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Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams look on as fireworks punctuate the unveiling of the Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Tower on August 19, 2021. Composite photograph by Kevin Carr, Larry Lawrence and Cody York.

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“Without question, Dr. Gary and Pam Williams are helping to shine a light on Summa Health’s mission to provide the highest quality, compassionate care.”

T. Clifford Deveny, M.D.

In this special issue of Promise magazine, we celebrate the unprecedented philanthropic support received from our community during an extraordinary 2021 at Summa Health. Our cover story honors two of our most generous donors, Dr. Gary and Pamela Williams, whose generosity made history with a visionary gift of \$15 million, the largest gift ever bestowed on Summa Health.

We honored Pam and Gary with the Boniface DeRoo Award for Philanthropy and our friends and benefactors in 2021 at the Summa Society Celebration. Four new members – Norm and Denise Wells and George and Alice Strickler – were inducted into the Thomas W. Cornell Philanthropic Leadership Society. Dr. J. Patrick Flanagan was presented with the Distinguished Physician Award.

Also in this issue, generous gifts from Dr. Eugene Jursek, the Women’s Board of Summa Health, the Hamlin family, and United Way of Summit and Medina are among the supporters we are privileged to feature.

Promise celebrates the overwhelming support from so many for the comprehensive campaign, “Caring for You ... Then, Now, Always,” in our Annual Roll of Summa Health Donors. We are grateful to our dedicated volunteer leaders and chairs of our campaign, Tom and Ginny Knoll, and Honorary Chairs Rennick Andreoli and Ann Brennan.

Campaign momentum continues with the opening of the Juve Family Behavioral Health Pavilion on the Akron Campus in January 2023. This next step in our investment in the community marks the next exciting chapter in Summa Health’s history as we build on our legacy of caring for the whole you.

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Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams:

Making history at Summa Health

When Dr. Gary Williams and his wife, Pam, gave a historic gift of \$15 million, the largest gift ever bestowed on Summa Health, the news could be literally heard and seen around Akron.

In fitting acknowledgment, the surprise announcement was heralded by a dazzling display of fireworks from the best vantage point possible – on the Stark State College Akron Campus with a spectacular view of the Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Tower, named for the couple in recognition of their historic gift.

Dr. Cliff Deveny, president and chief executive officer, shared the remarkable news with the health system's closest friends and advisors at the Summa Society Celebration annual donor recognition event on August 19, 2021.

Leading up to the announcement, the Williamses were honored with the prestigious Summa Health Boniface DeRoo Award for Philanthropy. The award, named for the unassuming Akron blacksmith who bequeathed his entire estate to establish what is now Summa Health, is Summa Health's highest philanthropic honor.

For Dr. Williams and Pam, it was a profound moment to shine a light on Summa Health's mission and inspire others to make gifts of their own.

"Summa Health is a truly special place. For more than 129 years, Summa has delivered on its promise of providing the highest quality care to all those in need. We invite you – whether you are a patient, physician, or community member – to join us in giving back to this institution that cares so much for our community and that has cared so much for us through our lifetimes."

Going back to their very beginnings, Dr. Williams and Pam were both born in the Akron City Hospital, just four short months apart.

Dr. Williams received his education in the Akron Public School System and then attended The University of Akron on scholarship.

"We owe so much to Summa Health, and we are so grateful to the Akron community that has given so generously to us through all these years," he said.

"I was afforded opportunities that I may never have had. The quality education I received prepared me for the demands of medical school and my longtime career as a physician and surgeon."

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Pamela S. and Dr. Gary B. Williams

Two lifetimes of giving back

The magnitude of the Williams' historic gift reflects the magnanimous nature of the couple behind it.

- Both were born in Akron City Hospital, just four months apart.
- Married for 52 years, both attended The University of Akron and met at a fraternity party. Gary was dating one of Pam's sorority sisters at the time.
- A lifelong educator, Pam has taught at Akron, Cuyahoga Falls and Worthington schools.
- Pam has volunteered with the Akron Zoo, the Firestone Golf Tournament, United Way, the City of Akron — and most notably — the American Red Cross.
- Pam keeps a "go bag" in a back bedroom, ready to travel at a moment's notice when the Red Cross calls for help.
- Pam loves to knit socks for Gary while she's out on Red Cross deployment.
- Gary has served with the Masonic Fraternity for 50 years and is active in The Shrine, a branch of the organization that helps disabled children and burn victims.

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As a renowned surgeon at Summa Health, Dr. Williams served as chief of the Division of General Surgery and medical director of breast health services.

"I practiced medicine there for more than 40 years, so the people of Akron have been my patients for a long time. And I'm thankful that the community, in return, gave me a thriving surgery practice."

Dr. Williams pioneered coordinated, patient-centered multidisciplinary care for breast health services, now a standard of care for all Summa Health services.

"I wanted breast health services at Summa to be the best in this area and really the best there could be anywhere in the country. I was privileged to work in an environment that fosters innovation, excellence and compassionate care."

In 2017, Dr. Williams was lauded with Summa Health's Distinguished Physician Award, the health system's highest physician honor, for the indelible impact he had on countless patients and for demonstrating a personal commitment to advancing philanthropy at Summa Health.

"I don't know whether we are giving back or paying forward, but it is a pleasure and a privilege to be able to support the Akron community."

Pam Williams

Pam shares in that commitment: "We have all heard it said to whom much is given, much will be expected. Well, we have been given much. Besides material goods, we were given talents, abilities and opportunities of which were able to take advantage. So, I don't know whether we are giving back or paying forward, but it is a pleasure and a privilege to be able to support the Akron community," she said.

The Williams Tower is a lasting tribute to their unwavering commitment.

"Even through a dense fog, the Williams Tower is visible to all, particularly helicopters bringing patients in need of urgent and critical care. It is truly remarkable what a difference the Williams Tower has made for those seeking care at Summa Health," said Dr. Deveny.





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President and CEO, Summa Health

When the Williams Tower opened in May 2019, the community embraced the enhanced experience. Within its seven stories, the Williams Tower is home to 17 labor and delivery rooms, a 22-bed neonatal intensive care unit, 67 prep and recovery rooms for same-day surgery, 108 private patient rooms and 11 state-of-the-art surgical suites that bring the hospital’s total number of operating rooms to 27.

The ground floor of the Williams Tower is also home to the Williams Center for Breast Health — a name that now marks all locations providing breast health services at Summa Health in recognition of the couple’s \$5 million gift in 2017.

As a testament to their legacy of caring for the community, the names of Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams will forever shine in the Akron skyline, high above Summa Health’s flagship front door, as a beacon to all.

For more information about supporting Summa Health, please contact Shelley Green at 330.375.6891 or greensh@summahealth.org.



A night to remember

More than 300 people gathered for the Summa Society Celebration in a tent on the Stark State College Akron Campus and witnessed the surprise announcement — including fireworks — of the record \$15 million gift by Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams.



