Promise
The Power of Philanthropy  Spring 2018

Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams
A Legacy of Caring
Caring for you now and always

Dear Friends of Summa Health,

Welcome to the first Promise of our next 125 years. The investment we are making in this community and the future of Summa Health is essential to our mission to provide the highest quality, compassionate care for our patients and their families now and always.

The improvements and advances underway will enhance the care and experiences of our patients and strengthen our clinical excellence as we help each person we serve achieve the best possible health. This issue of Promise covers our progress, including an update on the new Akron Campus tower and the expansion of the healing arts initiative at Summa Health.

As always, we are grateful for the continuing generosity of our friends and benefactors and the opportunity to recognize them in the Annual Honor Roll of Summa Health Donors in this issue. Our cover story honors Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams for their transformational gift of $5 million, the largest gift ever given by a Summa Health physician. We share the 10th anniversary celebration of the Vincent and Nancy DiGirolamo Cancer Symposium and the impact the symposium has had on cancer treatment and research.

Other highlights include generous gifts from the Lehrer Family Foundation, Dr. David and Sally Shafter, the William and Ruth Kelly Family Foundation, and Daniel and Sara Lautett. The endowed fund established by Barbara Brunt, RN, continues her career-long generosity in her retirement.

The strong support Summa Health inspires in those who serve here is reflected in the exceptional bequest from the estate of Juan Perdomo, M.D., former Summa Health physician; three generations of support from the Ormond family of physicians; and the success of this year’s "I Am Summa" employee giving campaign.

At the groundbreaking ceremony for the new tower, James McIlvaine, immediate past chair of Summa Health board of directors, said it best, "The future of healthcare begins here." With gratitude for his leadership and your continued generosity, we look forward to a bright future of improving the health of our community for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Cliff Deveny, M.D.
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Summa Health

Phylis Ferrara
President, Summa Health Foundation
Chief Development Officer, Summa Health
Summa Health moves forward with master facility plan

The new tower rising on the Summa Health System – Akron Campus is proof that the commitment made by the founders in 1892 – to care for anyone in need in our community – continues now and always. James McIlvaine, then chair of Summa Health board of directors, affirmed it at the May 15, 2017, groundbreaking ceremony when he said, “The future of healthcare begins here, today.”

Their remarks captured the deeper meaning of the day’s ceremony. The massive machinery at work breaking ground on the new tower heralded a groundbreaking new era of care at Summa Health. What was really being poured was the foundation for a new way to deliver healthcare – a way that would help each patient served achieve optimal health.

The new tower is the centerpiece of a five-year, master facility plan to advance and expand services system-wide. A new imaging and diagnostic center and enhanced surgical services are planned for the Barberton Campus. The investment will keep the health system at the forefront of state-of-the-art technology, cutting-edge clinical excellence and enhanced patient care across the Summa Health enterprise.

The new patient tower on the Summa Health System – Akron Campus is on schedule to open in summer 2019.

Summa Health celebrated progress on the new tower at the Rooftop Rendezvous on October 4, 2017. Guests gathered on the top level of the Adolph Garage on the western edge of the Akron Campus to view the progress below, don hard hats and tour the ground level, courtesy of Donley’s – Shook, the construction management firm that is overseeing the tower project. Architectural renderings and virtual reality goggles gave guests a glimpse of the tower interior. It was a perfect moment for Dr. Deveny to announce that longtime surgeon Dr. Gary B. Williams and his wife, Pamela, would be the first benefactors with a space in the new tower named in their honor. In grateful recognition of their gift of $5 million to the health system, all locations for breast health services across the health system are now called the Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Center for Breast Health.

The Williams Center on the Akron Campus will be housed on the ground floor of the new tower.

For additional opportunities to support Summa Health and create your family legacy, contact Summa Health Foundation at 330.375.3159 or foundation@summahealth.org.

By the numbers…

Dave Custodio, M.D., president of Summa Health System – Akron Campus, and Lorie Rhine, RN, chief nursing officer, Summa Health, offered some interesting statistics about construction of the new patient tower at the Topping-Out ceremony on April 24:

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SKILLED LABORERS EMPLOYED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, A BOOST TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY

The new tower reflects our abiding commitment to a healthcare model that is focused on wellness, one that is achieved by delivering coordinated, patient-centered care to each individual we serve.”

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Rooftop Rendezvous celebrates progress to the future

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When Dr. Gary B. Williams and his wife, Pamela, gave a gift of $5 million to Summa Health, the news was, literally, shouted from the rooftop. In fitting acknowledgement of the largest gift ever bestowed on Summa Health by a physician and the second largest in the history of the health system, Dr. Cliff Deveny, interim president and chief executive officer of Summa Health, made the announcement from the highest vantage point possible – the top of the Adolph Garage – at the Rooftop Rendezvous on October 4, 2017.

In sharing the remarkable news with the health system’s closest friends and advisors, who had gathered to view progress on the new tower next door, Dr. Deveny put an exclamation point on an already exuberant occasion.

For Dr. Williams and his wife, Pamela, it was a profoundly rewarding moment. Having introduced coordinated, patient-centered, multidisciplinary care for breast health services at Summa Health, Dr. Williams would now see his name and his wife’s grace all locations where Summa Health provides breast health services.

The Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Center for Breast Health is the first space in the new tower named to honor a generous benefactor, a fitting tribute to the pioneering physician who first embraced the transformation in healthcare delivery that now marks all care at Summa Health. The care he brought to breast health services mirrors the patient care planned for all disciplines in the new tower under construction.

