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Dr. Charles Schwartz in front of the signage for the Trinity Health Oakland intensive care unit recently dedicated and named in his honor. Photo by Trista Weddle

A Message from our Regional Vice President of Philanthropy, Southeast Michigan



November in Michigan brings crisp air, bare branches, and shorter days—a quiet shift that invites reflection. As we look forward to the joy and togetherness of the holidays, this season also holds space for remembrance. It's a time to honor those we've lost and to cherish the memories that continue to shape us.

We're deeply privileged to help our donors celebrate the lives of their loved ones through memorial giving. One beautiful way we do this is through our memorial chimes, which you can read more about on page 10. These chimes are more than a tribute—they're a symbol of enduring love and legacy. They offer comfort, connection, and a way to transform grief into something meaningful and lasting.

In remembering others, we may also find ourselves thinking about our own legacy. What mark will we leave on the world? How will our values and passions influence future generations?

Creating a legacy is a powerful act. It can bring clarity and purpose, strengthen family bonds, and inspire stewardship. Talking with loved ones about these intentions can be deeply fulfilling—especially when they reflect a commitment to making our community better. The story on page 12 offers some useful guidance for these conversations.

Your legacy is a reflection of your life's journey—your beliefs, your contributions, and the impact you hope to have. It can be a guiding light for those who follow, shaping the future in ways both big and small.

If you're thinking about how to create a lasting impact, we'd be honored to walk alongside you. I'd welcome a conversation about what matters most to you and how we can help bring your vision to life. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at Douglas.Ferrick@trinity-health.org.

As we embrace the season with gratitude and joy, let's also hold close the memories of those we love and miss. May their presence continue to inspire us and warm our hearts.

Wishing you a happy, healthy holiday season,

Doug

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas W. Ferrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D'.

Douglas W. Ferrick

Regional Vice President of Philanthropy
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Trinity Health – Southeast Michigan

Your Impact by the Numbers

Over the past fiscal year (July 2024 to June 2025), your gifts uplifted our Trinity Health – Southeast Michigan patients, caregivers, and communities in incredible ways by expanding access to advanced care and life-changing programs and services.

***Thank you for your investment,
partnership and belief in our mission.***



\$21,334,694 total funds raised

\$2,333,206 secured in grant funding



\$18,927,535 received in cash and pledges

\$67,741 received by planned gifts commitments



**43 Endowment Funds provided \$746,000
to benefit programs and services**



**407 new donors were welcomed who
contributed \$1,060,328**

**\$21,133,807 disbursed to support
Trinity Health – Southeast Michigan**

Charles F. Schwartz, MD Intensive Care Unit

In Gratitude

Samantha & Ross Partrich



Above: Dr. Schwartz (center) was first informed of this gift to honor him on his birthday in August 2024 by Shannon Striebich, President and CEO, Trinity Health Michigan, (left) and Fabian Fregoli, MD, CMO and President, Trinity Health Oakland (right). At left, from left: Dr. Schwartz and his wife, Cathy, with Ross and Samantha Partrich.

Trinity Health Oakland Dedicates The Charles F. Schwartz, MD Intensive Care Unit

Charles F. Schwartz, MD, Director of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Chief of Surgery at Trinity Health Oakland recently received a historic honor. For the first time in Trinity Health Oakland's 98 years, he is the first and only practicing physician at the hospital to have a hospital unit named after him.

"I couldn't believe it was actually happening," Dr. Schwartz said. "It's very unusual for a gift like this to be given to honor somebody who's still working."

On June 11, the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Trinity Health Oakland was officially renamed The Charles F. Schwartz, MD Intensive Care Unit, thanks to a generous and heartfelt gift from the family of a patient whose life Dr. Schwartz helped save. The effort to honor Dr. Schwartz with the ICU naming was led by Samantha and Ross Partrich of West Bloomfield.

"I truly believe one of the biggest reasons my dad, Miles Hurwitz, is here today, besides the amazing care that he got from everyone, is that Charlie was his cheerleader. He really pushed him to fight," Samantha said.

Photos by Trista Weddle

Walking Beside Them on The Darkest Days

While June 11 was indeed a celebration of both Miles's recovery and Dr. Schwartz's care and leadership, it was an arduous road to get there. It began when Miles was experiencing a health crisis two years ago. Samantha and her husband, Ross, long-time friends of Dr. Schwartz, turned to him for guidance.

"We had so much confidence in him," said Samantha. "He is an amazing doctor, and we knew that he would be a good leader to bring together the best care and the best doctors and nurses that could support my dad's health."

Samantha and Ross recall that from the day they arrived, the nursing staff was incredibly hard working, making the hospital experience less overwhelming and less frightening for the family.

"They were more than just skilled at their jobs," Samantha recalled. "They answered our questions with patience and kindness, and they treated our dad with respect and dignity even in his most vulnerable and least-dignified moments."

Ross adds, "Miles's treatment was successful because the people around him worked together. There was strong communication, a clear game plan and each specialized team member worked to get him back to health."