From left: Dr. Cliff Deveny, president and chief executive officer, Summa Health; George Strickler, chair, Summa Health Board of Directors; Pamela S. and Dr. Gary B. Williams, 2021 Summa Health Boniface DeRoo Award for Philanthropy recipients; Patrick O’Neill, chair, Summa Foundation Board of Directors; and Phylis Ferrara, president, Summa Foundation, and chief development officer, Summa Health.

Dr. Eugene and Evelyn Jursek:

\$1 million gift establishes first endowed fund for training OB/GYN residents



"I am proud to give a legacy gift that will exist in perpetuity and help train future generations of obstetrics and gynecology residents at Summa Health."

Dr. Eugene Jursek, surrounded by current OB/GYN residents

A leadership gift of \$1 million from longtime Summa Health physician Dr. Eugene Jursek, now retired, demonstrates his deep commitment to the health system he served for more than three decades.

His gift established the Dr. Eugene S. and Evelyn J. Jursek Endowment Fund in support of the nationally recognized Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program at Summa Health.

Named for Dr. Jursek and his late wife, Evelyn, who worked in the pharmacies at the Akron City Hospital and Barberton Hospital campuses, the endowed fund supports all residents throughout their education and training.



Evelyn Jursek

"I am proud to give a legacy gift that will exist in perpetuity and help train future generations of obstetrics and gynecology residents at Summa Health," said Dr. Jursek. "Evelyn and I were both in the medical field, and I feel it is important to give back to an organization that gave so much to us throughout our careers."

Endowed funds are fundamental to the mission of Summa Health. These highly valued funds help attract and retain accomplished physicians and specialists, providing vital annual income in perpetuity to support leading-edge research, innovative care and training for the next generation of physicians.

“Dr. Jursek has a deep commitment to supporting research and educational opportunities for our obstetrics and gynecology residents,” said Dr. Edward Ferris, chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; medical director, Women’s Health Institute; and the Vivian E. von Gruenigen, M.D., Endowed Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Summa Health.

“Through his continued generosity, the Dr. Eugene S. and Evelyn J. Jursek Endowment Fund will help us deliver the highest quality, most compassionate care to our patients and their families and ensure an excellent residency program for years to come.”

Dr. Jursek began his medical career at Summa Health, where he entered the Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program in 1959. He worked alongside Dr. Linda Parenti, the first female OB/GYN resident at Akron City Hospital.

“He was always the best friend and advocate for the residents,” Dr. Parenti reflected in an Instagram post. “He is just a wonderful physician and outstanding teacher.”

Dr. Jursek later became the division chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology, director of the Women’s Health Center and chief of staff before retiring in 1997.



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Dr. Edward Ferris, pictured here with Dr. Jursek

Long after retirement, Dr. Jursek has stayed connected to the Summa Health medical community, devoting his time to sharing his experiences and fond memories with current residents. He also enjoyed compiling a comprehensive history of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology during his retirement years.

The Women’s Health Department established the Dr. Eugene Jursek Chief Resident Award which is presented annually at the Summa Health Obstetrics and Gynecology Department graduation ceremony.

Simply put, Dr. Jursek always will be remembered for his legacy of caring and humble devotion to making a difference, something that he learned from his parents, John and Sophia Jurczyk.

“My parents taught me to treat people right, make a difference, and do what I can to help others. In a way, my gift is a legacy to them.”

For more information about supporting women’s health at Summa Health, please contact Shelley Green at 330.375.6891 or greensh@summahealth.org.



Women's Board of Summa Health:

100 years of service and support

Through their camaraderie and compassion, the Women's Board of Summa Health has made a significant impact on patients and their families for the last century. This treasured group of women has inspired support of nearly \$8 million and volunteered over 350,000 hours to fulfill their mission of advancing patient care and comfort since the Women's Board was founded in 1922.

Hundreds of women have been part of the board over the years, touching the lives of countless patients through their efforts, from mending linens in the early days to raising money for major expansion projects and advanced medical equipment today.



Members have helped the hospital acquire vital medical equipment for nearly every department from contributing significantly to renovating the mother-baby units to the construction of the Jean B. and Milton Cooper Pavilion on the Akron Campus and scholarships for nurses.

A member of the Thomas W. Cornell Philanthropic Leadership Society, the Women's Board ranks among the most generous benefactors of Summa Health.

In 2022, the Women's Board will celebrate 100 years of service at a special event on September 8, 2022.

For more information about the Women's Board of Summa Health, contact Shelley Green at 330.375.6891 or greensh@summahealth.org.



Through the years with the Women's Board

■ Today's Women's Board was founded in 1922 as the Women's Auxiliary Board of Akron City Hospital with 28 charter members.

■ The Women's Board organized popular rummage sales. The first one held in April 1930 netted \$784.45. The subsequent 152 sales became legendary and until 2007 earned more than \$700,000.

■ Members also have provided holiday decorations and small gifts for patients during the holiday season at the Akron Campus and maintained the hospital's chapel among many other projects.

■ In 1958, a subsidiary Junior Board was founded by the Women's Auxiliary Board, and in 2007, the two organizations merged.

■ Another early project was the Flower Fund which became the Memorial Research Fund in early 1960.

■ Since 1976, the gift shop has served as the main fundraiser for the Women's Board fueling philanthropic projects across the hospital system.

■ A celebration ceremony was held August 9, 1978, to mark the completion of "Chronos," the large stainless steel sculpture designed to symbolize the infinite aspirations in medicine and dedicated in honor of the Women's Auxiliary Board.

■ With the 1992 Centennial Celebration of the Akron City Hospital Campus, the Women's Board sponsored the "Party in the Park," contributing \$7,430 to the II Century Endowment Fund for education.

■ The first jewelry sale in 1993 started a successful trend of hospital sales.

■ Summa Health's first Sapphire Ball provided a glittering start to the 2001-2002 year for the Women's Board. Many projects were funded as a result.

■ In 2019, the Women's Board was presented with the Boniface DeRoo Award for Philanthropy, the health system's highest philanthropic honor.



At the heart of the Hamlin Family:

Helping build a home-based palliative program

The longtime legacy of the late Richard Hamlin and his wife, Yvonne, transformed cardiovascular care and propelled Summa Health to the forefront of patient care in the last decade.

Before Richard's passing in February 2021, there came to light an extraordinary gift demonstrating the Hamlin family's gratitude for Dr. Melissa Soltis, system medical director of the Complex Care Institute, for the exemplary care that she and the palliative care team provided.



Dr. Melissa Soltis

The meaningful generosity of the Hamlin family will help build a robust, home-based palliative care program that meets the specific physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each patient and family.

"We are grateful to the Hamlin family for providing support for end-of-life care at Summa Health. Through their generosity, we can guide each patient and family to find comfort and care during their most difficult days. Because of the Hamlin family, now this care can be provided at home," said Dr. Soltis.

In grateful recognition, Summa Health named the family lounge on the Acute Hospice and Palliative Care Unit (3 East) on the Akron Campus in honor of the couple and their legacy of kindness and giving.

