities with greater access to world-class care** thanks to enhancements at our clinic in Hillsboro and at our cardiac rehab center in Mayville.
- The state-of-the-art **Peltier Lodge** will be a home away from home for cancer patients and families, including those in North Dakota's only Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant program at the Sanford Roger Maris Cancer Center.

GIVING FOR *good* IN SIOUX FALLS

For the Elliott family, philanthropy is more than just giving back. It's a way of life. Motivated to make a difference, their gifts to Sanford Children's are helping local kids achieve healthy futures.



THE ELLIOTT FAMILY'S STORY

For more than 20 years, Tom and Linda Elliott have operated A-OX Welding Supply Company, a family-owned medical, industrial and specialty gas and welding supply business, on the belief that true success goes beyond profits — it's about making a positive impact on the community they call home.

It's a notion they instilled in their four children, Trenton, Tiffany, Terran and Tisha, as well. And today, the family works together to explore impactful local giving opportunities that align with their philanthropic passions.

The family's recent \$1 million gift to Sanford Children's Hospital was inspired by the miracles that happen every day inside the Castle of Care, said Linda, who also serves on the Board for the Sanford Health Foundation.

Miracles the family witnessed first-hand, they said, after one grandson faced a heart issue and another was born six weeks prematurely.

"Our oldest son spent a month in the NICU at Sanford Children's," Trenton said. "Having access to that facility and the comfort it brought — it made such a difference."

Working with the Sanford Health Foundation, they structured their gift so a portion supports today's needs, while the remainder is endowed to support care in the future.

"We love helping families today, and the ability to have lasting impact through the endowment," they said.

Above: Tom and Linda Elliott. Learn more about the Elliott family's story and the impact of giving across the Sioux Falls region. »



PHILANTHROPY AT WORK



Across the Sioux Falls region, philanthropy is improving outcomes, fueling programs that make a difference and advancing the future of medicine.

TOTAL RAISED: \$11.1 MILLION

Here's how we put your generosity to work in 2024:

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- We're creating a **Pediatric Emergency Department** specially designed and equipped to care for children. The David H. and Christine Billion Pediatric Emergency Department will be the only accredited pediatric trauma center in South Dakota and will be led by fellowship-trained pediatric emergency medicine specialists.
- We're reaching important **milestones in our work toward a cure for type 1 diabetes (T1D)**. In 2024, we enrolled our 10,000th pediatric patient in the Sanford PLEDGE Study, an initiative that helps identify children at risk of developing T1D and celiac disease.
- We're **helping kids experience the healing power of play** and the therapeutic benefits of the outdoors through the Billion Pavilion, a new accessible outdoor play area for pediatric patients and their families at Sanford Children's Hospital.

PATIENT CARE & FAMILY SUPPORT

- We're making a difference for families who are navigating a child's hospital stay through our **Direct Assistance** program, which provides support to help with meals, mileage, lodging and more.
- We're surrounding patients and their families with the support and guidance they need through programs like **Nurse Navigation** and **Pregnancy Navigation**.

LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

- We're **building awareness for breast health and improving outcomes for those facing breast cancer** through new MRI and ultrasound technology, upgraded precision surgical and oncology equipment, and the addition of 3D mammography in Brookings, Watertown and Laverne.



GIVING FOR *good* AT GOOD SAM

Jerry Kjer's gift of gratitude recognizes the care he received during his rehabilitation, celebrates the life and legacy of his late wife, and benefits residents and patients who need care close to home.



JERRY'S STORY

When Jerry Kjer reflects on his life, he sees "blessings from God everywhere."

The blessing of his late wife, Lee Ann, and their loving 32-year marriage. The blessings of their three daughters. And, most recently, the blessing of compassionate care from Good Samaritan - Ottumwa.

"I'd been in the hospital and went to the Inpatient Rehabilitation unit for ongoing recovery," Jerry said. "I was there for about two months and was just overwhelmed by the care I received. Not just medically, but from a spiritual perspective as well. Everyone was outstanding, from the food service staff to the physical and occupational therapists, to the nursing staff and CNAs. They were all so motivating and uplifting. They helped me, at age 72, remember what's important in life. They reminded me the good Lord gave me a life to live, so I'd better live it."