As a surgeon at Summa Health for more than four decades, Dr. Williams, now semi-retired, frequently witnessed the distress of patients whose routine mammograms revealed a concern, a worry compounded by the time it took to get a definitive diagnosis. Driven by his innate compassion, he made it his goal to speed the time from diagnostic imaging to diagnosis and treatment. To that end, he envisioned a center that put all the clinicians involved in breast health in one location – radiologists, surgeons, oncologists and others.

The first physical space of his signature care opened on the Akron Campus in 2015 with the support of the Walter W. Born Foundation, the Women’s Board of Summa Health System, and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hamor. When the tower opens in 2019, 19,000 square feet of it will be the new home on the Akron Campus of the Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Center for Breast Health.

The magnitude of the Williams’ gift reflects the magnanimous nature of the couple behind it. Married for 48 years, Dr. and Mrs. Williams are kindred spirits who are committed to helping others. In addition to sharing her husband with Summa Health patients for more than four decades, Mrs. Williams has made her own indelible mark on the community. For years, she has kept a “go bag” in a back bedroom, ready to travel at a moment’s notice to the heart of a disaster area when the American Red Cross calls for help.

A lifelong educator, Mrs. Williams has worked at schools in Akron, Cuyahoga Falls and Worthington. (Continued on pg 6)
"I still model my moral and professional code after you... You showed me how to be passionate about the huge responsibility we have to the people we serve." - Dr. Salina Wydo

For Dr. and Mrs. Williams, their generosity to Summa Health marked a timeline rich with the gratitude of countless patients and the Hundreds of physicians and surgeons trained by Dr. Williams in the compassionate delivery of clinical excellence. When Dr. Williams was presented with the Summa Health Distinguished Physician Award in May 2017, many of his former residents stepped forward to express their love and admiration.

For more information on supporting women’s health programs, contact Shelley Green, senior director of development, 330.375.6891 or greenh@summahealth.org.

Dr. Eric Turney, a vascular surgeon at Summa Health, said he thrived under Dr. Williams’ training. “He formed us into caring, clinically excellent surgeons.”

“I want breast health services at Summa to be the best there is in this area and really the best there could be anywhere in the country,” Dr. Williams said on the rooftop when his gift was announced.

When the news went out on social media, expressions of gratitude filled page after page.

Long before the idea of patient-centered, multidisciplinary care for breast health became standard practice, Dr. Williams saw the need and pursued filling it, endeavoring to thousands of patients during his career. That legacy will continue at the Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Center for Breast Health in the compassionate care of the physicians he trained.

I Am Summa Employee Giving

Employees give back to Summa Health

For more than 125 years, dedicated Summa Health caregivers have delivered gifts of hope, healing and good health to the Akron region. Employees who give back to Summa Health help to deliver those gifts by participating in a legacy of generosity that has sustained the health system since its inception.

Summa Health employee and physician participation more than doubled in 2017. Among employees, top choices for support were the Summa Fund, which Summa Health directs to the areas of greatest need; Pet Peace of Mind, which provides pet care for people undergoing cancer treatments; recovering from surgery or facing terminal illness; the Nursing Staff Development Fund; Behavioral Health Research and Education; and Summa Health Cancer Institute at the Jean and Milton Cooper Pavilion.

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Summa Health would like to thank the members of the Employee Champion Committee for their commitment and dedication on behalf of the 2017 I Am Summa giving program:

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In addition to the American Red Cross, she is active with United Way of Summit County, Leadership Akron Alumni Association and the Northern Ohio Golf Charities Foundation. She is a member of the University of Akron Foundation board of directors and serves on the President’s Advisory Council.

The couple met at the University of Akron, where both received their undergraduate degrees. The Drs. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Honors College is named in their honor.

Dr. Williams has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for nearly 50 years. He is active in the Shrine, a branch of the organization that helps disabled children and burn victims.

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Dr. von Gruenigen is first physician to endow chair at Summa Health

Vivian E. von Gruenigen, M.D., longtime former medical director of the Women’s Health Institute, is one of three esteemed donors — and the first physician — to establish a prestigious endowed chair at Summa Health.

“We as physicians are very fortunate,” said Dr. von Gruenigen. “We have a purpose-driven life with the ability to pay back and pay forward.”

Endowed chairs are fundamental to the health system’s mission. These highly sought positions attract and retain accomplished physicians and specialists, providing vital annual income in perpetuity to support leading-edge research, innovative care and training the next generation of physicians.

Vivian E. von Gruenigen, M.D., Endowed Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology is held by Edward M. Ferris, M.D., chair and medical director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

He and Dr. von Gruenigen worked together at the Women’s Health Institute for nearly 20 years. “She has been a very good friend and mentor,” Dr. Ferris said. “She provides vision and leadership for our department, and she continues to be a great role model for our staff.”

Under Dr. von Gruenigen’s leadership, the Women’s Health Institute grew to become a cornerstone of Summa Health’s commitment to improving the health of the community.

The Maternal-fetal Opiate Medical Home Care (MOMH) program for opiate-addicted mothers and babies — developed during Dr. von Gruenigen’s tenure — was the first of its kind in the region. MOMH is just one example of the dramatic impact that the Women’s Health Institute has on healthcare for women in the Akron region.

With more than 15,000 patient visits each year, the Institute is the highest volume access point for obstetrical and gynecological charity care services within Summa Health.

MOMH and Centering Pregnancy®, another vital program that serves expectant mothers in need, are among the many patient-centered services that benefit from funds generated by Dr. von Gruenigen’s endowed chair.