Prior to this recent gift from the Hamlins, the couple donated \$4 million in 2013 for the creation of a hybrid cardiovascular operating room, named the Richard M. and Yvonne Hamlin Hybrid Operating Suite.

A continuing stream of local, regional and national recognition for excellence in cardiovascular care stands in testimony to the excellence the Hamlins supported through their transformational generosity.

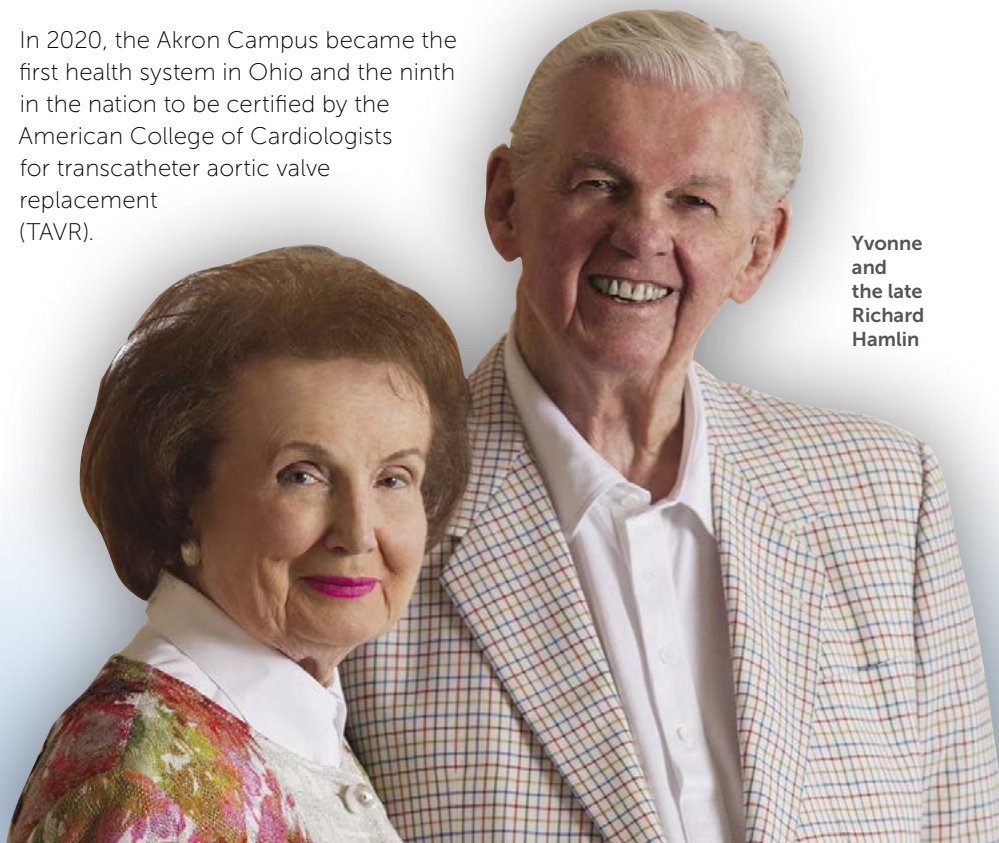
Today, Summa Health is nationally recognized as one of the nation's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals by IBM® Watson Health®. This is the second consecutive year Summa Health has earned this recognition and is the only health system in Northeast Ohio to receive the designation in 2022.

In 2020, the Akron Campus became the first health system in Ohio and the ninth in the nation to be certified by the American College of Cardiologists for transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR).

"Known as 'The Hamlin' among Summa's cardiovascular team of physicians, the operating room suite has made it possible for more than 1,000 patients to undergo the TAVR procedure since 2014," said Dr. Michael Hughes, president, Summa Health System — Barberton Campus and Wadsworth-Rittman Medical Center.

The Hamlin Hybrid Operating Suite also advances the ability of Summa Health to test new and exciting developments in cardiovascular care. One of those developments involves the left ventricular assist device (LVAD), which was successfully implanted for the first time this year.

For more information about supporting palliative care at Summa Health, please contact Barbara Boyce at 330.375.6356 or boyceb@summahealth.org.



Yvonne and the late Richard Hamlin

First Step:

A community-oriented treatment model and collaborative

In June 2018, amid the backdrop of the escalating opioid crisis, Summa Health launched First Step, an innovative addiction treatment program at the Barberton Hospital Emergency Department (ED). Offering unparalleled 24/7 access, the new program enabled individuals to receive specialized care—including medication-assisted treatment (MAT), registered nurse-led care coordination and peer recovery services—when they needed it most.



Jaimie McKinnon

The success of First Step warranted its expansion, beginning with the Summa Health System – Akron Campus and, most recently, the freestanding emergency departments in Green and Wadsworth, in 2021.

While the evolution of First Step occurred with apparent seamlessness, the story behind the scenes provides a more complex narrative, one involving multiple stakeholders whose pursuit of a shared goal ultimately led to collaboration instead of competition, with public interests prevailing over personal.

One notable First Step collaborator is United Way of Summit and Medina which has graciously awarded vital funding through its previous bold goal initiative to help grow and sustain the program.

Another organization that has played an instrumental role is Catholic Charities by staffing the program's peer recovery support specialists, whose own experiences and training provide the foundation for their non-clinical assistance.

"The work I do is one of the most rewarding experiences of my life that takes both patience and flexibility," noted Tamara Cummings, a Catholic Charities recovery support specialist. "Once a relationship is built with a client, I become a part of their family where I support them through the tough times and cheer on their successes. Rain or shine, I'm there."

First Step began simply as an idea, an unrealized vision of a brighter future. As with many successful ventures, support provided the catalyst necessary to transform an abstraction into reality.

"We are grateful to United Way and our many community partners for their ongoing support of First Step," said Jaimie McKinnon, vice president of the Summa Health Behavioral Health Institute. "We can help more patients and families in Northeast Ohio who did not have access to this type of life-saving care in the past."

Emboldened by the achievements of the past four years, First Step and its community partners are unified in their endeavor to forge a healthier, happier and more humane tomorrow.

For more information about supporting behavioral health at Summa Health, please contact Andra Polasky at 330.375.3873 or polaskya@summahealth.org.

Reported success for the First Step program from June 2018 to August 2021:



3,960 people with substance abuse disorders were evaluated by Summa Health care coordinators.



1,377 patients started on medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in Summa Health Emergency Departments.



77 percent of patients who received MAT in Summa Health Emergency Departments have attended their initial follow-up appointment



Endowment fund established in honor of the late Dr. William Smucker

The Complex Care Clinic Endowment Fund in honor of the late William D. Smucker, M.D., was established in loving memory by his wife, Helen, and their sons, David and Darren, along with Dr. Jay Williamson, a former director of the Family Medicine Residency Program, and his wife, Jan. The endowment fund will carry on Dr. Smucker's legacy and vision for the Complex Care Clinic.

