

Fund Directory



**Highlighted funds represent annual priority funds*

Breast Cancer

Gifts to this fund support breast cancer research initiatives. This fund also provides assistance to cancer patients in need through the Paula's Purse program, subsidizes mammograms for the underinsured and uninsured patients in our region, and lends support to staff education and the services of the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders and Norma J. Vinger Center for Breast Care.

Brian's Fund for Colon Cancer

Gifts to this fund support colon, colorectal, and anal cancer patients by helping to alleviate the financial burden related to their cancer diagnosis.

Bruce and Lisa Kerr Addiction Medicine

Supports continuing education of primary care residents at Gundersen to develop their medical expertise in treating addictions. Funds also support trauma informed care training and the the rewards based contingency management program of Gundersen Behavioral Health.

Cancer Research

Gifts to this fund support oncology research at Gundersen.

Cardiac

Gifts to this fund support programs, services, research, educational needs and equipment that enhance the coronary care unit, cardiac rehabilitation and cardiac wellness.

Carilee

Provides emergency financial assistance to help survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault overcome the economic obstacles that often prevent them from taking the first step to safety.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals supports area children and families with transportation, medical equipment, specialty services, therapy and more. Funds also support pediatric medical research,

education, equipment, and programming at Gundersen Health System.

Community Health Outreach

Gifts to this fund are used in partnership with Gundersen Health System for educational programs, health screenings and a variety of health-related programs for the community.

Diabetes Program

Gifts to this fund support diabetes patient programs, equipment, staff education and research initiatives.

Dr. Dennis K. and Sharon B. Ryan Optometry Residency Endowment

Supports Gundersen Medical Foundation's Optometry Residency program.

Edward Winga, MD, Director of Internal Medicine Endowment

Lead gifts made by Dr. Edward and Sharon Winga provided the necessary foundation for this endowment in 2006. This program was modeled after Dr. Overholt's widely acclaimed military Internal Medicine Residency Program. Income is used to offset the salary for the program director of the Internal Medicine residency program.

Edwin L. Overholt, MD, Chair of Medical Education Endowment

Established in honor of Dr. Overholt's retirement in 1993, this fund provides the ongoing resources necessary to retain the visionary leadership that our reputation for educational excellence was built upon and supports the salary for the Medical Director of Medical Education.

Elvira Hebell Addiction Support

The Elvira Hebell Addiction Support Fund supports staff education and training, programming, and supplies to benefit Gundersen Health System patients with substance use disorder. Funds also support patient needs and the resident rotation in the Addiction Medicine program.

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Employee Health and Wellness

Gifts to this fund serve employees, volunteers and retirees of Gundersen Health System by supporting activities and programs designed to enhance their health and wellness.

Employees Helping Employees Emergency

Employees Helping Employees is an emergency financial assistance program for Gundersen Health System employees. A crisis can happen anytime, to anyone. Gifts to this fund can help employees in a time of need with grants of up to \$1,000.

Eric F. Brekke, MD General Surgery Residency Global Health

Gifts to this fund support General Surgery residents in their pursuit of volunteering with national and international surgical teams.

Eye Institute

Gifts to this fund are to be used primarily in support of educational initiatives that benefit patients or staff of the Gundersen Eye Institute. Additional uses include funding support for research and programmatic needs.

Global Health Initiatives

Gifts to this fund provide resources for Gundersen medical students and employees to study and work in under-resourced countries, helping to provide needed health care around the world.

Global Partners At Home

Support Global Partners outreach efforts in the tri-state region and area schools.

Global Partners Pine Ridge

Support Global Partners outreach efforts in Pine Ridge, South Dakota and with other tribes in the Great Plains region.

Greatest Needs

Provides general support to meet the greatest needs of Gundersen Medical Foundation programs.

Hospice

Supports programming, equipment, and services for hospice patients and their families. Examples include Hospice staff education, patient transportation, rental of durable medical equipment, memory box supplies, therapeutic music and more.

James Webster, MD, & Lucian Griffith, MD, Director of Transitional Year Residency Endowment

Major benefactors Dr. Stephen and Katie Webster established this endowed directorship in 2005 to honor their fathers', James Webster, M.D. and Lucian Griffith, M.D., dedication to teaching that has transcended generations. Income is used to offset the salary for the program director of the Transitional Year Residency Program.

Kabara Cancer Research Institute Endowment

Endowment fund established in 2008 by Jon and Betty Kabara. The mission of the Institute is to assist with investigating new therapeutics and cures for cancer. Income is used to offset the cost of the Kabara Cancer Research Institute.

