

# FY 2026 Fund Directory



## **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 rewards based contingency management program of Emplify Health by Gundersen Behavioral Health.

## **Cancer Research**

Gifts to this fund support oncology research at Gundersen.

## **Cardiac**

Gifts to this fund support programs, services, research, education needs and equipment that enhance the cardiac related departments.

## **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**

Children's Miracle Network 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 Emplify Health by Gundersen.

## **Community Health Outreach**

Gifts to this fund are used in partnership with Emplify Health by Gundersen 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.

## **Drs. James E. and Jo K. Glasser Physical and Occupational Therapy Fund**

This fund is to be used primarily in support of staff education, programming, and equipment needs of the Emplify Health by Gundersen's Physical and Occupational Therapy departments including but not limited to: Outpatient, Inpatient, Rehab, Sports Medicine, Pediatrics, and Neurovestibular.

## **Edward Winga, MD, Director of Internal Medicine 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 Emplify Health by Gundersen patients with substance use disorder. Funds also support patient needs and the resident rotation in the Addiction Medicine program.

## **Emergency Care Fund**

Supports the programmatic, equipment and staff education/training needs of Emergency Services, Urgent Care, Gundersen AIR, and Gundersen ambulance at Emplify Health by Gundersen. Funds may also support the needs of the Critical and Intensive Care departments.

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## **Employee Health and Wellness**

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

## **Employees Helping Employees**

Employees Helping Employees is an emergency financial assistance program for Emplify Health by Gundersen 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 \$750.

## **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 Emplify Health by Gundersen Eye Institute. Additional uses include funding support for research and programmatic needs.

## **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.

## **Integrated Center for Education**

The Integrated Center for Education (ICE house) is a world-class education and simulation center, where providers hone their skills on life-like simulators, and the current and next generation of care professionals visit to learn and grow. Donations will support the educational, equipment, programmatic, and supply needs of the ICE house.

## **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.

## **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.

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Gifts to this fund supports the Emplify Health by Gundersen library programs and services.

## **Love + Medicine**

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

## **Lung Cancer Research Endowment**

Earnings from this fund provides 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 Emplify Health by 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.

## **Renal Dialysis**

Gifts of 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 Emplify Health by Gundersen'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 Emplify Health by 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.

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## **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 wellbeing 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.

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## **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](http://www.gundersengift.org)

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