

2024 Duke Health Donor Impact Report



Dear Friends,

Please join me in recognizing all that we have accomplished together this

past year. With your help, Duke Health excels at delivering worldclass patient care and providing exceptional education and innovative research opportunities for our students, trainees, faculty, and staff. All of us at Duke Health are grateful for your partnership.

Your steadfast support helps us provide the highest-quality care to patients and their families while accelerating new discoveries and treatments to improve human health. Your contributions help make Duke a premier choice for tomorrow's health care leaders and a better, brighter place for all.

Because of you, we are improving health and wellness in North Carolina and around the world. Please accept my deepest gratitude.

Sincerely,



J. Steven Barnes
Interim Vice President, Duke Health
Development & Alumni Affairs

### Because of You

#### Duke Health delivers tomorrow's health care today

Your philanthropy enhances patient care.





Chet Patel, MD, Vice Chief for Outreach and Network Development, Duke Heart; Manesh Patel, MD, Chief of Division of Cardiology, Co-director of Duke Heart

# New Gift to Support Heart Transplant Patients and Their Families

A \$1.5 million legacy gift from an anonymous family will help support Duke Heart transplant patients and their families through that difficult journey. The family has shared their story in hopes of inspiring others.

duke.is/HeartTransplantGift



#### Patient's Gift Launches Melanoma Survivorship Program

With the phenomenal success of immunotherapy, Duke has several hundred patients who have completed treatment for advanced melanoma and are considered cancer-free, but also need post-treatment care and monitoring. An anonymous donor who received his melanoma care at Duke has given \$1 million to support clinical care and best practice research.

duke.is/MelanomaSurvivorship



Cami Polfuss, MS, CCLS, Duke Children's Child Life specialist and recipient of the CMN Hospitals 2024 Child Life Specialist of the Year Award, works with a young patient in a play room at Duke Hospital.

#### More Than Tricks and Treats

Spirit of Children, the philanthropic arm of Spirit Halloween, has raised nearly \$1 million to support the Child and Adolescent Life team at Duke Children's. The Duke Child and Adolescent Life team works to ensure that every child's medical journey is a positive one, helping patients to understand and navigate their health care experiences.

duke.is/SpiritOfChildren



Will Eward, DVM, MD; Tessa Ramezane; and Bruce Procton at the Strike Out for Sarcoma 5K race in 2019.

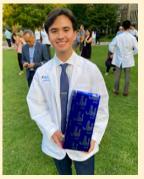
# Gift Gives Sarcoma Care and Research a Big Lift

In gratitude for the outstanding care provided by Will Eward, DVM, MD, and the entire sarcoma group, the Procton family has made a \$1 million gift to create two \$500,000 endowments to support sarcoma patient care and research at Duke.

duke.is/SarcomaCenter

# The Duke Endowment Supports Ethical Use of AI in Health Care

Al has enormous potential to enhance health care delivery and outcomes. With grant support from The Duke Endowment, the Duke Al Health Initiative seeks to ensure health Al tools prioritize quality care and strengthen credibility to serve our health care needs better.



Attending Duke
University School
of Medicine has
been a dream
come true, and
I wouldn't be
here without
financial support
from generous
donors. Being
able to attend the

School of Medicine has changed my life in many ways. I was initially afraid to leave California and undertake the journey across the country. However, I am glad I took that leap of faith and landed where I am today. I cherish all the new connections I have made with peers and faculty, who have been so kind and welcoming. Not having to worry about being able to afford tuition and housing has made all the difference. It truly means the world to me.

– Maximillion Hayama '27

## Because of You

#### **Duke Health creates transformative education**

For almost a century, Duke has trained generations of health professionals who have gone on to make groundbreaking discoveries and provide world-class patient care at Duke and around the world. Many of our students depend on scholarship funds for their education — an education that fuels both their own success and the success of Duke Health.

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# Bequest to Support MD/PhD Program Honors Couple's Commitment to Duke and Education

Inspired by a visit with current trainees, Suzanne Markel-Fox, PhD, and Jonathan C. Fox, MD, PhD, FACC, have made a generous planned gift to provide early career support for physician-scientists in the School of Medicine's Medical Scientist Training Program.

duke.is/FoxFamily



Since graduating from Duke University School of Nursing, I have been working at Duke University Hospital as a CN1 registered nurse in the pediatric cardiac step-down unit. I work with children who have congenital heart defects or failing

hearts. What has surprised me the most about becoming a nurse is how much it encompasses. Nursing goes beyond giving medications and doing assessments — we comfort, support, lend encouraging and kind words, and so much more. I will never forget all the student nursing experiences that have broadened my knowledge and helped me become a well-rounded nurse. I am so grateful for the generous scholarship support from donors that reduced my student loans and out-of-pocket tuition. Thank you!