Kaitlin's Table Endowment

You can help shed light on adolescent mental health issues and remove the stigma by donating to Kaitlin's Table, a program of Gundersen Medical Foundation. Kaitlin's Table is designed to change the face of mental illness recognition, diagnosis and treatment, and reach out to youth who are struggling with life's challenges.

Katie Battison Reading Initiatives Endowment

Gifts to the Reading Initiatives fund primarily support Reach Out and Read, an early literacy program that supplies young children with books at well child visits to improve school readiness and promote pediatric care compliance.

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Kerckhove Mental Health and Social Services

Supports behavioral health, social services and the Center for Violence Prevention and Intervention by providing emergency funds to help patients with transportation, medical equipment, patient programming and other patient needs.

Lea Cornell, MD, Director of Family Medicine Residency Endowment

The Family Medicine Residency was established in 2013, adding another residency program of significance to our region. Four years later, an endowment fund was created to offset the salary for the program director of the Family Medicine residency program.

Library

Gifts to this fund support the Gundersen Health System library programs and services.

Love+Medicine

Established in 2023, gifts to this fund support Patient Experience in responding to requests that elevate the culture of Love+Medicine through providing exceptional care and special moments for patients.

Lung Cancer Research Endowment

Earnings from this fund provide annual funding for lung cancer research initiatives and programming for patients.

Medical Education

Support the next generation of medical professionals and continuing medical education for our staff.

Medical Research

Contribute to our world class medical research programs with a primary focus on cancer and Lyme's disease research.

Movement Disorders and Parkinson's Disease

Supports patient programming, staff education and research initiatives of the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center program.

Neurology

Gifts to this fund support education, equipment, and programmatic needs for the Neurology or Neurosciences departments.

Norma J. Vinger Center for Breast Care

Supports the educational and research initiatives of the Norma J. Vinger Center for Breast Care. Additional uses include funding support for medical equipment and programmatic needs.

Nursing Education

Supports continuing education opportunities such as the Primary Care Nursing Conference, which supports Gundersen staff through engaging education and training to nurses.

Nursing Research

Supports nursing research initiatives. Additional uses include support for nursing research program needs, medical equipment purchases and restricted funding for student scholarly research.

Oncology

Supports patient programs, education, medical equipment purchases, lunches for patients receiving infusion treatments and more.

Palliative Care

Gifts to this fund support Palliative Care programs and services.

Paula's Purse Cancer Patient

When patients are going through treatment for cancer, finances can get tight. Some patients struggle to pay for basic necessities like food, heat and gas, causing another worry when they already have so many. Paula's Purse is a fund with these patients in mind. This fund supports cancer patients and their families who need help buying basic necessities.

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Physical and Occupational Therapy

Supports staff education opportunities such as therapeutic neuroscience education which helps to address the opioid problem and assist patients with alternative pain management. This fund also supports the purchase of the machines and equipment used with patients..

Renal Dialysis

Gifts to this fund support the further professional education of staff, and the programs and services of the Renal Dialysis department.

Sheila Caine Survivorship

Gifts to this fund help to defray the cost of education and materials for Gundersen Health System's Cancer Survivorship program. The Cancer Survivorship Clinic assists patients with the transition from cancer treatment to recovery.

Spiritual Care

Gifts to this fund support Gundersen's Spiritual Care Department which serves patients of all faiths according to their specific needs and requests for care and support.

Surgical Residency Program

Gifts to this fund support the Surgical Residency Program.

Thompson Lead True

Gifts to this fund are used for speakers or educational opportunities supporting leadership development.

TLC Fund

This fund provides resources for the care and well-being of children, adults, and families within the greater Coulee Region.

Vinger Alzheimer's and Dementia Support

Gifts to this fund support medical research, education, and patient programming related to Alzheimer's and Dementia related diseases.

William Kisken, MD, & Thomas Cogbill, MD, Director of General Surgery Residency Endowment

Established in 2006 with multiple gifts from alumni and friends of the program, this endowment is named in honor of two very prominent and extraordinary directors: Dr. William Kisken and Dr. Thomas Cogbill. Income is used to offset the salary for the program director of the General Surgery Residency Program.

Planned Giving

If you have an interest in learning about the many benefits of making a planned gift or have questions about the best way for you to benefit through a planned gift, please call (608) 775-6600. A member of our Planned Giving Team will be very pleased to help you. Learn more at www.gundersengift.org.

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