“As a former department chair, I know that funds are hard to come by and we are doing more with less dollars,” Dr. von Gruenigen said. “I wanted to give the chair the flexibility to prioritize unmet needs from the front line.”

The Women’s Health Institute continues to grow rapidly to meet community needs. Patients have access to more than 100 specialists who provide numerous women’s health services, including gynecology, obstetrics, minimally invasive surgery, breast surgery, gynecologic oncology, perinatology, urogynecology, certified nurse midwifery, reproductive endocrinology and infertility, behavioral health, physical therapy, lactation, and integrative medicine.

“Where we are today and where we’re headed are direct results of Dr. von Gruenigen’s work,” Dr. Ferris said. “It’s quite an honor to hold the von Gruenigen Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology.”

Dr. von Gruenigen also served as senior vice president and chief medical officer at Summa Health. She is an acclaimed author, researcher and lecturer on a variety of women’s health issues and continues to teach and conduct grant research.

“An endowment lasts forever,” Dr. von Gruenigen said. “My parents taught me to treat people right, make a difference, and do what you can to help others. In a way, it is a legacy to them.”

For information about establishing a chair at Summa Health, contact:

Summa Health Foundation, 330.375.3159 or foundation@summahealth.org

Endowed chairs at Summa Health

Vincent and Nancy DiGirolamo Endowed Chair in Oncology
Chair holder: Gilbert Padula, M.D.

Jim and Vanita Oelschlager Endowed Chair in Psychiatry and Behavioral Health
Chair holder: Joseph Varley, M.D.

Jim and Vanita Oelschlager Chair in Traumatic Stress
Chair holder: Patrick Palmieri, PhD

Vivian E. von Gruenigen, MD Endowed Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology
Chair holder: Edward Ferris, M.D.

DiGirolamo Cancer Symposium marks 10th anniversary

The annual gathering of leading cancer experts, caregivers and survivors celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2017. To mark that milestone, Summa Health Cancer Institute recognized the DiGirolamos on November 1 with a special evening reception sponsored by Ohio Cancer Research, a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the cure and prevention of cancer.

Keynote speaker Marge Good, RN, of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), presented on cancer research and clinical trial grant opportunities available for clinicians at Summa Health.

At the symposium the next day, speakers addressed various aspects of “Integrative and Personalized Cancer Care,” including the impact of cancer on individuals and families and the importance of oncology supportive care. Pulitzer Prize finalist and New York Times bestselling author Regina Brett shared her personal story of survivorship.

Since the first Vincent and Nancy DiGirolamo Cancer Symposium in 2008, nearly 1,500 healthcare providers from Akron and beyond have benefited from the knowledge, skills and innovative models of cancer care presented each year by the symposium’s panel of nationally renowned cancer specialists.

For additional opportunities to support advances in cancer treatment and research at Summa Health, contact Jessica Hudson, senior director of development, 330.375.4762 or hudsonj@summahealth.org.
A PHILANTHROPIC VIEW

Enhancing the patient experience through the

Healing Arts

Gift of sculptures from Shaffer Family adds grace and beauty

Sally and David Shaffer, D.D.S., are helping Summa Health create a healing environment with their donation of The Daughters of Odessa Trilogy by renowned sculptor Frederick E. Hart, widely considered to be one of the preeminent sculptors of the 20th century. Longtime supporters of Summa Health, Dr. and Mrs. Shaffer, who serve on the Summa Health Healing Arts Leadership Council, were early patrons of Mr. Hart.

The three sculptures that comprise the Odessa Trilogy depict the four young daughters of Czar Nicolas II who were martyred with their parents and brother by Bolshevik troops during the 1917 Russian Revolution. Odessa was the last major work of Mr. Hart, who died in 1999 at 56. He said that the sculptures were his tribute to grace and beauty, his call to remember “the ability to have faith, sustain hope, feel the transforming power of beauty and to revel in the innocence around us.”

“We want to help Summa Health build an environment that heals the whole person — mind, body and spirit,” said Dr. Shaffer, a retired periodontist. “Patients are going to be uplifted and caregivers are going to be inspired in the atmosphere that these sculptures are helping to create,” said Mrs. Shaffer. “These are such beautiful works. We are excited to have faith, sustain hope, feel the transforming power of beauty and to revel in the innocence around us.”

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Notable works by Frederick E. Hart

Frederick E. Hart is considered one of the preeminent sculptors of the 20th Century. Here are two of his most notable works:

**“The Three Soldiers”**

**“The Creation Sculptors”**
West façade of the Washington National Cathedral (1978)

Arts council leaders work to enrich visual ambiance of Summa Health

With help from dedicated benefactors and volunteer leaders, Summa Health is accelerating efforts to surround patients, families, visitors and staff with the healing power of the arts. Studies show that a healing environment lowers blood pressure, curbs anxiety and depression, promotes relaxation, reduces pain by increasing production of endorphins, and enhances production of proteins that accelerate healing and lower the danger of infection.

To build on those benefits, members of the Healing Arts Leadership Council, which formed in 2016, are expanding the health system’s healing arts program under the direction of Christine Havice, chair, Meg Stanton, curatorial chair; administrative chair Dave Custodio, M.D., president of Summa Health System – Akron Campus; and physician chair Dr. Tara Scott, medical director of integrative medicine at Summa Health. The healing arts initiative complements integrative medicine, a multifaceted approach to patient care that considers the needs of the whole person — body, mind and spirit — and makes use of all appropriate therapies both conventional and alternative.