All the while, Dr. Schwartz's presence and influence was consistent and impactful.

"Miles felt safe, at ease and comfortable under Dr. Schwartz's care," Samantha said. "Even on the darkest days, Dr. Schwartz's motivating words gave him hope and strength."

A Unique Culture of Healing

Dr. Schwartz was inspired to pursue medicine by his father, Sheldon Schwartz, MD, a retired transplant surgeon. Forging his own path in medicine, as a cardiothoracic surgeon, he joined Trinity Health Oakland in 2012 and has found the culture to be like no other.

"At this hospital, the physicians can practice state-of-the-art medicine, and our leadership completely supports the physicians and the nurses. So, there's high-quality, very compassionate care and this translates to an excellent patient experience."

It's in this patient-centered culture that Dr. Schwartz thrives.

"We have built an amazing cardiac surgery team here at this hospital," Dr. Schwartz says. "We're providing the best care possible."

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The Charles F. Schwartz, MD, Cardiac Fund

Inspired by life-changing care provided at Trinity Health Oakland, a group of local philanthropists have established The Charles F. Schwartz, MD, Cardiac Fund as a gesture of gratitude for care provided by Dr. Schwartz and the cardiac services team to the Metro Detroit community.

Samantha and Ross Partrich led this effort with a gift naming The Charles F. Schwartz, MD Intensive Care Unit, a testament to their belief in bolstering innovation and high-quality heart care close to home. The Partriches partnered with other founding supporters, Katie and Gordon Coleman; Ham Schirmer; Karen and Rick Williams; and Nancy and Jim Grosfeld to create a fund in Dr. Schwartz's honor specifically to support world-class, heart-related care and services, advancing diagnosis, management, and treatment of cardiovascular and cardiothoracic disease for generations to come. The generosity of these founding members demonstrates the transformative power of gratitude, and they hope to inspire others to join in the effort to build and expand the impact of The Charles F. Schwartz, MD, Cardiac Fund.

Together, gifts will support diagnosis, management, and treatment for people across Oakland County suffering the debilitating effects of cardiac and cardiothoracic diseases.

For more information, or to make a gift, please contact Jill Schubiner, gift officer, Trinity Health Oakland at (248) 417-9974 or Jill.Schubiner@trinity-health.org.



Grateful patient Miles Hurwitz, left, celebrates the dedication of the Charles F. Schwartz, MD ICU to honor his physician and friend, Dr. Charles Schwartz, right.

He adds "We are caring for very ill patients often with very limited options. Developing trust – a real relationship – with them and with their families is so important to their healing."

Always an innovator at the forefront of his field, he says he has grown to appreciate the personal aspect of the care he provides just as much.

"The patient experience at Trinity Health Oakland Hospital is unlike any other in Southeast Michigan. Our doctors and nurses are outstanding and more than that they are kind and truly welcoming," said Dr. Schwartz. "We have a very unusual, wonderful culture."

A Lasting Expression of Gratitude

Once it was clear that Miles was on the road to recovery. Samantha and Ross, Samantha's sisters, Lauren Carson, Victoria Sloan, and their mom, Sheila, had time to reflect.

Samantha said, "For 17 days, on the elevator in the South Tower, listening to the music quietly playing in the background, we rode up to the second floor, and the elevator opened to the words on the wall: '2 South.' We spent some of our toughest days there, and we also experienced so much compassion, care and hope."

"We thought what better way to honor our friend and our doctor than to have the 2 South ICU be named the "Charles F. Schwartz, MD Intensive Care Unit," she said. "We are so thankful to Dr. Fabian Fregoli, Jill Schubiner and the team that helped us make that happen."

Ross adds, "We're grateful that we can give a gift to the hospital that does affect and touch so many lives. We feel very proud that we can contribute in some way." *For more information, or to make a gift, please contact Jill Schubiner, Gift Officer, Trinity Health Oakland at (248) 417-9974 or Jill.Schubiner@trinity-health.org.*

Trinity Health Livonia Establishes the Frank & Bessie Angileri Colleague Education and Professional Development Fund

Thanks to a generous bequest from the estate of Frank and Bessie Angileri, Trinity Health Livonia recently established the Frank and Bessie Angileri Colleague Education and Professional Development Fund in their memory. The Angileri's intent for the fund is to provide educational opportunities and training for Trinity Health Livonia colleagues, with the ultimate goal of advancing quality care and state-of-the-art medicine within the compassionate, healing environment of Trinity Health Livonia.