– Mackenzie Joseph '23



Bettye and Bill Musham

#### Historic Gift Advances Duke University School of Nursing Mission

School of Nursing alumna Bettye Martin Musham has made an \$8 million planned gift to support faculty, students, and programs at the school. Her gift is the largest gift to this area and the second-largest donation by an individual in the School of Nursing's history.

duke.is/BettyeMusham

#### **Grant Supports Student Wellness Programming**

A recent grant from The Duke Endowment will help the School of Medicine launch proactive programming tailored to the needs of health care professions students. The program will provide targeted assistance for health, mental well-being, learning success, and overall wellness.

duke.is/StudentWellness

## Because of You

#### Duke Health works locally and globally to improve health for all

With our philanthropic partners, we advance projects and programs with the highest potential to transform people's health no matter where they live.



Members of the Duke University, Duke Health, Durham Technical Community College, and Durham Public Schools at the partnership announcement.

#### Bloomberg Grant Funds Innovative Partnership for Early College High School in Durham

Duke Health, along with Durham
Public Schools and Durham Technical
Community College, has been awarded
a \$29.5 million grant from Bloomberg
Philanthropies to establish an early

college high school for students interested in health care careers. This innovative partnership will address critical health care workforce needs while opening new doors of opportunity for young adults in the community.

duke.is/BloombergGrant

Miracles In Sight has continued its support with a new three-year commitment to support and expand our Cornea Fellowship program from three fellows to four in FY26, with the fourth being our inaugural Global Ophthalmology fellow.

## Patient Voices

"As a non-binary person with an ever-present fear of judgment and a general discomfort with anything related to health care, Dr. Zhou-Talbert's affirmation of my identity brought a sense of immediate safety and allowed me to settle into the appointment and openly address the issues I wanted to discuss. These types of interactions go a long way and extend beyond the experience of the office visit itself. They play a role in how I show up as a human being in the rest of the world." – Duke Primary Care I Meadowmont

"He thanks God every day for his therapy team that helped him get his confidence back." — **Duke HomeCare and Hospice** 

"From the time we arrived, when his cancer was back and he was so very sick, to now as we head to the Duke Blood Cancer Center outpatient clinic, the staff has been exceptional. The people have so much to share with other hospitals. They know how things should be done." — Duke University Hospital

# Because of You

### Duke Health accelerates discovery and its translation

Breakthroughs, discoveries, and new treatments don't happen on their own. They require perfect timing with the right people in the right place asking the right questions. Private philanthropy can jump-start new projects, recruit world-class scientists to join our teams, and foster research that leads to better clinical care.

# Funding the Future of Cancer and Alzheimer's Research

Fred and Alice Stanback, longtime Duke Health supporters and volunteers for Duke Cancer Institute, have reached a milestone of over \$30 million of support to improve cancer and Alzheimer's outcomes. Their gifts have supported innovative pilot studies and the recruitment of world-class faculty.



Anthony Filiano, PhD

About Deadly
Childhood Disease
Anthony Filiano,
PhD, an assistant
professor in the
Department of
Neurosurgery,
has received a
\$375,000 grant
from the Rosenau
Family Research
Foundation to

Filiano Awarded
Grant to Study

**Key Questions** 

support his research on Krabbe disease, a rare, often fatal, childhood disease.

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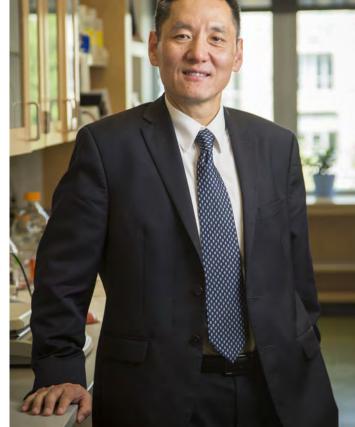


Manesh Patel, MD, chief of the Division of Cardiology and the Division of Clinical Pharmacology, and Bob Keegan

# Team Builder's Gift Launches Heart Innovation Hub

Heart Center Leadership Council chair and School of Medicine Board of Visitors member Bob Keegan has given \$1.5 million to launch a new heart innovation group that will advance precision genomics, device innovation, and our understanding of human performance to improve heart health worldwide.

duke.is/HeartInnovation



Jiaoti Huang, MD, PhD

# Philanthropy Moves the Needle on Creating Novel Therapies for Prostate Cancer

A \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor will support the prostate cancer research of Jiaoti Huang, MD, PhD. Huang is an internationally renowned prostate cancer researcher whose lab has identified a novel neuroendocrine cell target which could lead to better prevention and treatment of metastatic prostate cancer and minimize side effects.

duke.is/ProstateCancerGift

### Because of You

#### **Duke Celebrates Historic Year**

#### **Duke Celebrates Centennial**

Duke University kicked off its Centennial celebration on January 9, 2024, and the entire campus is celebrating the exceptional people and events that have shaped Duke into what it is today.