Highly regarded as a dedicated and caring physician, a beloved colleague and friend of Summa Health, Dr. Smucker was selected as the Family Medicine Residency Program Director in 2017. Under his direction, the program reached new limits.

"Visionary, knowledgeable and unbelievably compassionate" is how Dr. Williamson describes his former colleague of 30 years. Dr. Smucker worked relentlessly to ensure that patients who needed complex care have access to a clinically excellent, compassionate continuum of care through the Complex Care Clinic.

It all started when Akron Children's Hospital came to Dr. Smucker requesting help for young adults with complex medical conditions. Typically, these young adult patients would become medically homeless after the age of 21.

"Bill studied this topic and met with all the parents. He called it the meeting of the moms. Bill listened to their stories and their stresses and cried with them," said Dr. Williamson. "Bill said that this [the Complex Care Clinic] has to happen. That in a nutshell summarizes the passion he felt."

Under the direction of Dr. Smucker, the Summa Health Family Medical Center and a group of specialists created a multi-disciplinary clinic that serves the needs of adult patients with a variety of complex and co-occurring chronic diseases and physical, mental and social challenges.

One such patient named Tyler spent 296 days a year in the hospital. Under the care of Dr. Smucker and the coordinated care team, that number dramatically reduced to just 10 days a year and dramatically increased Tyler's quality of life

"My message out there to people who have complex medical histories like me is to just have hope and realize there is a purpose for everybody," said Tyler. "I would never look back on my decision [to be cared for by the team at the Complex Care Clinic]."

Patients treated at the Complex Care Clinic thrive with a coordinated care team of physicians, dedicated nurses and social workers, onsite pharmacists and behavioral health, cardiology, pastoral care and pulmonology specialists – just to name a few – at one centralized location on the Akron Campus.

"We're always hearing from Bill's friends and colleagues asking how they can get involved. We ask that you please consider joining us in this effort. We would be grateful for your support."

Helen Smucker

"If Bill could see his vision of the creation of the Complex Care Clinic as it is today, he would be proud of all of the staff involved. It is truly an integrated team effort," said Helen. "And, he would say 'thank you' from the bottom of his heart."

Gifts to the Complex Care Clinic Endowment Fund will help meet the complex care needs of patients today and into the future while honoring the legacy of Dr. Smucker. To make a gift, please visit <https://www.summahealth.org/foundation/ways-to-give/give-now> or call Summa Foundation at 330.375.3159.



Scan this QR code to watch a video about Tyler, a patient who was treated in the Complex Care Clinic.

The Mary S. and David C. Corbin Foundation:

Combatting traumatic stress and addiction with virtual reality

For more than three decades, The Mary S. and David C. Corbin Foundation has supported Summa Health in applying the latest research, equipment and technology — and putting the most advanced tools in the hands of its expert physicians.

Most recently, The Corbin Foundation granted significant funds in support of the Summa Health Traumatic Stress and Addiction Medicine Centers and the use of innovative virtual reality technology to combat traumatic stress and addiction.

“The generosity of The Corbin Foundation will help our patients live out simulated scenarios that activate and process their emotions in healthy ways using virtual reality technology,” said Dr. Patrick Palmieri, Ph.D., chief psychologist and vice chair of the Summa Health Department of Psychiatry and holder of the Jim and Vanita Oelschlager Chair in Traumatic Stress.

Dr. Palmieri also serves as director of the Summa Health Traumatic Stress Center, which is a nationally recognized leader in the treatment of traumatic stress.

“Virtual reality treatments are especially effective for patients living with post-traumatic stress or with alcohol or other substance use disorders,” he said.

According to statistics, about 9 million of the U.S. adult population is affected by post-traumatic stress disorders. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the opioid crisis with an overdose death increase of 31 percent.

The Corbin Foundation has a long-standing history in support of addiction treatments.



Mary S. and David C. Corbin

“The Corbin Foundation is proud to support Summa Health in this important work to restore addiction patients to full, productive lives.”

David C. Corbin, a member of the Lay Advisory Board at St. Thomas Hospital (1958-1968) and vice chair (1963-1964), was an early supporter of St. Thomas’s groundbreaking work in addiction medicine.

“Today, as well as then, there are few medical issues having greater impact on our families and society than addiction. Also, stress related to trauma is believed to be a significant contributing factor to addiction,” said Michael A. Sweeney, a Corbin Foundation Trustee.

“As a successor to St. Thomas’s proud history, Summa Health continues to provide leading-edge treatment for those suffering from addiction, traumatic stress and related illnesses through the Summa Health Behavioral Health Institute,” he said.

“Following the leadership of David C. Corbin, The Corbin Foundation is proud to support Summa Health in this important work to restore addiction patients to full, productive lives.”

The extraordinary generosity of The Corbin Foundation will be recognized in the Juve Family Behavioral Health Pavilion — the new home of the Behavioral Health Institute and the Summa Health Traumatic Stress Center — opening on the Akron Campus in January 2023.

For more information about supporting Summa Health, please contact Vanessa Sampsel at 330.375.7840 or sampselv@summahealth.org.



Women helping women

The Circle of Women's Health Philanthropists is a powerful and influential network of female leaders who share a philanthropic vision of improving the overall health and well-being of women in the community. Since 2014, The Circle has awarded a total of \$771,000 in grants to women's health-focused projects across Summa Health.



The 2021 grant recipients shared their gratitude and highlighted how the grants they received from The Circle will support women's healthcare initiatives in the community.

"The Mothers Experiencing Loss program will support the needs of women who may be enduring depression, anxiety, isolation, self-doubt and mistrust through an unimaginable time of loss. We are humbled to meet these women where they are and provide a safe space for grief and healing with compassion and a sense of community."
— Shannon Blower, chaplain and director of pastoral care services



Shannon Blower

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology held a cadaver dissection laboratory to help revolutionize surgical training for women's health and advance educational opportunities for future physicians.
"Thank you for making this project a reality and impacting thousands of women in our community."
— Dr. Megan Cesta, physician, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology



Dr. Megan Cesta

"I would like to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all members of The Circle for supporting the Summa Health Neuroscience Institute in our efforts to develop a balance program for fall prevention in women. We look forward to creating a program that will benefit the community and expand the science in the balance and fall prevention fields."
— Dr. Hasan Askari, neurohospitalist, Summa Health Neuroscience Institute



Dr. Hasan Askari

For more information about The Circle, contact Ashley Manning at 330.375.7524 or manningas@summahealth.org.



How you can donate real estate to Summa Health

Often, it is difficult for a grieving family to deal with the expenses associated with inheriting a home. This can be a perfect opportunity to consider a primary or vacation property as a charitable gift.

Summa Health can recognize the value of that gift today. The positive impact of this type of gift is two-fold:

- Benefiting the donor's family.
- Benefiting the patients and families who receive care at Summa Health.

For more information about a transfer-on-death deed and how you can make a difference at Summa Health, please contact Barbara Boyce at 330.375.6356 or boyceb@summahealth.org.