A passion for education and quality were hallmarks of Frank's life and legacy. Born in Sicily, Frank immigrated to the United States in 1950, following his marriage to Bessie in late 1949. He became a citizen shortly after he arrived in the US and spent his life in the Metro Detroit area. He worked at Sanders Confectionery and the Chrysler Corporation, then spent over 34 years with Ford Motor Company as a Quality Engineer. Following his retirement, Frank led his own consulting company. A dedicated philanthropist, Frank also established the Angileri Quality Institute at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



Frank and Bessie Angileri

"We are deeply grateful to Frank and Bessie Angileri for their generous bequest to our ministry," said Matt Griffin, MD, CMO and President, Trinity Health Livonia. "Their support is a powerful investment in the future of healthcare, enabling our colleagues to pursue advanced education and professional development opportunities that elevate the quality of care we provide every day. This gesture reflects the Angileri family's enduring commitment to quality and innovation in medicine, and its impact will be felt across our organization for decades to come."

To learn more about the Frank & Bessie Angileri Colleague Education and Professional Development Fund, contact AJ Quackenbush, Gift Officer, Trinity Health Livonia at 989-284-2123.

Remembering Sister Anne Marilyn Tyler, RSM

Throughout her 45 years of dedicated service to the patients and families at Trinity Health Ann Arbor, Sister Anne Marilyn Tyler was known for her gentle smile, quiet strength, and a talented eye behind the camera, where she was able to beautifully illustrate the power of life, love, and healing.

Sister Anne, 83, passed away peacefully on July 22, 2025, leaving behind a profound legacy at Trinity Health Ann Arbor.

Born Mary Anne Tyler on May 1, 1942, Sister Anne entered the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1963, professing her final vows on August 8, 1970. This marked the beginning of a lifelong ministry dedicated to serving others.



Sister Anne Marilyn Tyler, RSM

"As a Sister of Mercy, I see life through the lens of who I am and the life that I live."

Sister Anne's early years in health care included service at Mount Carmel Hospital in Detroit, and Leila Y. Post-Montgomery Hospital in Battle Creek. It was at Mercy Hospital in Port Huron, where she served as a Patient Advocate from 1971 to 1979, that she developed her talents for photography.

Her journey led her to Trinity Health Ann Arbor in 1980, and she remained at Trinity Health Ann Arbor for the rest of her life.

Through her lens, Sister Anne helped others see acts of love, compassion, and clinical excellence taking place in units throughout the hospital. She created slides for doctors' presentations, captured images for hospital publications, and even photographed complex surgeries, directly contributing to the education of future physicians. Her photographs, highlighting physicians, patients, and state-of-the-art care, graced award-winning ad campaigns, print materials, websites, and even billboards.

Yet, beyond her duties as a staff photographer, Sister Anne's greatest impact was often made after hours, on her own time. Several weekends each year, she would offer to take free professional portraits of hospital colleagues' children and families. She also volunteered her time to take free portraits of children attending the Readiness Center in Benton Harbor each year, ensuring families who might not otherwise be able to afford them had these cherished memories. She even sold her prints to help fund vital initiatives like cancer care at Trinity Health Ann Arbor and the Sister Yvonne Gellise Fund for Permanent Supportive Housing.

Sister Anne's photographs of nature, displayed outside patient rooms at Trinity Health Ann Arbor, continue to offer peace and reflection to this day, beautifully reflecting God's love and creating a welcoming, healing environment for patients and their families. A beautiful photo display in the Trinity Health Ann Arbor lobby, featuring a montage of portraits alongside the powerful words "The face of God is before me always," serves as a lasting testament to her life and legacy.

The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland Dedicates Robin's Hoop House



Jim and Robin Henderson at the entrance of Robin's Hoop House at The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland.

On August 1, a hoop house at The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland was dedicated in honor of Robin Henderson. Robin and her husband, Jim, of Bloomfield Hills, have been loyal, long-standing donors of the hospital and The Farm as well as patients themselves welcoming all four of their children in the hospital's nationally recognized labor and delivery unit.

"I was very, very honored to have a hoop house named after me," Robin said. "It really means a lot to me to be so connected to The Farm and all of its good works."

Hoop houses are vital to The Farm's operations, allowing for extending the growing season and protecting plants from the elements. They help The Farm team grow crops earlier in the spring and later into the fall.

The Hendersons' generosity also advances various unique programs at The Farm including the Farm Share, The Farm's version of a community supported agriculture program (CSA) offering locally grown, in-season produce to members; as well as Produce for Patients, a program that allows physicians to offer fresh fruits and vegetables to their patients who otherwise may not have access to the fresh foods that benefit their health. Their commitment and generosity also sustain an annual summer internship program, which has recently been renamed the Henderson Food is Medicine Internship.

Introducing the Henderson Interns

The Henderson Food is Medicine Internship program offers two paid 16–20-week internships each year where participants learn sustainable agriculture practices, become well-versed in interacting with community members of all backgrounds, hone important communication skills, and maintain critical operations of The Farm. The first two Henderson Interns are Kyle Campbell, a junior at Michigan State University (MSU) and Viraj Nautiyal, a sophomore at Brown University, both from West Bloomfield. Kyle and Viraj were excited about the value of the internship toward achieving their career goals.

"I would definitely say that this internship allowed me to apply some of the things I've learned at MSU via hands-on experience," said Kyle. "It was nice to grow a great variety of crops and flowers – I really like working with different kinds of plants. Working outside builds character as well – it requires a lot of discipline to work on those hot days."