So living is exactly what Jerry has been focused on. Living, he said, with a grateful heart.

To express his gratitude for the care he received, and to celebrate the life and legacy of his beloved wife, who passed away in 2023, Jerry made a \$50,000 gift to the Good Samaritan Foundation to benefit residents and families who need care close to home in Ottumwa.

"I wanted to do something meaningful while I was alive," he said. "I don't know what the good Lord has in store for my future, but for now, I have the satisfaction and joy that comes from thanking these people and recognizing the good that's happening here — all in memory of my loving wife."

Above: Jerry Kjer and his late wife, Lee Ann. Learn more about Jerry's story and the impact of giving through the Good Samaritan Foundation. »



PHILANTHROPY AT WORK

At each Good Samaritan location, philanthropy supports enhancements to care, meaningful programming, facility updates and more so residents and patients can live more fully.

TOTAL RAISED: \$3.78 MILLION

Here's how we put your generosity to work in 2024:

RESIDENT & PATIENT CARE

- We're **helping residents and patients live fully** as they age through mental and physical wellness initiatives like meditation and mindfulness workshops, spiritual enrichment activities, opportunities to build connections with friends and family, companion pets, art, music and so much more.



EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY & FACILITIES

- We're **enhancing care through the addition of state-of-the art technology** like Rosie Vital Signs Monitors, which help us better monitor patients' vital signs, as well as equipment like vehicles for resident transportation, wellness equipment, furniture and more.

LONG-TERM CARE

- We're there for patients and residents whenever they need us through our commitment to providing **around-the-clock personalized care**.

EMPLOYEE EDUCATION & SUPPORT

- We're attracting and retaining the very best, most skilled professionals while also supporting **collaboration and advanced training** to keep staff on the leading-edge of care.

STRONGER TOGETHER

For Sanford employees facing the fear and uncertainty of an unexpected financial hardship, the Employee Crisis Assistance Program is a lifeline to hope and healing.



\$2.6 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE SINCE 2020

For Molly Larsgaard, a community liaison at the Sanford Canton-Inwood Medical Center, the Employee Crisis Assistance Program provided critical help when devastating floods caused heartbreaking damage to her family's home.

"Our entire basement was ruined, and we were displaced from our home while repairs were completed. We lost all our furniture, our flooring, and our walls and bathroom cabinets all needed to be replaced," Molly said.

"My family and I are so incredibly grateful for the help from the Employee Crisis Assistance program. I feel very blessed to work for an organization that recognizes when their employees are in need and actually does something to help. The financial assistance was so helpful as we put our home back together following the flood."

EMPLOYEE CRISIS

PROGRAM IMPACT IN 2024

- Assistance provided in 2024: **\$623,884**
- Employees helped in 2024: **536**
- Since 2020: **\$2.6 MILLION** provided to more than **2,703 EMPLOYEES**

HELPING HANDS, GIVING HEARTS

Here, we're all united by a common calling to care. We're especially grateful to the thousands of colleagues who are helping to advance our mission as employee donors, giving more than \$3.2 million last year.



\$3.2 MILLION GIVEN BY EMPLOYEES IN 2024

Kaci Petersen has been a steadfast presence at Sanford Health in Bemidji for 23 years, serving in various roles before assuming her current position as an inpatient medical coder. Nearly as long as she's been an employee, Kaci has also been a loyal employee donor, believing in the power of collective generosity to create meaningful change.

Her giving story is one of quiet generosity and a deep belief in the ripple effect of kindness.

"My giving journey started small, but that's OK. Even the smallest amount can have a big impact. When you have a community of people who feel strongly about making a difference, every gift adds up in big ways," Kaci said. "My mom and dad raised me to give back. They always said, 'the smallest act of kindness can change someone's life.'"

For Kaci's family, giving is not only a chance to advance health care for the Bemidji region, it's also a chance to recognize exceptional caregivers.