Retired nurse Ginnie Abell gives the gift of real estate

Passionate. Committed. Dedicated. These words perfectly describe Virginia "Ginnie" Abell, a longtime avid supporter of Summa Health's mission in all regards, from her remarkable career of over 50 years to her lifetime of extraordinary generosity. This now-retired registered nurse's recent philanthropic venture led to giving the gift of... her home.



Ginnie was surprised to learn that listing Summa Health as the beneficiary of her personal residence offers yet another way to support the health system she cares about deeply.

"Summa Health is number one on my list of places to support," said Ginnie. "Summa has provided my livelihood for over 50 years, so I feel it is imperative to give back."

Ginnie began her first job as a nurse in 1964, shortly after graduating from St. Thomas Hospital School of Nursing. Setting a tone for a lifetime of generosity early in her career, she made her first gift to Summa Health when she received her first paycheck. So began decades of generous support that also continued through her 10 years as a supervisor in the Emergency Department and her important role in developing the Infection Control Department at Summa Health.

Since retiring from Summa Health, Ginnie has served as a member of the Summa Health Senior Health Leadership Council and a Patroness member of The Circle of Women's Health Philanthropists.

Ginnie's generosity will be recognized in the Juve Family Behavioral Health Pavilion, scheduled for opening on the Akron Campus in 2023.

One-in-Six Foundation: Helping detect prostate cancer before it's too late



Laura Hunsicker (center) with her sons, Steven and Grant

Laura Hunsicker is passionate about the early detection of prostate cancer. Her late husband, Bruce, was diagnosed in 2004 with inoperable, metastasized prostate cancer at 50. After his diagnosis, Bruce founded the One-in-Six Foundation. At that time, one in six men was estimated to be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime. Today, that number has decreased to one in nine with the help of organizations like the One-in-Six Foundation.

"Bruce wanted to find a cure and help others detect prostate cancer before it was too late," said Laura. "So we focused on raising funds to support research initiatives and early detection by providing access to free prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing in the Greater Akron community."



The late Bruce Hunsicker

With a gift from the One-in-Six Foundation, Summa Health recently launched a pilot program that serves underinsured and uninsured patients at high risk for prostate cancer giving them access to an MRI. With an MRI, abnormalities are more easily detected, so a physician can perform a targeted biopsy for diagnosis and formulate the best treatment options.

"I think Bruce would be proud of the work of One-in-Six; I know I am," noted Laura. "We've impacted so many lives."

For additional opportunities to support the Summa Health Cancer Institute, contact Jessica Hudson at 330.375.4762 or HUDSONJ@SUMMAHEALTH.ORG.

Kelly family training the next generation of heart specialists

Talk about generosity from the heart.

Brothers Jim, Bob and Ray Kelly are carrying on the tradition of giving back to the community created by their late parents, William and Ruth Kelly.

William, who founded Bil-Jac in 1947 with his brother, Jack, served as a longtime board member for Highland Local Schools, and together with Ruth provided funds for scholarships and educational programs in the community.



Jim Kelly and Dr. Roger Chaffee

In 2019, the Kelly brothers gave a gift to Summa Health from the William and Ruth Kelly Foundation to support cardiology fellows who are training to become the next generation of heart specialists.

Jim Kelly was inspired by the care of Dr. Roger Chaffee, chair of the Summa Health Heart and Vascular Institute, after spending a day shadowing him.

This year, the Kelly family made an additional gift in support of the Institute in honor of Dr. Chaffee.

"With the faithful support of the William and Ruth Kelly Foundation, we will continue to inspire, educate and train future heart specialists. We thank the Kelly family from the bottom of our hearts," said Dr. Chaffee.

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Sheila and Mike Lewis:

Grateful for Summa Health's caring physicians

When asked what inspires their giving to the fields of pulmonology and neurology, Sheila and Mike both readily credit their caring Summa Health physicians — Dr. Michael Chandler, a critical care pulmonologist, and Dr. Alexander Venizelos, a specialized neuro-interventional surgeon.

In grateful appreciation, the couple have made several meaningful gifts to Summa Health in honor of Dr. Chandler's and Dr. Venizelos' extraordinary care.

"Both physicians are exceptional people in addition to their medical skills. Summa is very fortunate to have them," she said.

In the 1960s, Sheila started as a bedside nurse in the Akron City Hospital Orthopedics Department and eventually became the head nurse under the direction of Dr. Walter A. Hoyt.

Sheila and Mike met on a blind date, and in an ironic twist, she learned that Dr. Hoyt was Mike's uncle. Forty-five years of marriage later, both believe in giving back to the community through Summa Health because of its "excellent doctors and excellent care."

"Everybody ought to do something if they're able. If not monetarily then with personal time," said Mike. "It's important to give back to the community. That is why we give to Summa Health."

"Someone you know — a friend or family member — can benefit from the extraordinary care provided by Summa Health doctors like Dr. Chandler and Dr. Venizelos," added Sheila.

For more information about supporting pulmonology and neurology at Summa Health, please contact Andra Polasky at 330.375.3873 or polaskya@summahealth.org.

"It's important to give back to the community. That is why we give to Summa Health."

Mike Lewis

"Dr. Venizelos saved my husband's life."

Sheila Lewis



Dr. Michael Chandler



Dr. Alexander Venizelos

"Dr. Venizelos saved my husband's life," said Sheila.

A stroke sent Mike, retired chief executive officer of the Akron Porcelain and Plastics Company, to the Emergency Department. Dr. Venizelos successfully recovered a blood clot in his brain.

Research has proven that many patients benefit from removing clots up to 24 hours from the onset of symptoms through a minimally invasive procedure known as a thrombectomy.

Summa Health acted on that research in 2018 with the addition of Dr. Venizelos to perform this brain-saving procedure, the same procedure that saved Mike's life.

Sheila also is thankful for Dr. Chandler, who has taken on her care for the last five years. "He's been very generous with his time and tries to get to the bottom of every medical ailment I have."



From left: Dr. Cliff Deveny, president and chief executive officer, Summa Health; Michelle Ingmire, vice president, Ambulatory Clinical Operations; Melva Spragling, RN, unit director, Joint Replacement Center of Excellence; Dr. Kiel Pfefferle, medical director, Joint Replacement Center of Excellence; and Dr. Michael Hughes, president, Summa Health System – Barberton Campus and Wadsworth-Rittman Medical Center.

Born ... with a purpose

Born Foundation supports new Joint Replacement Center of Excellence on Barberton Campus

Earlier this year, community members and clinical leaders gathered as Summa Health dedicated its brand new, state-of-the-art Joint Replacement Center of Excellence on the Summa Health System – Barberton Campus. The new center is committed to providing high-quality, comprehensive orthopedic care for hip and knee replacement.

The Walter W. Born Foundation generously provided support for the construction of the new center, which promises to promote healing and offer a calm space for patients during their recovery.

The Born Foundation is the result of the thoughtful end-of-life planning of Walter W. Born, who passed away in 1989.