Jim and Robin Henderson cut the ribbon at the dedication of Robin's Hoop House flanked by 2025 Henderson Interns, far left Viraj Nautiyal, and Kyle Campbell, far right.

He added, "Learning the proper procedures for storing and refrigerating produce; this will be very valuable information to have since I'll most likely pursue farming as a career."

"My goal throughout my career is to seek public office and concentrate on introducing effective and equitable health policies," said Viraj. "This internship was important in these goals as it made me more empathetic towards those I wish to serve while working in a grassroots setting that helps me experience how policies manifest when they're actually applied."

Both Kyle and Viraj were delighted to meet the Hendersons at the hoop house dedication and personally express their gratitude.

As Viraj said, "I'm incredibly appreciative of this internship program because it has allowed me to serve the community and further my career goals, however, none of this would have been possible without the support of the Hendersons that brought this internship program to life. I'm honored to have met them in person to thank them."

"Jim and I love Trinity Health and are so happy to support it in any way we can," Robin added. "There are so many interesting and impactful programs at Trinity Health, we like to support the innovation and are proud to know we are helping our community now in the future."

For more information about The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland, contact Jill Schubiner, Gift Officer, at 248-417-9974.



From left: Katelyn Smoger, Director of Food is Medicine and The Farm, discusses the progress and programs of The Farm and their impact on the community with Robin Henderson, Jim Henderson and Dr. Fabian Fregoli, CMO and President, Trinity Health Oakland.

Doug Ferrick Named to *Crain's* Notable Leaders in Philanthropy 2025



Doug Ferrick, Regional Vice President of Philanthropy, Trinity Health – Southeast Michigan was selected as one of *Crain's Detroit Business* 2025 Notable Leaders in Philanthropy. Doug leads the office of philanthropy, overseeing the department's operations, personnel and financial activities. He coordinates philanthropic programs across multiple Trinity Health – Southeast Michigan locations and sets strategies to grow support for our ministries. Doug has successfully secured some of our largest multimillion dollar gifts by building a donor-focused fundraising approach and emphasizing a dynamic culture of philanthropy. Since 2017, *Crain's* Notables has recognized over 5,000 outstanding leaders across industries. Honorees showcase commitment to advancing their industry and community.

This special editorial report launched June 16 online for subscribers at CrainsDetroit.com and in the print issue of *Crain's Detroit Business* that week. ***Congratulations for this well-deserved honor, Doug!***

Southeast Michigan Philanthropy

Restores Memorial Wind Chimes

Each year, Trinity Health – Southeast Michigan is deeply honored to receive gifts made in memory of loved ones. These heartfelt contributions are far more than generous donations — they are enduring expressions of love, remembrance, and legacy.



A project to restore memorial windchimes was completed this summer. Above: the newly refurbished windchime at Trinity Health Ann Arbor. Below right, a freshly refurbished memorial windchime is carefully put back into place.

engraved replica that honors the original design. We've also incorporated Trinity Health's branding to reflect the compassion, unity, and healing spirit that guide our mission. It's been a true privilege to help preserve these cherished memorials — ensuring they continue to offer comfort, remembrance, and peace for generations to come."

If you would like more information on memorial giving, contact Jocelyn Turner, Director of Individual Giving, at Jocelyn.Turner@trinity-health.org, or 734-712-1955.

To recognize memorial gifts of \$1,000 or more, a series of beautiful wind chimes were created and installed across our ministries in 2003. Standing five feet tall, these chimes gently sound in the breeze and feature engraved stainless steel plates bearing the names of those being honored.

Today, six wind chimes grace our campuses across Southeast Michigan: three at Trinity Health Ann Arbor, and one each at Trinity Health Livonia, Trinity Health Livingston, and Chelsea Hospital. The Livingston chime will soon be displayed in the courtyard of the new hospital, and plans are underway to expand the program to the Oakland campus.

After decades of standing proudly on our campuses, the chimes had begun to show signs of weathering, and in some cases, were in need of repair. In Fall 2024, a comprehensive refurbishment effort was launched and completed in Summer 2025.

"We approached this restoration with deep reverence and care," said Chelsea Rupert, Director of Donor Experience. "The stainless steel has been lovingly renewed, weathered areas gently repaired, and each nameplate thoughtfully replaced with a beautifully



New Donor Inspired to Lead

Giving Challenge at The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland

Bert Whitehead, of Birmingham, became a first-time donor to The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland this past year. He learned about The Farm from his friend and philanthropy mentor, Jill Schubiner, Gift Officer, Trinity Health Oakland. Bert was eager to visit The Farm in person and once he did, was even more enthusiastic. He immediately offered to sponsor a family Farm Share.

Bert said, "I'm really excited about this program, and I knew other people who would be, too."

As a retired certified financial planner, attorney and published author, he thought The Farm would interest many of his former clients who supported charitable organizations through donor advised funds (DAF). A DAF is a charitable investment account to which a donor contributes cash or other assets, and from which they can direct gifts to charities over time.