With the new tower on the Akron Campus providing a blank canvas for visual artwork in 2019, the Healing Arts Leadership Council is taking the lead in commissioning and acquiring art to enrich the visual ambiance of Summa Health. The first priorities are well underway. In collaboration with the executive team, council members have selected world-renowned artist Diana Al-Hadid, a Kent State graduate now living in New York City, for a sculpture on the great lawn just outside the main entrance to the new tower. In addition, initial proposals for a sculpture on the green lawn just outside the main entrance to the new tower are being considered.

“We are looking for art that engages and attracts the viewer, art that is mindful, that supports a healing mission,” said Ms. Havice. “The collection will focus on artists with an Ohio connection, either through birth, education, employment or place of residence, said Mr. Stanton. “Our aim is to create a hopeful, healing environment.”

Founding leadership council members have impressive, lifelong experience and credentials in the art world. From the left, Meg Stanton, curatorial chair, is the owner of Harris Stanton Gallery, with locations in Akron and Cleveland; Christine Havice, chair, is the retired director of the School of Art at Kent State University; and Nancy Salbert is an artist and Healing art aficionado. She holds a master’s in art from Kent State University.

For more information about supporting the healing arts program at Summa Health, contact Heather Lorenzon, senior director of development, at 330.375.7840 or lorenzonh@summahealth.org.
**C. Gordon Ewers**

The Lehner Family Foundation’s gift of $750,000 honors its founding board member, Gordon Ewers, a patron of the arts, who will be recognized perpetually near the signature art in the new lower lobby. Due to its size and scope, the artwork will be immediately visible to the thousands of patients and families each year who pass through the main lobby, the new front door to the Akron Campus.

In honoring Mr. Ewers, the Lehner Family Foundation continues a rich legacy of generosity to Summa Health that also includes the establishment of the C. Gordon Ewers Endowed Fund for Cardiology at Summa Health Heart and Vascular Institute, honoring the excellence of cardiologist William B. Bauman, M.D. (left). Other Lehner Foundation gifts that have advanced clinical research, innovation and education at Summa Health include extraordinary support for advanced equipment and technology for the Summa Health Cancer Institute at the Jean and Milton Cooper Pavilion. (right)

**In this artist’s rendering of the lobby of the new patient tower on the Akron Campus, the blue area to the right is reserved for the signature art dedicated to Gordon Ewers. Diana Al-Hadid, a world-renowned artist based in New York, has been commissioned to develop a unique piece for the space. Al-Hadid holds a bachelor’s degree in art history from Kent State.**

Members of the Circle of Women’s Health Philanthropists range in age from 35 to 95 and have diverse backgrounds in business, medicine, philanthropy and much more. They are wives, mothers, daughters and grandmothers. And they share a common goal: Helping other women.

That compassion motivates more than 50 members — a number that doubled in 2017 — in the Circle of Women’s Health Philanthropists, which supports healthcare for women at Summa Health.

“I am so proud of our members, the strides we’ve made and what we’ve been able to accomplish,” said Ginger Marchetta, chair of the Circle since 2017 and a founding member. “Our support of the Circle’s mission through our annual philanthropic investment is helping improve the overall health of women in our community.”

In another first, members considered grant proposals from all Summa Health departments that provide healthcare to women, giving $50,000 each to the Traumatic Stress Center at the Behavioral Health Institute and to the Centering Pregnancy® program of the Women’s Center.

“Part of our success is our members having a sense of ownership,” Ginger said. “When we are considering grants, each member has an individual vote on what we should support. That’s not common, and it really makes the member feel like she has a connection with what the Circle chooses to support.”

The group started in 2013 with Julia Rea Bianchi, member of the Summa Health Foundation board of directors, as the founding chair. She saw the need to support women’s health safety when she learned that the Women’s Health Institute provided obstetrical and gynecological care at more than 15,000 patient visits each year for uninsured and under-insured women in the Akron region.

“Without Summa Health, they might not be getting care anywhere else,” she said. “What is being done here is so important for our community.”

Julia recruited Ginger and eight other founding members of various ages and involvement across the Akron community. The group has grown steadily ever since.

While 2017 was all about building a strong foundation, Ginger said 2018 will be “a year of ownership. We now have a formula that works,” she said. “The tremendous momentum of membership growth has created excitement, and the word is out: This is an engaged and determined group. Women want to be part of something special and that’s what’s happening here: Women advancing the health and well-being of women in our community.”

To join the Circle of Women’s Health Philanthropists, contact Shelley Green, senior director of development. 330.375.6891 or greensh@summahealth.org

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**CIRCLE FOCUSES ON ADVANCING HEALTHCARE FOR WOMEN**

Lehner Family Foundation honors legacy of C. Gordon Ewers

Gordon Ewers (right) is a longtime supporter of the arts in the Akron area and founding board member of the Lehner Family Foundation. In addition to recognizing his generosity near the signature art in the new lower lobby, the Lehner Foundation has established the C. Gordon Ewers Endowed Fund for Cardiology at Summa Health Heart and Vascular Institute, honoring the excellence of cardiologist William B. Bauman, M.D. (left).

Recognizing Mr. Ewers with an original work of art is especially fitting. He worked many years with the Akron Art Museum, including a term as president. A longtime friend of Summa Health, Mr. Ewers served as a foundation board member for nearly 10 years. In addition to participating on the Healing Arts Leadership Council, he is a member of the Heart and Vascular Institute Leadership Council.