“Mr. Born’s desire was to provide funding exclusively for local nonprofit hospitals,” said Toby Blossom of Huntington Bank, a trustee of the Born Foundation. “It is an honor and a unique opportunity to continue his legacy and help make a difference.”

With a total giving of nearly \$1.4 million and philanthropic investments across the Summa Health System since 2007, the Born Foundation’s influence on advancing patient care is far-reaching and deeply impacting.

“Because of our partnership with Summa Health, we can fund diagnostic equipment that meets the immediate needs of patients,” said Lorrie Shaffer of Huntington Bank, also a trustee of the Born Foundation. “We also get the opportunity to invest in bricks and mortar projects that may take more time and make a significant impact; it is rewarding to do both.”

Last year, the Born Foundation supported Summa Health through the purchase of a da Vinci XI robotic surgical system that promotes quicker recovery times and an earlier return to daily activities leading to an overall improved patient experience.

A strong advocate for Summa Health nurses, the Born Foundation has made several significant gifts to support professional development and educational opportunities for Summa Health’s frontline care providers.

The Born Foundation also generously supported the construction of the new Summa Health Medical Group Cardiology Clinic and the High-Intensity Cardiac Unit on the Barberton Campus.

The trustees are fulfilling Mr. Born’s philanthropic purpose with thousands of Summa Health patients benefiting from his compassion and foresight.

For more information about supporting the Joint Replacement Center of Excellence on the Barberton Campus, contact Andra Polasky at 330.375.3873 or polaskya@summahealth.org.

Julia and Mike Pasternak:

Giving back to music and mental health

Julia and Mike Pasternak are in harmony about helping others. Their recent gift to Summa Health in support of the Music and Mental Health program is underscored by their mutual belief in the therapeutic power of music.

According to several studies, music therapy offers many benefits for patients, from reducing heart rate and lowering blood pressure to easing anxiety and improving mood.

In addition to their desire to give back, the Pasternaks share a lifelong love of music.

Julia grew up in a musical family, enjoyed playing the piano and violin and involved all three of their daughters in music. Mike realized he, too, had a passion for music when their youngest daughter, Jessica, a violist, auditioned for the Akron Youth Symphony. This led to Mike serving on the board of the Akron Symphony Orchestra for over 15 years, including a four-year term as board president. His leadership on the board provided him a front-row seat to the Music and Mental Health program at Summa Health.



Mike and Julia Pasternak

The program, offered in partnership with the orchestra, involves professional musicians playing during therapy settings, contributing to an environment that encourages better patient communication with their caregivers.

"One of the musicians who played various venues for over 15 years played for patients at Summa Health. He conveyed it was the most meaningful experience he had ever had as a musician," said Mike.

"What a testament to the healing power of music at Summa Health."

That realization led to the Pasternaks' meaningful gift to the Music and Mental Health program.

Dr. David Deckert, medical director of Inpatient Psychiatry, applauds the Pasternaks for their generosity. He knows firsthand the impact their gift has on the patients who benefit from the program.

"Mike and Julia's generous gift will support our ability to offer this unique and vital intervention for our hospitalized patients serving them in their healing journeys and restoring their wellness," he said.

The Pasternaks also have generously supported the Summa Health Sapphire Ball. Together they chair the Summa Health Behavioral Health Institute Leadership Council. Julia also serves as a member of The Circle of Women's Health Philanthropists and the Women's Board of Summa Health.

For more information about joining the Pasternaks in support of the Music and Mental Health program at Summa Health, please contact Andra Polasky at 330.375.3873 or polaskya@summahealth.org.



Partners in Good Health

Kent Area (OH) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated:

Partners in providing live-saving care

The Kent Area (OH) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, is dedicated to helping underserved communities with limited access to basic care and health services. The chapter has a long-standing partnership with Summa Health to bridge the health equity gap in the African American community.

“As an organization, we focus on the diseases and illnesses that disproportionately and negatively impact the African American community, including breast cancer and heart disease,” said chapter president Paula Burris.

Since 2013, their members have contributed thousands of dollars to Summa Screens and the Summa Health ANGEL Network.

In February 2020, the Kent Area (OH) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, partnered with Summa Health to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) for the Akron Urban League.

The chapter worked closely with key individuals at Summa Health, including Iriel Hopkins, system director of Community Relations and Diversity, and Marlo Schmidt, system director of Community Benefit, to select the best location.

“The need for defibrillators in at-risk communities is great,” noted Roxia Boykin, a longtime chapter member and former Summa Health leader. “The Akron Urban League is the perfect place to make an immediate, life-saving impact in the Akron community.”



From left: Dr. Michael Hughes, president, Summa Health System – Barberton Campus and Wadsworth-Rittman Medical Center; Teresa LeGrais, president and CEO, Akron Urban League; Roxia Boykin, co-chair, Health and Human Services Facet, Kent Area (OH) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated; and Paula Burris, chapter president, Kent Area (OH) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated.

Dr. Michael Hughes, president of the Summa Health System – Barberton Campus and Wadsworth-Rittman Medical Center, assisted with the selection and purchase of the AED unit. The team persevered throughout the COVID-19 pandemic with the unit installed at the Akron Urban League on February 8, 2022.

“As an interventional cardiologist, I know firsthand how access to an AED can make a difference between life and death,” said Dr. Hughes. “Summa Health is proud to be part of this ongoing collaboration with the Kent Area (OH) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated.”

The partnership between Summa Health and the Kent Area (OH) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, includes CPR and AED training facilitated by Summa Health at the Akron Urban League to ensure the staff are knowledgeable about what life-saving actions to take in the event of cardiac arrest.

“We share in Summa Health’s commitment to serve the underserved and look forward to partnering on future initiatives,” said Paula.

For more information about supporting the Summa Health Heart and Vascular Institute, please contact Jessica Hudson at 330.375.4762 or hudsonj@summahealth.org.

Westfield: "Our entire team at Westfield was inspired by a presentation given by Dr. Thomas File, a nationally recognized infectious disease expert and chair of the Infectious Disease Division at Summa Health. He spoke to Westfield employees through video conference about COVID-19 and answered our questions. Afterward, we were compelled to recognize Dr. File with a gift to Summa Health for all that he has done for us and on behalf of all the COVID-19 patients treated there." – **Frank Carrino, chief legal officer and secretary, Westfield**



From left: Jennifer Palmieri, chief people officer, Westfield; Jani Groza, corporate responsibility and diversity officer, Westfield; Frank Carrino, chief legal officer and secretary, Westfield; Phylis Ferrara, president, Summa Foundation and chief development officer, Summa Health; and Nikki Hawk, senior director, Summa Foundation.

Akron Marathon: "Summa Health has been a longtime supporter of the Akron Marathon, and we're honored to have their partnership as the presenting sponsor of our race series. Since our inception, Summa has been our official sports medicine sponsor supporting our medical aid stations across all events, and they've had more than 100 employees and volunteers support each race we've hosted. We're thrilled to support Summa and together promote health and fitness in our community!" – **Anne Bitong, president and chief executive officer, Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation**



Anne Bitong (right), president and chief executive officer, Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation, presents a check to Nikki Hawk, senior director, Summa Foundation.

