



Where generosity changes lives.

GUNDERSEN MEDICAL FOUNDATION



To our philanthropic partners,

Last year was unlike any other for most of us. Inside Gundersen's walls, I witnessed staff confront the COVID-19 pandemic with vigor and resilience as the virus tested our capabilities.

Still, the weight of the pandemic took its toll on our tireless staff. But you were there for us. **You showed your support with generous financial gifts, meals, personal protective equipment and items** for frontline staff.

I am so moved by **the power of your generosity that is touching and saving lives,** as you'll see in this report.

On behalf of all our patients, medical professionals, families and communities who have been impacted by your support, **thank you.**

SB Stroppie

Stephen Shapiro, MD Chief Medical Foundation Officer Chair, Gundersen Medical Foundation

More than 113,000 pieces of personal protective equipment were donated

Although many philanthropic events (including the 45th Annual Heritage Society donor recognition event) were cancelled due to the pandemic, there is much to celebrate



The first virtual Steppin' Out in Pink was a success

The first systemwide fundraising campaign for COVID-19 response efforts was conducted









Legacy Society grew by 7 new members



Dr. A. Erik Gundersen retired from the Foundation after 20 years





for medical education, medical research, community health outreach, staff education, programming, and equipment

\$1.3 million from CMN Hospitals®
\$1.1 million fund allocations for Gundersen Health System
\$715,000 for medical research
\$560,000 for medical education



\$50,000 from Foundation and CMN Hospitals outfitted 20 Tri-State Ambulances with telehealth capability



\$38,150 from Employees Helping Employees Emergency Fund benefitted 42 employees



More than \$175,000 (for equipment, PPE, staff appreciation, employee emergency grants, research and more) helped combat COVID-19

\$5,100 was awarded for a COVID-19 decontamination shower in Onalaska Urgent Care

\$21,560 was used for **purchase of a microscope** to diagnose skin cancer in Mohs lab Although the pandemic travel restrictions forced volunteer teams to pause, there were several 2020 highlights

> When schools closed, more than 70

volunteer mentors

at Hamilton and Hintgen elementary exchanged *more than*

> 365 letters with students.

In January



540 eye exams 200 health screenings

health education workshops

In February

11 volunteers traveled to Ethiopia

to offer laboratory suggestions and provided basic hygiene and education activities to children.

RESOLVE THROUGH SHARING®

Trained more than 1,000

healthcare professionals

through RTS National and RTS coordinator-led trainings



Created virtual training formats and materials for workshops

15 national trainings conducted

823

individuals completed RTS online modules

Created COVID resources for professionals



More than 12 COVID-related

projects, including clinical trials for diagnostic tools, investigator-initiated work, treatment clinical trials, and registries were completed.



PCR test to detect COVID-19 to support GHS Laboratory was developed, resulting in more than 50,000 tests performed

Nursing research submitted 3 manuscripts; 1 manuscript and 3 abstracts were accepted for presentations.

All of Us Research Program went live prior to pandemic and enrolled 35 core participants with a total enrollment of 173 in 2020



A milestone of 200 **TMIST (Tomosynthesis** Mammographic Imaging Screening Trial) enrollments was reached. (The highest locally enrolling NCI study was conducted to date).



Oncology research completed 1,238 COVID-19 genomes, for a total of 185,216,000,000 sequenced bases, from patients in our region.

5-year National Institutes of Health grant with J. Craig Forrest, PhD, at University of Arkansas to study role of gamma-herpesviruses in the murine model of infection was received.

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS®







Cara McArthur



Mackenzie Peterson

2020-2021 CMN Hospitals® Heroes and Ambassador

help raise funds and awareness—thank you!



Emerson Small



Alexander Kramer



Everly Schmidt



\$864,000 was raised for kids

5,006 kids and families facing medical challenges were helped





Tanner Novak 2020 Local Champion

\$18,000 in personal protective equipment was received from Panda **Cares Foundation**

More than \$56,000 was raised during the **first Month of Miracles** campaign



\$3,073,375 in grants were received to support Gundersen Health System with a record \$1.77 million to Critical Access Hospitals

– \$1.2 million

to support telehealth in rural areas

– \$1.7 million

to support COVID-19 programs and services





\$450,000 to support Family Residency program

FOUNDATION TOTAL INCOME \$37.3 MILLION

Total income for the year decreased from the prior year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, favorable investment returns helped to lessen the severity of the decrease.





FOUNDATION TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES & FUND DISTRIBUTION \$29.0 MILLION

Total expenses are comparable to prior year.





Net assets increased \$7.8 million from 2019 due to favorable investment returns.



PURPOSES OF PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS \$4.3 MILLION**

Philanthropic contributions in 2020 showed greater (48%) support toward patient and community health than in 2019 and lesser support for medical education and research (16%).



*Transferred to Gundersen Health System | **Does not include Philanthropy Other Income



More than 90 residents/ fellows served on the frontline

of COVID-19 patient care

Over 100 people attended the first virtual pharmacology conference

More than 2,800

views for a virtual version of **Gundersen Expert Lecture series** (record attendance)

15 of the 2020

resident/fellow graduates were hired by Gundersen Health System

500+ in-person interviews were converted to virtual for the

residency/fellowship fall recruitment



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