“If I had an idea, I just wanted to see it happen,” he said. “I think the two things I’m most proud of are the Circle of Women’s Health Philanthropists and the Lehner Family Foundation.”

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**Circle Focusses on Advancing Healthcare for Women**

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**Julia recruited Ginger and eight other founding members of various ages and involvement across the Akron community. The group has grown steadily ever since.**

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**While 2017 was all about building a strong foundation, Ginger said 2018 will be “a year of ownership. We now have a formula that works,” she said. “The tremendous momentum of membership growth has created excitement, and the word is out: This is an engaged and determined group. Women want to be part of something special and that’s what’s happening here: Women advancing the health and well-being of women in our community.”**
Juan Perdomo remembers Summa Health with generous bequest

The legacy of Juan Perdomo, M.D., exemplifies the strong ties that connect a dedicated physician to the community he serves. When Dr. Perdomo passed away in August 2016, he and his wife, Angelina, had been living in Coral Gables, Florida, for 23 years. Despite that time and distance, Dr. Perdomo left a generous bequest to Summa Health demonstrating a love for and commitment to the health system he had served for nearly three decades prior to his retirement in Florida.

He spent his youth even farther away from Summa Health and the community he would eventually serve. Born and raised in Cuba, Dr. Perdomo graduated from the University of Havana, Cuba, School of Medicine. He came to the United States to continue his training at the Medical College of Virginia.

Daniel and Sara Lauletta are of one mind when it comes to supporting the work of Patrick Palmieri, Ph.D., director of the Summa Health Traumatic Stress Center and holder of the Jim and Vanita Oelschlager Chair in Traumatic Stress.

For more information about establishing a lasting legacy at Summa Health, call Barbara Boyce, senior director of gift planning, 330.375.6356 or boyceb@summahealth.org.

Summit County gift promotes diversity in Summa Health physicians

The Summit County Office of Minority Health recently donated more than $6,000 to Summa Health to support the Dr. Russell Platt Clerkship. This program—a partnership of the health system’s Underrepresented Minority Committee and the Office of Medical Education—strives to improve recruitment of minority medical students and promote diversity for future generations of Summa Health physicians. Studies show that a diverse caregiving staff improves patient and visitor satisfaction, which leads to improved health outcomes.

The program is named for the iconic Russell Platt, M.D., one of Akron’s first African-American physicians who spent more than 50 years at Summa Health after beginning his residency in 1961.

Sara and Dan Lauletta
Champions of mental wellness

“No one should be afraid to get the care they need. Mental illness is just as serious and just as common as physical illness.” - Sara Lauletta

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Kelly Family
Inspiring, educating and training future heart specialists

The Kelly family is passionate about making the world a better place through philanthropy and civic leadership.

Brothers Jim, Bob and Ray Kelly, owners of Bil-Jac Foods in Medina, 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 within the community.

The Kelly brothers were excited to strengthen their parents’ legacy by partnering with the Summa Health Heart and Vascular Institute. The family’s generous gift of $100,000 from the William and Ruth Kelly Foundation will support cardiology fellowships training at Summa Health to become the next generation of heart specialists.

“We know our parents would be thrilled to be involved with Summa Health Heart and Vascular Institute,” said Jim Kelly, who learned first-hand what a difference cardiovascular specialists can make when he spent a day at Summa Health shadowing Roger Chaffee, M.D., chair of the Summa Health Heart and Vascular Institute.

“Summa Health is proud to partner with the Kellys,” Dr. Chaffee said. “The need for quality, dedicated cardiologists is increasing exponentially as our population ages, and the Kellys are helping Summa Health nurture that next generation of caregivers.”

For additional opportunities to support the Summa Health Heart and Vascular Institute, contact Jessica Hudson, senior director of development, 330.375.4762 or hudsonj@summahealth.org.

United Way Way grants help ease access to addiction treatment

Acting on its “Bold Goal” to greatly reduce emergency room (ER) visits due to opioid-related drug overdoses, United Way of Summit County recently awarded two grants to Summa Health, totaling $360,000. The grants support the Summa Health System – Barberton Campus ER in becoming a “front door” to medication-assisted addiction treatment, care coordination and social services that increase patients’ likelihood of successful treatment and recovery. The grants fund a full-time addiction medicine care coordinator who meets with patients who have overdosed.

“That personal, face-to-face encounter makes a big difference,” said Michael Hughes, M.D., president of Summa Health System – Barberton Campus. “In the past, patients were treated and stabilized in the emergency room. Then, when patients were discharged, they were given phone numbers for referrals for outpatient treatment. Now, patients can begin medically assisted treatment before they leave the ER.”

Patients continue care with a ‘bridge’ provider until they start an intensive outpatient program with a definitive provider – all arranged by the care coordinator, who also screens for other needs that can be a barrier to treatment – lack of safe housing, reliable transportation, childcare, as well as food insecurity – and works to address them in collaboration with United Way.

“We are grateful for the support of partners like United Way,” said Department of Psychiatry Chair Joseph Varley, M.D., holder of the Jim and Vanita Oelschlager Endowed Chair in Psychiatry and Behavioral Health. “These grants strengthen the ability of Summa Health Behavioral Health Institute to creatively coordinate and integrate services with our community partners that promote wellness and recovery.”

The Ormond family of physicians carries on a rich tradition of caring for the community

Alexander P. Ormond Sr., Alexander P. Ormond Jr. and Alexander P. Ormond III have more than their names in common. Physicians all, they share the credentials of M.D. In their case, the adage, “Like father, like son,” also must include, “like grandfather,” in a dynasty that provides strong philanthropic support for the professional education of the physicians who follow them.