Turner Construction

continues to build its partnership with Summa Health – and in a brand new way – by teeing off and selecting Summa Health as a recipient of the proceeds from the 2021 Turner Charity Golf Classic. Turner is also a sponsor of the Summa Health Sapphire Ball. "Summa Health caregivers have worked persistently in the community to provide care to all patients during this extraordinary time," said Jason Jones, vice president and general manager, Turner Construction Company. "We are honored to partner with and support Summa Health."



Ken Ganley Ford sales staff teamed up in October to assemble no-sew fleece blankets that will bring comfort and warmth to Summa Health Cancer Institute patients being treated at the Jean and Milton Cooper Pavilion.

Interested in becoming a partner with Summa Health? Contact Nikki Hawk at 330.375.3548 or hawkn@summahealth.org.

I Am Summa

Employees shine a light, wear their support

Employees and physicians came together to shine a light on Summa Health while donning brand-new I Am Summa t-shirts in support of patients and the community. During the two-week initiative, 356 employees made a gift to Summa Health and received a t-shirt in return.

“Wearing our support instilled a sense of community and pride in the tradition of philanthropy at Summa Health,” said Matthew Gustovich, co-chair of the employee champion committee. “Together, our gifts as employees make a strong statement that those closest to the health system wholeheartedly believe in its mission – and that giving starts with us.”

More than half of the employees who participated in the t-shirt initiative were first-time donors. The Summa Fund, Wagtime (pet programming) and the Women’s Health Center were the top three areas supported. In total, more than 600 employees and physicians participated.

Promise asked some of the participants why they chose to give back to Summa Health:



Benjamin Sutton

Chief strategy officer and president, Ambulatory Care and Clinical Service Lines

“I know that those dollars will be reinvested in the mission of our health system ... Ultimately, my gift contributes to making our communities healthier because it gets invested in healthcare for our region and the people we serve. It’s the best philanthropic gift I make every year.”



Vivek Bhalla, M.D.

President, Summa Health Medical Group

“The minute I walked through its doors, I knew Summa Health was special. It is a family environment, a warm and inviting culture, where our patients and community are front and center – the reason I went into medicine in the first place. This is why ‘I Am Summa.’”



Jackie Trainor

Director, Women’s Health, Service Line and Ambulatory Care

“I am proud to work for an organization that supports our community’s needs and encourages employees to give back for the betterment of others ... I appreciate the opportunity to direct my donations to an area of personal interest.”



Ashley Chaney

RN manager, Immunization and Testing

“Summa Health is more than just an organization where I work. It is a community. It is a family. I want to do anything I can to support Summa, whether large or small.

I am proud to be a part of Summa and the wonderful things we do for our patients, employees and community.”

For more information about I Am Summa, contact Ashley Manning at 330.375.7524 or manningas@summahealth.org.

Physicians in Philanthropy

Why We Give: Dr. Joel Porter and Dr. Nancy Ray



Retired Summa Health physicians Dr. Joel Porter and Dr. Nancy Ray have provided significant philanthropic support for anesthesiology and to the Department of Surgery for more than three decades. Adding to a legacy of generous giving, the couple share a mutual passion: supporting education and training initiatives at Summa Health.

Promise: What brought you to Summa Health?

Dr. Ray: When I started looking for a position, the anesthesia group at Summa Health was looking for someone with a background in obstetric anesthesia. I loved Ohio from my residency days at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo, so I decided to interview for the position and started in 1990.

Dr. Porter: I grew up in Cincinnati and attended medical school at The Ohio State University. I had no intention of working north of Columbus. That changed when I met Dr. John Fink and Dr. Fred Slezak at a recruiting event for Ohio State medical students. After our meeting, I visited Akron City Hospital and found the atmosphere within the general surgery residency to be more collegial than other programs I had visited. I started my residency at Summa Health in 1981 and have been in Akron ever since.

Promise: Why do you give to Summa Health?

Dr. Porter: I was trained in the general surgery residency program at Summa Health and that education and training helped me get to where I am today. That's why I give. Advancing education is essential and creates opportunities to get ahead that might not have been there without an education.

Promise: Why is physician giving important at Summa Health?

Dr. Ray: I belong to a group of anesthesiologists who annually give back to Summa because we realize philanthropy is important to supporting education initiatives within Summa Health. The result means that physicians are better trained to provide the clinically excellent, compassionate care that Summa Health is known to provide.

Dr. Porter: Many people think it's important to give back and that's true, but I also believe it fulfills something within us to know that we are making a difference and supporting a worthy cause. We feel good knowing that we have made an impact. Philanthropy is, for me, the ultimate self-indulgence.

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Dr. Nancy Ray



Surrounding patients with the healing power of the arts

With help from dedicated benefactors and volunteer leaders, the Healing Arts Program demonstrates Summa Health's commitment to promoting a healthcare environment that surrounds and connects patients, visitors and staff with the healing power of the arts.

The Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Tower on the Akron Campus has literally gone from a blank "canvas" to feature works of art on every level — both inside and out.

The Summa Health Gallery in the Williams Tower hosts quarterly exhibitions that feature artists with a Northeast Ohio connection. Most recently, the gallery highlighted local artists from the Akron Black Artist Guild. For those unable to view the artwork in person, a virtual walkthrough is available at summahealth.org/art.

This year, the Healing Arts Collection will extend to the newly opened Summa Health Joint Replacement Center of Excellence on the Barberton Campus, and the Juve Family Behavioral Health Pavilion and Wound Care Center opening on the Akron Campus in 2023.

In addition to the visual arts, the program is expanding to include the performing arts, therapeutic gardens and creative arts therapy.

Live performances will return to Summa Health as COVID restrictions lift. A Healing Arts channel is in the works for patient rooms.

Visitors to the hospital can seek peace and tranquility in Summa Health's therapeutic gardens. These outdoor public spaces will host future, special events and performances.

A cart filled with art supplies for patients is making its rounds throughout the Labor and Delivery suites. Patients can get creative while they await the birth of their children.

All these concerted efforts lead to one beautiful outcome — a healing environment enhanced by the arts.

How you can support the Healing Arts Program

- 1** Make a gift to support the Healing Arts Program at summahealth.org/art/support.
- 2** Visit the exhibition — in person and online.
- 3** Purchase a piece of art.
- 4** Sponsor a future exhibition or a piece of artwork.

For more information about supporting the Healing Arts Program, contact Shelley Green at 330.375.6891 or greensh@summahealth.org.



Scan this QR code to visit our healing arts website.

Dr. J. Patrick Flanagan honored as 2021 Distinguished Physician

J Patrick Flanagan, M.D., a revered and highly respected mentor, teacher and physician in the field of orthopedics, was honored with the 2021 Summa Health Distinguished Physician Award, the health system's highest physician honor. Cliff Deveny, M.D., Summa Health president and chief executive officer, presented the award to Dr. Flanagan at the Summa Society Celebration annual donor recognition event on August 19, 2021.