"Seeing is believing," Bert said. "I was bowled over by what Trinity Health Oakland is doing at The Farm and the impact it is having on people's wellness by helping them get access to fresh, locally grown food. It really is a game-changer."

"I was excited about the idea of hosting a gathering at The Farm to show other people the amazing work to fight food insecurity that's happening right here on the hospital campus," he added. "It really shows Trinity Health's commitment to that vital link between health and fresh food."

With that seed of inspiration, Bert took his enthusiasm for the work of The Farm and his longstanding belief in the power of philanthropy to the next level. Working with Jill and The Farm team, he helped host more than a dozen former clients and friends for a tour and challenged them all with an offer to match any donation made to The Farm that day.

Bert's enthusiasm for The Farm and the work we do was contagious. As a result, his passion for The Farm inspired more than \$20,000 in new gifts from fourteen first-time donors.

"So many guests told me how they enjoyed visiting The Farm and how innovative they thought a hospital-based farm was. They were excited to offer support," Bert said. "I'm really looking forward to hosting another challenge soon."

For more information about The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland or if you'd like to explore hosting an event or a giving challenge, please contact Jill Schubiner at 248-417-9974.



Bert Whitehead and Gigi enjoy browsing in The Farm Hub at Trinity Health Oakland.

Legacy with Intention:

Why Communication Is the Key to Impact



When you choose to include a legacy gift in your estate plans, you're doing something extraordinary. Your generosity helps ensure that compassionate, high-quality healthcare will be available for generations to come. Legacy donors like you are the quiet champions behind medical breakthroughs, expanded access to care, and healthier communities. Your gift is a powerful statement of hope, and it deserves to be honored, protected, and understood.

Communicating your intentions for the future can make a world of difference. Here's why it's important to share your plans with three key groups: your professional advisors, your loved ones, and the causes and organizations you care about.

Your Professional Advisors

Your financial planner, attorney, and tax advisor are essential partners in making sure your legacy gift is structured in a way that aligns with your values, financial goals, and legal requirements. Your advisors can ensure your gift is legally sound and that your intentions are clearly documented, and they can also help to maximize the tax benefits of your gift. Your professional advisor team is key to eliminating the possibility of unintended consequences.

Your Family and Loved Ones

Legacy giving is a deeply personal decision, but it doesn't have to be a private one. Sharing your plans with your family fosters understanding, reduces confusion, and even inspires others. When family members are unaware of your charitable intentions, it can lead to misunderstandings or disputes later. Talking about your gift is a chance to explain why the cause matters to you – and to pass on your values to them. Many of us have received a great education from our parents and others on why giving back is important.

These conversations can be deeply meaningful, opening the door to shared stories, memories, and hopes for the future.

The Organizations You Love

Discussing your plans with the causes you care about helps ensure your legacy will be honored and your impact maximized.

While some donors prefer to remain anonymous, sharing your plans allows us to express our gratitude and help you feel joy now for the change you're making in the future. Also, knowing about future gifts helps us plan more effectively for the long term, ensuring your gift has the greatest possible impact. Plus, we will work with you to ensure your vision is understood and achieved, and that we have absolute clarity on every aspect of your goals.

Most importantly, when you share your plans, you become part of a community of forward-thinking donors who are shaping the future of healthcare for generations to come – and inspiring others to do that same!

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Chelsea Hospital Leaders Engage with the Community at **Vision 2030** Event

In April, Chelsea Hospital President Ben Miles joined by Rich Helppie, Community Director, Chelsea Hospital-University of Michigan Joint Venture Board and his wife, Leslie, hosted dinner and an interactive session for donors and community members to help shape the plan for Chelsea Hospital's future. Held at the Common Grill in Chelsea, more than fifty attendees engaged with hospital leadership and each other.



The Chelsea Vision 2030 Event brought community and hospital leaders together. From left: Rich and Leslie Helppie; Reverend Kathy Schell, Volunteer Chaplain, Mission Services, Chelsea Hospital and Ben Miles.

"Our goal is to be the best community hospital in America," said Ben. "Safety and quality are first and foremost at Chelsea Hospital, and we're proud that we continue to receive some of the highest patient experience scores of any of our ministries. As much as we're looking within our hospital to continuously improve and ensure our colleagues have what they need, we also need to be sure that we are keeping a great touch point with our community."

That goal was a key impetus for the Chelsea Hospital Vision 2030 event, explained Ben. A community hospital is a resource that helps a community thrive and long-term success can only come in partnership with a community that is engaged and invested.

Rich and Leslie, long-time local philanthropists and cofounders of the Helppie Family Charitable Foundation, were pleased to co-host the event and foster the rich discussion between community members and hospital leadership.