The Ormond legacy began with the late Alexander P. Ormond Sr., M.D., who worked his way through medical school as a jazz pianist, graduating with honors from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1925. He then completed an internship and residency at Philadelphia General and postgraduate courses in cardiology and internal medicine at the American College of Physicians. In 1927 he joined a local clinic in Akron as its first internist.

His son, Alexander P. Ormond Jr., M.D., followed his father into the world of medicine because “he could see that his father performed a good service.” He joined his father’s practice in 1965 after graduating from the same medical school and completing his internship at what is now Summa Health System – Akron Campus. His internal medicine residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and a cardiology fellowship at University Hospitals of Cleveland. Father and son were a physician team until Dr. Ormond Sr. retired in 1974.

Dr. Ormond Jr., who retired in 1999, specialized in cardiology at Summa Health in an era of explosive change. Several years before he began practicing, the heart-lung machine had made lengthy, open-chest procedures for heart repair possible, he said. Surgical techniques soon included the coronary artery bypass and balloon angioplasty, a less invasive method of opening clogged arteries using catheterization. Dr. Ormond Jr., in fact, performed the first retrograde left heart catheterization and coronary angioplasty in Summit County in 1966.

Among other numerous awards, the American Heart Association honored him as a “Pioneer in Cardiology” in 2003. Dr. Ormond Jr. and his wife, Kathleen, who are committed to sustaining and advancing cardiology care at Summa Health, provide generous support to the Summa Health Heart and Vascular Institute’s cardiovascular medicine fellowship.

Having grown up seeing the same good service his father saw in his grandfather, Alexander P. Ormond III, M.D., followed them into medicine. He graduated from The Ohio State University College of Medicine, completing an internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Summa Health System – Akron Campus, where he currently practices.

He, too, is a generous supporter of professional education at Summa Health Women’s Institute.

There currently are six great-grandchildren of Dr. Ormond Sr. in various stages of their education. Time will tell if a fourth-generation physician is among them.
Gift for Women’s Health reflects deep commitment to Summa Health

Barbara Brunt, RN, a one-time middle-school English teacher, transitioned to healthcare early in life and became a Summa Health icon of education, retiring in 2016 as Magnet® Program director after 25 years of service.

She may have changed her career, but not her calling. Education remained a common thread through every position.

“She’s always been in the education realm, in nursing and prior to nursing,” said Sandy Germano, quality coordinator at Summa Health and a longtime colleague. “She has been such a treasured resource for Summa Health. I knew I learned a lot from Barbara, and so did so many others.”

Barbara’s legacy continues to grow in retirement. In 2017, she established the Barbara A. Brunt Women’s Health Endowment Fund in memory of her mother, Betty Johnson.

“Supporting women’s health seemed like the logical way to go,” Barbara said. “Summa has been very good to me, so I wanted to give back.”

She opted for an increasingly popular way to structure a planned gift, naming Summa Health as the beneficiary of her annuity. She also decided to use the annual income she currently receives from the annuity to establish a named endowment that will support women’s health during her lifetime. The funds remaining in her annuity after her lifetime will transfer to Summa Health from her estate, increasing the size of her endowment and its impact on women’s health far into the future.

“We are so grateful for friends like Barbara,” said Edward M. Ferris, M.D., chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and medical director of the Women’s Health Institute at Summa Health. “With her help, we can continue to make a major impact on women’s healthcare in our region.”

Barbara volunteers at Summa Health one day a week while also staying active with a variety of nursing organizations and watching two of her three grandchildren one day a week.

“It made sense to me to turn my annuity into a gift to Summa Health,” Barbara said. “I have seen all the good things that Summa has done for our patients and for me personally. This is my little way of saying thank you.”

For more information on supporting women’s health programs, contact Shelley Green, senior director of development, 330.375.6891 or greensh@summahealth.org

Burke honored with Charles Deering Legacy Advisor Leadership Award

Cliff Deveny, M.D., interim president and chief executive officer, Summa Health; and chief development officer, Summa Health Foundation; Phylis Ferrara, president of Summa Health Foundation Legacy Advisor Leadership Council; Richard W. Burke, honoree Burke honored with Charles Deering Legacy Advisor Leadership Award; Phylis Ferrara, president of Summa Health Foundation and chief development officer, Summa Health; and Cliff Deveny, M.D., interim president and chief executive officer, Summa Health.

Two valued friends of Summa Health earned much deserved recognition from the Association of Fundraising Professionals Northeast Ohio Chapter’s annual National Philanthropy Day celebration on November 3, 2017. Summa Health was pleased to nominate the Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation, which earned the Foundation Leadership Award, and longtime community leader and Summa Health Foundation board member Julia Rea Bianchi, who was named Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser.

The Comunale Foundation has established a robust philanthropic legacy while partnering with the Summa Health Cancer Institute and other Akron-area organizations to instill happiness and hope in the lives of those affected by cancer. The foundation does this in many ways, including direct financial support for cancer patients, gift cards and care packages.

The foundation also delivers more than 150 holiday dinners to families every year and supports programs such as SummaScreen, which offers free mammograms to uninsured and underinsured women at Summa Health.

Stephen Comunale, whose late son is the foundation’s namesake, is a member of the Summa Health board of directors.