duke.is/DukeCentennialCelebration

# Duke Children's Celebrates Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Partnership

Duke Children's proudly celebrates 40 years as a Children's Miracle Network Hospital (CMNH). Since 1984, CMNH partners, including Walmart & Sam's Club, Costco, and Dairy Queen, and programs, such as Radiothon and Dance Marathon, have raised over \$80 million to benefit Duke Children's mission. In 2024, the Duke Children's Engagement team made 228 visits to 160 CMNH partner locations.

duke.is/ChildrensMiracleNetwork

#### **New Professorships to Fuel Discoveries**

Endowed professorships are a critical tool for recruiting and retaining exemplary researchers and clinicians and giving them the resources and flexibility needed to make transformative discoveries. New professorships established this year include:

- William and Bettye Martin Musham Professorship in Nursing
- Merlin Associate/Assistant
   Professorship in Cardiovascular and
   Thoracic Surgery



Duke pediatric cardiac surgeon Joseph Turek performed the first combination heart transplant-thymus procedure surgery using a method pioneered decades earlier at Duke by physician-scientist Mary Louise Markert. Recipient Easton Sinnamon and his family joined the Centennial celebration, a thriving example of the immediate and local difference Duke's people are making.



Duke Children's Season of Hope Radiothon

#### **Donors Like You Fuel Record Year of Support**

Your support means the brightest scientists and the most dedicated caregivers have the tools to be the best at what they do. In FY24, philanthropic giving to Duke Health reached an all-time high of over \$264 million to improve health in communities down the road and around the world.

#### **Celebrating Faculty & Staff Giving to Duke Health**

On May 16, Duke Health held a first-of-its-kind event hosted by Craig Albanese, MD, CEO of Duke University Health System, and Mary E. Klotman, MD, executive vice president for health affairs at Duke University and dean of Duke University School of Medicine, to honor faculty and staff who give generously to Duke Health for their vital support as donors and employees.





### Donor Foresight

#### Makes a Difference

In fiscal year 2024, Duke Health donors made 49 new planned gift commitments, totaling over \$28 million in future support for research, education, and patient care. The realized planned gifts, including bequests, charitable IRA rollovers, and trust income, had a current impact of nearly \$19 million. Additionally, 37 Duke Health donors participated in the Duke 100 Matching Gift Challenge, contributing \$309,789 for immediate use in the supported area.

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Helen Sullivan Lydon, BSN'75, carried on a family legacy by attending Duke University School of Nursing. Both Lydon and her mother, who attended during Bessie Baker's tenure, considered their time as nursing students to be pivotal experiences in their careers. As a gesture of gratitude, she has named the Duke University School of Nursing Scholarship Endowment Fund in her estate plans.

# Planned Gift of Estate Reflects Couple's Deep Commitment to Duke

In honor of their deep connection to Duke, Krista Patterson, AB'03, JD'06, LLM'06, and Jonathan Wigser, MBA'94, have made an estate gift commitment to be split equally between the School of Medicine, Duke Cancer Institute, Duke Children's, and Fuqua School of Business.

duke.is/PattersonWigserGift



Krista Patterson AB'03, JD'06, LLM'06, and Jonathan Wigser, MBA'94

# Facts and Figures

| FY24<br>Patients Served | Duke<br>University<br>Hospital | Duke<br>Regional<br>Hospital | Duke<br>Raleigh<br>Hospital | Duke<br>Primary<br>Care | Duke Health<br>Integrated<br>Practice (DHIP) | Total Duke University<br>Health System and<br>PDC combined |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Inpatient Discharges    | 44,636                         | 16,880                       | 10,731                      |                         |  | 72,247   |
| Outpatient Visits       | 905,670                        | 68,584                       | 170,496                     | 1,067,414               | 1,496,966                                    | 3,709,130  |
|                         |                                |                              |                             |                         |  |  |

#### **FY24 Patient Stats**

| Unique Patients               | 1 million   |  |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Discharges                    | 86,000      |  |
| Surgeries & Procedures        | 86,000      |  |
| Emergency Department Arrivals | 188,000     |  |
| Visits to DUHS Clinics        | 6.7 million |  |
|                               |             |  |

# **Duke Health Operational Streamlining Wins**

| Self-scheduled visits                     | 1 million |  |
|---|-----------|--|
| Appointments filled via Fast Pass Program | 94,000    |  |
| Video Visits*                             | 300,000   |  |
|   |           |  |

<sup>\*</sup>resulting in 17.9 million patient travel miles saved

#### giving.dukehealth.org

#### **About Duke Health**

Duke Health, one of the world's leading academic medical centers, strives to transform medicine and health locally and globally. We provide state-of-the-art patient care, conduct innovative research, prepare future scientific and health care leaders, improve community health, and work to eliminate health disparities. Every donor joins Duke Health to advance health together.

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