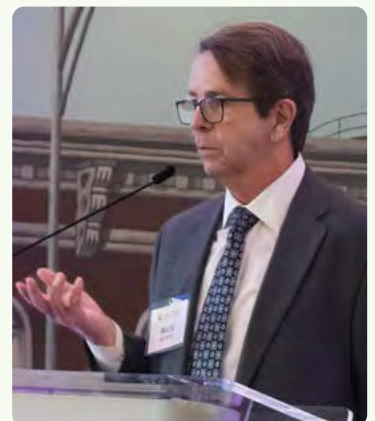
"We believe in Chelsea Hospital and in the potential to provide so much care close to home," Rich said. "Chelsea Hospital brings the holistic care of Trinity Health and the world-class specialists of Michigan Medicine from the University of Michigan. These medical powerhouses, combined with the friendliness of Chelsea, all set in a gorgeous woodland setting, make Chelsea Hospital about as perfect a healthcare setting as I've seen."

"What we have at Chelsea is unique and we must nurture it," he added.

Ben said, "As I talk with folks from throughout the community, I'm so appreciative to hear their descriptions of amazing experiences with the doctors, nurses, and caregivers at our hospital and the gratitude to them for serving the generations so faithfully. We also want to hear what they think we can expand and improve upon, so we are really walking forward together as partners."

If you would like more information about how you can get involved in shaping the future of Chelsea Hospital, please contact Jennifer Maisch, Director of Major Gifts, at 734-649-7481.

Rich Helppie offered enthusiastic opening remarks about the importance of community partnership and support for Chelsea Hospital.





The Power of Grants in Philanthropy

Grants are a lifeblood of philanthropy in healthcare. They are more than just financial transactions; they are investments in people, ideas, and communities.

For organizations like Trinity Health, that rely on philanthropic support, grants provide access to critical resources needed to turn vision into action. Braided together with donor gifts and other funding, grants are a powerful force for enhancing Trinity Health hospital services, addressing social needs, assisting specific patient populations, improving community health, and much more.

At their core, grants enable nonprofits, like Trinity Health, to address pressing social and health issues, like food insecurity, housing, chronic disease, and healthcare access. For example, we have received grants to expand mental health programs and services for youth and adults, provide fresh produce and staples for seniors and perinatal moms, and create outdoor spaces for communities to engage in healthy activities.

There are many types of grants, each tailored to different needs. Program grants fund specific initiatives, such as transportation for patients who need assistance to attend medical appointments. Operating grants support day-to-day functions like patient education or care support, allowing staff to expand mission-driven work with fewer budget pressures. Capacity-building grants help us invest in infrastructure, technology, or staff development, such as with our new behavioral health telehealth program. Capital grants help fund major projects like constructing our new hospital in Livingston County or the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment.

Grants normally come from foundations (public, private, family, or community) or government agencies at local, state, or federal levels. Sometimes grants are "sub-awarded" from other organizations like

- Over three years, American Cancer Society (\$50,000), Bank of America (\$50,000), and Comerica Charitable Foundation (\$25,000) granted funds for transportation assistance.
- Community Mental Health Partners of Southeast Michigan awarded grants totaling \$628,806 to implement Project SUCCESS (a substance use prevention program) in Washtenaw County schools.
- Michigan Health and Hospital Association, with state funding, granted \$241,956 to hire peer counselors for patients with substance use disorders.
- Michigan Health Endowment Fund awarded \$357,783 to implement a behavioral health telehealth pilot.
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation granted \$399,981 to restore natural areas of the Ann Arbor campus for public use.
- Ralph L. And Winifred E. Polk Foundation awarded \$125,000 to support The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland.
- Respiratory Foundation of Southeast Michigan granted more than \$300,000 over two years to Trinity Health Oakland and Trinity Health Livonia to purchase respiratory equipment.
- State of Michigan funded multiple grants over three years, totaling more than \$538,000 to support perinatal health.

universities or advocacy groups to address large problems across multiple avenues of solution, allowing Trinity Health to help shape the future. For example, Trinity Health is one of several pilot sites testing ways to improve assisting and educating family caregivers.

Grants also foster collaboration. Many funders encourage partnerships between organizations, amplifying impact through shared resources and expertise. For example, a public-private partnership grant supports us convening a team of community organizations to renovate the Trinity Health Ann Arbor natural areas [read more about this exciting initiative on p. 16]. The result will be free, safe public spaces for healthy physical activity.

For organizations on the receiving end, like Trinity Health, every grant is a vote of confidence. It says, "We believe in the Trinity Health mission, and we want to help you succeed." That belief fuels our work and deepens our commitment to the communities we serve.

For more information about grants and foundations at Trinity Health – Southeast Michigan, please contact Kathy Joyce, Director, Grants and Foundation Relations, at 202-210-9608.

A Colleague's Family Supports Trinity Health Ann Arbor as a Tribute to her Legacy of Compassion and Commitment



For 19 years, Joann Tamkevic was a dedicated member of the Trinity Health family, serving in the Supply Chain Value Analysis department with unmatched expertise and heart. Her work touched nearly every corner of the ministry, collaborating with clinical and supply chain teams across the country. Joann had a remarkable gift for solving problems, always with the patient in mind — because to her, patients were always number one.