Julia Rea Bianchi focuses her passion on women’s health — specifically, helping at-risk women, children and families in her home communities of Akron and Miami, Florida. She is the founding chair of multiple female-focused non-profit groups, including the Circle of Women’s Health Philanthropists at Summa Health. Her impact in Akron, where she has lived several area fundraisers including the Summa Health Sapphire Ball, has been immeasurable.

Schalmo Homes partners with Summa Health to build Dream House

Ed Peltz was in awe of the Summa Health Cancer Institute after witnessing the comprehensive and compassionate care that his wife, Traci, received while battling breast cancer.

In addition to her clinical care, Traci opted to try an alternative therapy, called a cold cap treatment, to help prevent hair loss during chemotherapy. She and her husband wanted to give back to the community by making cold caps available to those who choose to try them. They also wanted to help others benefit from the supportive services provided by the Cancer Institute at the Renwick Nook in the Jean and Milton Cooper Pavilion. New wigs for cancer patients as well as massage therapy and Reiki are among the services available to cancer patients.

Ed Peltz worked with his employer, Schalmo Homes, to honor Traci’s care team by building a “Dream House” in Canal Fulton that was raffled in October 2017. Several subcontractors and vendors joined with Schalmo Homes to donate their services. The net proceeds benefited the Summa Health Cancer Institute and the health system’s community partners Stewart’s Caring Place and the Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation.

Summa Health is proud to partner with the Comunale Foundation and Julia Rea Bianchi and joins in celebrating their dedication to advancing healthcare in our region.
Four Tops energize evening to benefit breast health

Fine food, a classic Motown concert and a good cause: All of that added up to a record night to highlight breast health services at the 16th annual Summa Health Sapphire Ball presented by Donley’s-Shook.

Nearly 1,000 guests and sponsors at the John S. Knight Center raised a record $1.3 million on October 21, 2017, to benefit the Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Center for Breast Health and other key clinical areas.

“The record is nice, but the important thing is that this generosity is going to make a huge difference in the lives of Summa Health patients,” said Rennick Andreoli, who along with his wife, Dee, served as honorary chairs for the 16th annual Sapphire Ball. “We were proud to work with Summa Health to put on a first-class event and make such an impact for the Williams Center and the important work being done by its physicians and staff.”

Sandy and Tony Solaro chaired the corporate committee and led fundraising efforts. In addition to Donley’s-Shook, the Sapphire Ball was generously supported by Diamond sponsors Huntington and RDA Hotel Management; Ruby sponsors Regina and Robert B. Cooper and Milton Cooper, Sandy and Cliff Deveny, the Lehner Family Foundation, The Pattie Group, and Sandy and Tony Solaro; and Saber Healthcare was the presenting sponsor of the Young Professionals Lounge.

The 2017 event elevated all-time Sapphire Ball giving to more than $10 million.

Gil Padula, M.D., medical director of the Summa Health Cancer Institute and holder of the Vincent and Nancy DiGirolamo Endowed Chair in Oncology, and Melanie Lynch, M.D., medical director of the Williams Center, served as physician chairs. Akron native Sara Shookman of WKYC Channel 3 emceed the gala.

Legendary Motown band the Four Tops played some of their most iconic songs, including “I Can’t Help Myself” and “Ain’t No Woman.” Earlier, guests were moved by a video about two Summa Health breast cancer patients and the important work of the Williams Center. Rennick Andreoli and Brooks Ames then teamed up to lead “Raise The Paddle” bidding that also benefited the Williams Center. A full list of sponsors and photo gallery from the event are available at the gala’s website, SummaHealth.org/SapphireBall.
Supporting our nurses
Testas honored at 2017 golf outing

Kathie and Paul Testa were celebrated for their enduring commitment to Summa Health and the Greater Akron community during the 2017 Summa Health Golf Outing presented by Saber Healthcare Group on June 20, 2017.

More than 100 golfers marveled at a beautiful day on the Firestone Country Club’s famed South Course, then enjoyed dinner and the program to honor the Testas. Paul Testa has served on the Summa Health Foundation board of directors since 2012, and the couple served as chairs of the Sapphire Ball in 2016.

Through the commitment of generous sponsors and supporters, the outing raised $266,000, with net proceeds supporting nursing education and training at Summa Health.

The House of LaRose is the founding sponsor of the Summa Health Golf Outing. IMS served as 2017 gold sponsor while silver sponsors were Aetericare, BakerHostetler and Wetty Building Company.

Robert Grant Perry of Wetty Building Company chaired the 2017 event and also will lead the 2018 Summa Health Golf Outing, which will be June 19 at Firestone’s South Course.

Dick and Yvonne Hamlin with Phylis Ferrara (center), president, Summa Health Foundation and chief development officer, Summa Health

Orthopedics, integrative medicine headline Florida events

Great things are happening at Summa Health.

That was the message Summa Health leaders shared with some of the health system’s closest friends in Naples, Florida, at the annual outreach event on February 1.

The Annual Dinner at the Ritz Carlton Beach Resort featured Cliff Deveny, M.D., interim president and chief executive officer of Summa Health, sharing highlights of 2017 including improvements to the health system’s financial outlook, progress toward expanding the emergency medicine residency program, achievement of the highest possible accreditation status for other residency programs, awards for compassionate patient care and progress on the new patient tower that will open in summer 2019.

Scott Weiner, M.D., chair of the Department of Orthopedics and medical director of Summa Health Orthopedic Institute, and Nilesh Shah, M.D., director of sports medicine at Summa Health, presented the latest advances in orthopedic treatments and techniques, introduced the health system’s expanding team of orthopedic surgeons and physicians, and pointed out the difference those physicians are making in the lives of patients and their families.