"Through his achievements as a physician, educator and leader, Dr. Flanagan has touched thousands of lives in our community during his 50-year career," said Dr. Deveny. "We are grateful for his service and personal commitment to advancing philanthropy at Summa Health."

Among his many leadership roles, Dr. Flanagan served as chair of the Summa Health Department of Orthopedics for 32 years before retiring in 2006. He has helped patients in the Summa Health Wound Care Center for the last 13 years. Under his leadership, the Summa Health Orthopedic Surgery Residency Program, which he called the heart and soul of his professional life, grew into a nationally acclaimed program.



From left: Dr. Cliff Deveny, president and chief executive officer, Summa Health; George Strickler, chair, Summa Health Board of Directors; Dr. J. Patrick Flanagan, 2021 Summa Health Distinguished Physician; Patrick O'Neill, chair, Summa Foundation Board of Directors; and Phylis Ferrara, president, Summa Foundation, and chief development officer, Summa Health.

Department of Orthopedics Chair Scott Weiner, M.D., who trained under Dr. Flanagan, described his mentor as the backbone of the residency program. "He ran the residency program like a family, emphasizing training the whole person," said Dr. Weiner. "That's why we call him 'Father Flanagan.' And that's how we turn out great surgeons — and great people."

For more information about supporting Summa Health, contact Jessica Hudson at 330.375.4762 or hudsonj@summahealth.org.



The Thomas W. Cornell Philanthropic Leadership Society gained four new members at its August 19, 2021, induction ceremony.

The Cornell Society, named in honor of the first president of Akron City Hospital's board of trustees and a founding benefactor, recognizes individuals, organizations and corporations for cumulative giving to Summa Health of \$1 million or more.

New members George and Alice Strickler and Denise and Norm Wells Jr. were formally inducted during a private event before the Summa Society Celebration.

Cornell Society inducts four new members in 2021

Hitting the links in support of Summa Health nurses



From left: Dr. Cliff Deveny, president and chief executive officer, Summa Health; George and Alice Strickler, 2021 Summa Health Golf Outing Honorees; Phylis Ferrara, president, Summa Foundation, and chief development officer, Summa Health; and Karen Lefton, chair, 2021 Summa Health Golf Outing.

At the 11th annual Summa Health Golf Outing, held August 30, 2021, on the famed South Course at Firestone Country Club, community leaders once again gathered together in support of Summa Health nurses.

The sold-out event, featuring more than 124 golfers, raised more than \$240,000 last year and has garnered nearly \$3 million over the lifetime of the outing.

“Nurses help make up the heart of our healthcare system. We are so grateful to our sponsors for consistently demonstrating such a strong commitment to our healthcare heroes during a time when planning for our annual outing had been tentative at best,” said Dr. Cliff Deveny, Summa Health president and CEO.

George and Alice Strickler, longtime friends and benefactors of Summa Health and the greater Akron community, were celebrated for their years of volunteerism, dedicated service and enduring support.

Out on the links that day, the Strickler Family foursome won the scramble. The SeibertKeck Insurance Agency Inc. team was recognized for best ball, Sal Rini and Mark LaRose for closest to the pin, and Mike Considine and Lauren John for longest drive.

The House of LaRose is the founding sponsor of the golf outing.

Special thanks to Akron attorney Karen Lefton who chaired the 2021 outing and to Lou Ciraldo who took over as chair this year.

For more information about supporting the Summa Health Golf Outing, contact Nikki Hawk at 330.375.3548 or hawkn@summahealth.org.

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Dr. Cliff Deveny

Jim LaRose
President, House of LaRose
Summa Health Golf Outing
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Sapphire Ball

2021 sponsors redirect their support to COVID response

This year — and last — has presented extraordinary challenges everywhere. At Summa Health, physicians, nurses and essential workers have responded to the pandemic with unprecedented selflessness, resilience and compassion. When the COVID-19 pandemic compelled Summa Health to pause the 2021 Summa Health Sapphire Ball, several sponsors chose to redirect their sponsorships in support of Summa Health’s COVID-19 response efforts. The faithful generosity of these sponsors helps enhance programs, facilities and technology and strengthens the ability of Summa Health to care for the community when it is needed most.



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Sandra and Richey* Smith, 2022 Sapphire Ball Honorary Chairs

Summa Health Sapphire Ball

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The Campaign for Summa Health

A message from our chairs

Dear Friends of Summa Health,

With the help of our dedicated Summa Health family and the extraordinary support of our friends and benefactors, we have surpassed \$100 million in the Campaign for Summa Health, "Caring for You ... Then, Now, Always" and move ever closer to a new goal of \$125 million.



We are grateful to honorary campaign chairs Ann Brennan and Rennick Andreoli and thank the following visionary benefactors for their leading campaign gifts: Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams; Ann Brennan and her late husband, David; Vanita and James Oelschlager; Yvonne Hamlin and her late husband, Richard; and Vincent DiGirolamo and his late wife, Nancy. They mirror the selfless spirit of community generosity that will help sustain Summa Health far beyond our lifetimes.

Within the 2021 Annual Honor Roll of Summa Health Donors, each of these names represents the tradition of philanthropy that has shaped Summa Health for the past 130 years. We thank you all.

All gifts help Summa Health provide the highest quality, compassionate care now and always — and build on Summa Health's legacy of caring for the whole you. Summa Health's investment in behavioral health represents that commitment.

Philanthropy is essential for accelerating Summa Health's ability to implement its strategic plan and enhancing our high standard of patient care through new state-of-the-art facilities, advanced programs, and recruitment and retention of top talent.

Please, visit summahealth.org/caringforyou for information on how you can establish a lasting legacy of caring at Summa Health in your name or in honor of a loved one, a respected physician or caring health provider. Call Summa Foundation at 330.375.3159 to learn more.

Thank you for continuing with us on this journey.

Tom and Ginny Knoll

Chairs, Caring for You ... Then, Now, Always
The Campaign for Summa Health

The campaign, "Caring For You ... Then, Now, Always," supports two key priorities that will further strengthen Summa Health's legacy of caring for the Akron community:

To empower clinical excellence

- Establish endowed clinical chairs to recruit and retain top physicians.
- Endow symposia and lectureships to advance clinical education.
- Invest in research and innovation to catalyze discovery and advance patient care.
- Elevate clinical education to train the next generation of physicians, nurses and healthcare providers for our community.
- Expand fellowship training opportunities to build a physician recruitment pipeline.

To enhance the patient experience

- Transform the Akron and Barberton campuses to create modern facilities and expand surgical capacity.
- Create comfortable, attractive private rooms that promote healing.
- Provide program support for integrative medicine, healing arts, supportive care services and wellness.
- Acquire state-of-the-art imaging and diagnostic equipment.
- Offer programs and services for the underserved in our community.

Thank you!

... to the many selfless community leaders, corporations and foundations who support Summa Health and help build on its rich legacy of supporting this community.

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