In 2021, Joann faced a personal battle with endometrial cancer. With courage and grace, she underwent surgery and multiple rounds of chemotherapy. After her final treatment, she rang the bell at the Robert H. & Judy Dow Alexander Cancer Center at Trinity Health Ann Arbor—a moment of triumph and gratitude for the care she received. Though she lost her battle on June 2, 2024, her spirit and strength continue to inspire all who knew her.

Joann believed deeply in the mission of Trinity Health. She gave generously to the annual department holiday charity drive and lived her values every day through her work and her relationships. Her colleagues remember her as someone who truly loved her job, her team, and the people she served. For her family, supporting the colleagues and the mission that meant so much to her, was a natural way to honor her memory. Together, they donated more than \$10,000 to support Trinity Health Ann Arbor cancer care.

Her partner, Fred Meisner, of Wolverine Lake, said, "Joann loved her work at Trinity Health and she truly lived the mission and thought of her colleagues and patients as extended family. For us, there was no better way to honor her life and legacy than supporting the hospital she loved so much."

For more information about memorial and tribute giving, please contact Kyle Dornan, Annual Giving Manager, at philanthropysemi@trinity-health.org, or call 734-712-4040.

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Awards Trinity Health Ann Arbor Grant to Preserve Natural Areas of Hospital Campus



Burn crews manage a controlled burn as part of the restoration of the natural areas at the Trinity Health Ann Arbor campus April 2025.

Recognizing the vital link between health and natural spaces, Trinity Health Ann Arbor has launched Hospital Without Walls, an initiative supported by a \$399,981 grant from The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The effort aims to preserve the natural areas of the 340-acre hospital campus, while also making them safe and accessible to foster health and well-being for patients, colleagues, and members of the community.

The natural areas include 103 acres of walking paths that connect to the Border-to-Border trail, in addition to a variety of natural habitats like mature forests, wetlands, meadowlands, and a prairie. Much of the wooded trail and infrastructure is in disrepair, some to the point of being unsafe and/or damaging to habitats and ecosystems.

"These funds are a blessing for everyone in the hospital and the greater Washtenaw County community, all of whom will benefit from the beautification and increased accessibility of our natural spaces," said Alonzo Lewis, President of Trinity Health Ann Arbor, Livingston, Livonia and Oakland. "We know our environment, the space that we inhabit, can have a profound impact on how we feel, and it can directly influence our overall health and well-being. I'm excited to bring these spaces back to life and to better incorporate them into our healing mission."

This project is made possible through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, with support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Erb Family Foundation, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, and Cleveland-Cliffs.

Aspects of the project include: 1) removing invasive species to improve habitat quality and connectivity, 2) restoring trails, 3) developing a workforce and volunteers, and educating them in how to restore habitats and steward natural resources, and 4) engaging community members as partners in fostering public access and use of the campus. Partners for the project include the Huron River Watershed Council, PlantWise, and Copper Bear Shire.

"The grant is the catalyst for this project, but volunteer involvement and participation will be crucial to its success," said Jae Gerhart, Manager of Farm Programs at The Farm at Trinity Health Ann Arbor. "If there are members of the community interested in assisting us with invasive species removal, boardwalk construction, and planting trees and flowers, I encourage them to sign up."

A variety of dates, times, and tasks are available for those interested in volunteering. To sign up <https://tinyurl.com/TrinityVolunteerInterestForm> or for more information email Raelyn Maroney, Trinity Health Restoration Project, Green Infrastructure Contractor, at rmaroney@hrwc.org

Trinity Health Livingston Receives \$3 Million Gift to Support Advanced Imaging Technology

Trinity Health Livingston recently received a \$3 million gift from the Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation. The gift will directly support the Forging our Future campaign, to help build the Trinity Health Livingston replacement hospital, which is currently under construction and is expected to open on the campus of Trinity Health Medical Center – Brighton in 2026.

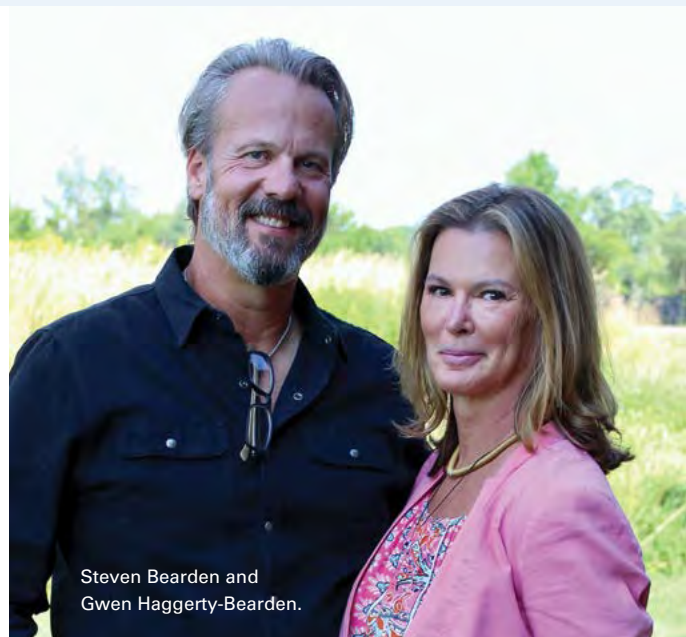
This is the largest philanthropic investment to the Forging our Future campaign to date and will enable the purchase of state-of-the-art MRI and CT imaging equipment. Additionally, the Imaging Department in the hospital will be named in honor of the late Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander.