Tara Scott, M.D., medical director of integrative medicine at Summa Health, discussed how her specialization complements traditional medicine and the patient-centered approach to healthcare delivery during the annual Ladies Luncheon on January 31 at Pelican Marsh Golf Club. The luncheon was hosted by Colleen Wernig and Marty Wernig. Debby Bauman, Mary Ann Jackson and Kristi Mann served on the host committee.

To see more photos from Summa Health in Florida programs, visit SummaHealth.org/foundation.

Foundation lauded for supporting Summa Health nurses

Summa Health Foundation was honored by the Ohio Nurses Foundation with the 2018 Nurses Choice Award in the Organization category. The annual award recognizes organizations that support and advocate for the nursing profession.

Summa Health nursing leaders nominated the foundation for the award, citing the foundation’s longtime support. Among other initiatives that benefit Summa Health nurses, the foundation worked with generous benefactors to establish the annual Summa Health Golf Outing, which has generated more than $2 million for nursing education since its inception.

“This award is a tribute to the friends and benefactors of Summa Health who are so dedicated to supporting Summa Health nurses,” said Phylis Ferrara, president of the foundation and chief development officer of Summa Health. “Our nurses are on the front line leading Summa Health in its mission to provide the highest quality, compassionate care to our community, and we are proud to support them in any way we can.”

From left: Scott Weiner, M.D., chair, Department of Orthopedics and medical director, Summa Health Orthopedic Institute; Nilesh Shah, M.D., medical director, Summa Health Sports Medicine and director, Summa Health Sports Medicine Fellowship; and Cliff Deveny, M.D., interim president and chief executive officer, Summa Health.

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Dear Friends,

Here I am again. I hope like a good penny I keep showing up to share all the great things happening at Summa Health. What a fantastic place. And what a fantastic family of benefactors we have who support the health system in so many ways. This issue of Promise highlights a few of them. I hope you enjoyed reading about all the good they are doing for cancer care, mental wellness, breast health, the healing arts and professional education, to name just a few.

Most of the physicians who have cared for me over the years are products of the outstanding education and training they received first at Akron City and, later, at residency programs throughout Summa Health. Summa Health continues to meet the challenges of the national healthcare landscape. This year’s match for new residents is a truly wonderful affirmation of our progress. The future is starting again for Summa Health. It is such an exciting time.

And it will be even more exciting as we get closer to the opening of our new patient tower in the spring of 2019. What could be better? And the improvements at Barberton will be profound.

The tower truly will be a place of healing, utilizing all the exciting advances that medicine has brought to us in the last few years. The future will be filled with even more exciting advances that will enhance patient care and improve the patient experience.

Personally, I believe the new private rooms will be one of the most appreciated amenities. I have been watching a lot of PBS medical series, and I am continuously struck by the large number of beds placed side by side in hospitals with no attempt at privacy. Thank goodness Summa Health is moving to a new standard of care that improves patient privacy and reduces the incidence of infection.

That is one of the strengths of Summa today. We understand where we are and what we are doing. We have proven we can adapt as needed, and we know tomorrow will not be like either yesterday or today. And with your support, we will be ready to care for you now and always.

Join us as we prepare for the medicine of tomorrow in buildings and with programs that offer the best to our patients, our doctors, our staff and our communities.

Wishing you the best,

Ann Brennan
Chair, Campaign Executive Committee

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A message from the chairs

To Our Community,

More than 125 years ago, Boniface DeRoo, a man of vision and generosity, left his entire estate to create a place where everyone in our community could go for healing. His legacy continues today with more than $11 million in philanthropic gifts in 2017 — the most in any year in Summa Health history. Such generosity is vital to advancing our mission and testimony to the dedication of thousands of Summa Health physicians, nurses, employees, volunteers, community leaders and philanthropists, several of whom are featured in this magazine.

The role of philanthropy will be more important than ever as we embark on a significant investment in our Greater Akron community that continues, expands and elevates our legacy of compassionate care and clinical excellence. With your support we can continue our efforts to advance clinical education, research and discovery that will transform healthcare in the Akron region for generations to come.

We are honored to be part of the Summa Health legacy and appreciate all the ways your generosity strengthens our ability to provide exceptional patient care now and always.

Sincerely,

Anthony Lockhart
Chair
Summa Health Board of Directors

Thomas Clark
Chair
Summa Health Foundation Board of Directors

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- Ann Brennan

Thomas Clark and Anthony Lockhart
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Gift plans allow you to participate in the rich tradition of philanthropy at Summa Health, often while maintaining — or even enhancing — your current financial circumstances and the inheritance planned for family and loved ones. Please visit our new website at www.summahealth.org/giftplanning to learn about the many simple and creative ways you can establish your own legacy of giving that will impact lives at Summa Health for generations to come. View videos, compare gift options, develop a personalized estate plan, or create sample gift illustrations to review with your family and advisor to help plan a gift that works best for you.

Save the Date

Summa Health Golf Outing
Firestone Country Club, South Course
Tuesday, June 19, 2018
Visit SummaHealth.org/golfouting for sponsorship opportunities and to learn more about the event.

Summa Health Sapphire Ball
John S. Knight Center
Saturday, September 22, 2018
Visit SummaHealth.org/sapphireball for sponsorship opportunities and to purchase tickets and learn more about the event.

For more information about the golf outing or Sapphire Ball, contact Nikki Hawk, director of development, at 330.375.3548 or hawkn@summahealth.org