"My family has navigated a number of health journeys over the years, and we were met with excellent care and kindness at every turn. It's special to be able to pay that forward. Through the Guardian Angel program, we can celebrate caregivers who've made a difference," she said.

EMPLOYEE GIVING IN 2024

- Participation: **13,100 employee donors**
- Impact: **More than \$3.2 million**

Above: Employees wear "I Give for Good" t-shirts to celebrate the power of kindness. At right: Kaci Petersen, an employee donor in Bemidji.

A LEGACY OF CARE

For more than three decades, Lyle Schroeder gave of his time, talents and resources to help advance health care. His passion and philanthropy have inspired countless others, including members of his own family who have followed in his footsteps to continue his legacy of care.



LYLE'S STORY

The 130-year history of Sanford Health is filled with iconic names and their stories of progress and momentum. Through them all though, one name stands out as a beacon of visionary leadership, compassion and kindness.

Lyle Schroeder, who served as president of Sioux Valley Hospital (now Sanford USD Medical Center) from 1961 to 1997, touched the lives of thousands through his bold ideas, his belief in the human spirit and his transformational generosity.

Lyle passed away in 2024 at age 89, leaving behind an enduring legacy of care whose impact will be felt for generations to come.

A GENEROUS HEART

While Lyle worked to build and develop Sioux

Valley Hospital's physical presence and its offerings, he also understood the important role philanthropy could play in advancing its mission of care.

He led the creation of the Sioux Valley Foundation (now Sanford Health Foundation) to help inspire and steward charitable gifts, and was also a passionate supporter himself, donating nearly \$55,000 over his lifetime to support areas such as building projects, the Employee Crisis Assistance Program, pediatrics, staff education, hospice and more.

In honor of his retirement in 1997, his colleagues helped establish the Lyle E. Schroeder Excellence in Education Endowment to

recognize his commitment to education. Today, this endowment has grown to nearly \$250,000 and provides sustaining support for dozens of programs and initiatives across our system of care.

Lyle and his wife, Betty, were members of the Foundation's Honors Society, a community of donors who have given significant gifts over their lifetimes, as well as Foundation's Legacy Society, those who have made Sanford Health part of their lasting legacies through a planned gift.

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

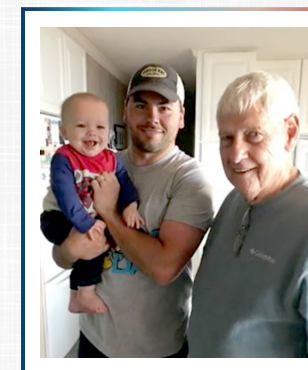
Over the years, Lyle's passion for giving back sparked the spirit of philanthropy in countless friends and colleagues, as well as members of his own family — including his grandson, Austin Parks, who serves as vice president for facilities at Sanford Health.

Inspired by his grandfather's philanthropy, Austin and his wife, Becky, recently established a planned gift at the Sanford Health Foundation. In doing so, they

became members of our Legacy Society.

"My grandfather gave so much of himself to help others, and he worked hard to instill the importance of giving back in all of us," Austin said. "I always admired his vision, generosity and kindness. My wife and I are honored to continue his legacy of care through our own planned gift."

Deb Koski serves as chief philanthropy officer for the Sanford Health Foundation. She has worked with Austin for nearly 20 years and says he, like his grandfather, is a true servant leader.



"Austin may not remember this, but he made his first gift when he was 23 years old, before he was a Sanford employee, by calling in to one of our CMN radiothons. He's been a consistent donor and advocate ever since, and I know how very proud his grandparents would be that he and Becky are continuing the tradition of supporting patients and caregivers through the Sanford Foundation. What a beautiful family legacy," she said.

GIVE FOR THE FUTURE. GIVE FOR *good.*



Learn how you can fuel the work of health, hope and healing through a future commitment. Contact us or find free estate planning resources at sanford.giftlegacy.com.

LEAVING A *legacy*

Join us in celebrating our Legacy Society, a community of donors who are making Sanford Health a part of their lasting legacy through a planned gift.

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