"We are deeply grateful to the Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation for their incredibly generous \$3 million donation," said John O'Malley, president of Trinity Health Livingston and Trinity Health Medical Center – Brighton. "This transformative gift will not only support imaging services at the new hospital, but it will also ensure our community continues to have access to the latest and greatest health care technology, keeping essential imaging services local for years to come."

The new equipment will provide higher quality images and shorter scan times, providing an overall better experience for patients. It will also allow for imaging capabilities that our current operations do not support, such as breast biopsy MRI, prostate MRI, cardiac MRI, cardiac CT, and more, reducing the need for patients to leave Livingston County for their care.

"The Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation's generosity is a powerful example of how philanthropy can shape the future of communities," said Douglas Ferrick, Vice President for Philanthropy, Trinity Health - Southeast Michigan. "This gift will allow us to bring cutting-edge imaging technology to Livingston County, ensuring our community has access

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Steven Bearden and
Gwen Haggerty-Bearden.

About Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander

Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander enjoyed a warm, wonderful relationship for nearly 25 years of married life. They were truly partners and supporters of each other in every way.

At the time they met, Ted, co-owner of Discount Tire Company, was in the early stages of building the young company. Jane soon found her role as Ted's travel companion and informal "aide de camp," flying out of the Ann Arbor Airport with him on the company's Lear 55 jet and visiting as many as eight cities in one day. Today, Discount Tire Company has grown to become the world's largest independent tire and wheel retailer operating more than 1,000 stores in 35 states.

The Von Voigtlanders were philanthropists throughout their lives. Jane's thoughtful establishment of The Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation in 2006 would ensure this work, so important to them both, would continue.

Their daughter, Gwen Haggerty-Bearden and her husband, Steven Bearden, and their family humbly and generously carry on the philanthropic pursuits started by Ted and Jane.

Community Engagement



Chelsea Hospital nurse leaders with celebratory banners in honor of Nurse Week in May. The banners recognize philanthropic gifts to support nursing education given by hospital vendor partner AIMS Construction and their partners Hopp Electric, S & Z Sheet Metal, Bloom Roofing, Detroit Spectrum Painting and Guardian Plumbing, and Acoustic Ceiling and Partition.



Thank you to the Van Buren Eagles Club #3996 who hosted a successful fundraiser and raised more than \$7,000 to benefit the Trinity Health Livonia and Ann Arbor Inspirit Salons. These funds will support patients during and after their cancer treatments.



In August Trinity Health Livingston hosted a group of local faith leaders for lunch and a hard hat tour of the new hospital.



Trinity Health Southeast Michigan Philanthropy colleagues gathered for their annual Bouquet Making Day at Trinity Health Oakland and created dozens of beautiful bouquets for donors and patients with fresh flowers harvested from The Farm.



Along with a broad range of healthcare and wellness topics, community members learned to "stop the bleed" at a recent Trinity Health Academy session at Trinity Health Livingston. If you are interested in attending a future session contact Lindsay Debolski at 248-755-3510.



Ryan Polk cuts the ribbon at the dedication of the Ralph L. & Winifred E. Polk Foundation Hoop House at The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland.

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to these critical services and making a lasting impact on our patients' health and well-being. This is a perfect example of how philanthropy can drive innovation and ensure that essential health care services are accessible to all."

Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander were active philanthropists throughout their lives. Jane established the Ted and Jane Von Voigtlander Foundation in 2006, just months before her passing. Ted had passed prior in 1999. The foundation supports a broad range of charitable causes that benefit children, families, the environment, nutrition and health, education and more.

"We are thrilled to support the new Trinity Health Livingston hospital with this gift," said Gwen Haggerty-Bearden, Jane and Ted's daughter, and the president of the foundation. "This will have a lasting impact on our community for years to come, and I know it would have made my parents incredibly proud."

For more information about how you can support the Forging our Future campaign, contact Lindsay Debolski, Gift Officer, Trinity Health Livingston, at 248-755-3510.



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Planned giving is about your story, your values, and your vision for a better world. By communicating your plans, you ensure that your legacy is not only preserved but celebrated.

If you've already included a future gift to Trinity Health in your plans, we would be honored to hear from you. And if you're still considering your options, we are here to answer questions and talk about your goals.

Together, we can build a healthier tomorrow.

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