We are pleased to recognize our treasured benefactors with this 2014 Summa Health System Report on Philanthropy.

Your unwavering generosity helps to advance Summa’s vision, strength and leadership.
On behalf of Summa Health System and our many grateful patients and their families, thank you for your generous support.
Dear Friends,

On behalf of Summa Health System and our many grateful patients and their families, thank you for your generous support in 2014. Your gifts, totaling nearly $8 million, played a significant role in helping us deliver exceptional patient care at Summa.

In the pages of this report, you will read about some of our donors and the contributions that helped make 2014 an exciting year, including an inspirational $2 million gift from Vincent and Nancy DiGirolamo. This gift brings the couple’s total support to more than $4 million and makes the DiGirolamos the most generous individual donors in Summa history. We are humbled by their dedication to Summa and proud to count them among our most loyal friends.

Every gift to Summa makes an immeasurable difference in the lives of our patients. It is an honor to thank each of you for your partnership in advancing Summa’s mission to provide the highest quality, compassionate care to our patients and contribute to a healthier community.

Gratefully yours,
ViSiOn in Action: Restoring Well-being for Veterans

Harry Donovan
World War II Purple Heart veteran Harry Donovan was only 17 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944. He survived multiple enemy encounters during seven different invasions in the Pacific. Sustained by his strong faith, he returned to civilian life a grateful man. But he never forgot – nor stopped helping – other veterans.

“God has been good to me. Serving in the Navy was the proudest time of my life. I am honored to give back to other veterans,” says Mr. Donovan, who was instrumental in opening Valor Home for homeless veterans in Akron in 2013.

Through a $100,000 gift in 2014 from The Donovan Veterans Fund of Akron Community Foundation, Mr. Donovan and his wife, Fran, created the Harry and Fran Donovan Fund for Veteran Care at Summa. Helping Summa reach and treat more individuals who are struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is one of many ways the fund helps veterans.

“I think of trauma as having tentacles that can intrude into different areas of a patient’s life – psychological well-being, job performance, physical health, relationships,” says Patrick Palmieri, PhD. He is Director of the Center for the Treatment and Study of Traumatic Stress at Summa – one of only a few of its kind in the nation.

“Educating health professionals to recognize trauma and its far-reaching effects is central to our mission,” says Joseph D. Varley, MD, Chair, Department of Psychiatry and holder of the Jim and Vanita Oelschlager Chair in Psychiatry and Behavioral Health.

One veteran already benefitting from the program is Kelly Albrecht. Following 13 months of active duty in Iraq, the Kansas native developed PTSD and battled symptoms for almost eight years. When his wife’s career brought the family to Northeast Ohio, he turned to Summa. “I needed more than pills. I wanted to get to the root of the problem – to dive in and work it from the inside out.”

After only six weeks in the program, Mr. Albrecht and his wife, Stephanie, noticed dramatic improvements. “I’m off all sleeping medication,” says the stay-at-home father. “I’m much better at handling crowded places. I’m more comfortable riding in vehicles and talking with strangers.

“Growing up, I was that guy who people came to for cheering up,” says Mr. Albrecht. “I want to get back to that.”

With help from Summa and through the Donovans’ support, he’s on his way.

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– Kelly Albrecht
At Summa Cancer Institute, the fight against cancer — from the daily battle to return each patient to wellness to the end goal of its complete eradication — builds on a strong foundation of philanthropic support.

In 2014, Vincent and Nancy DiGirolamo became the most generous individual donors in Summa Health System history. Their $2 million gift brought their total philanthropic support for Summa to more than $4 million. Their most recent gift supports the Vincent and Nancy DiGirolamo Endowed Chair in Oncology, which was established in 2007. Their 2007 gift also created the Vincent and Nancy DiGirolamo Cancer Symposium, an annual gathering of cancer experts that helps keep Summa Cancer Institute at the forefront of patient care.

“We are profoundly grateful for Vince and Nancy’s support — and that of so many others,” says R. Douglas Trochelman, MD, DiGirolamo chairholder and Summa Cancer Institute Medical Director. “Their generosity helps us invest in talent and technology that strengthen our ability to deliver high-quality, compassionate cancer care to thousands of patients every year.”

Summa’s emphasis on quality inspired the DiGirolamos’ support. During his 30 years on the Summa Health System Board of Directors, Mr. DiGirolamo saw quality reflected in every Summa employee — from cafeteria workers to the medical staff. So did Mrs. DiGirolamo, who served on the Women’s Board of Summa Health System for 27 years as a patient volunteer.

Mrs. DiGirolamo experienced Summa Cancer Institute’s competent, compassionate care firsthand through her own battle with the disease.

“When Nancy had her challenges with cancer, I saw Summa’s quality of care in action,” Mr. DiGirolamo says. “It’s something Summa takes very seriously, and we are very grateful for that. The hospital system has grown over the years, and quality of care has grown right with it.”

A retired National City (now PNC Bank) executive, Mr. DiGirolamo views Summa Health System as a mainstay of the local economy. “It’s very important for the well-being of the community that this important asset continues to thrive.”
LEADERSHIP in nursing: At the Forefront of Excellence

Christina Merchant, RN
Christina Merchant, RN, treats her patients like family. Her caring nature is one of the qualities that make her an excellent nurse and drive her to become an even better one. That’s why she is pursuing an advanced nursing degree at Kent State University. Her commitment to self-improvement mirrors Summa’s commitment to delivering the highest level of quality care.

Milton Wiskind believes in that commitment too. Inspired by Summa’s emphasis on patient-centered care, he and his late wife, Edith, chose to help Summa’s nurses, one of many groups that benefit from their generosity. Their gift supports a nursing scholarship that enables Christina to pursue her dream to become a nurse practitioner in geriatrics.

“With the aging population and a predicted shortage of physicians, more nurses will be needed to provide specialized care,” says Mr. Wiskind, a retired executive at Akron’s Myers Industries. “We wanted to help the nurses who provide that care so compassionately.”

“At Summa, we encourage our nurses to pursue master’s degrees and certifications in their areas of expertise,” says Lanie Ward, RN, Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer in charge of Summa’s team of more than 1,900 nurses. “Generous donors like the Wiskinds help make that possible.”

“It’s all about our continuous journey to improve care,” adds Barbara Brunt, RN, Summa’s Magnet Program Director.

In 2011, Summa Akron City and Summa St. Thomas hospitals became the first adult hospitals in Summit County to achieve Magnet status, the ultimate credential for high-quality nursing. Conferred by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, Magnet status is currently held by only 7 percent of hospitals nationwide.

Christina, the first person in her family to attend college, is very grateful for the scholarship. Her handwritten notes about her progress endeared her to the Wiskinds, especially Mrs. Wiskind, who passed away in April 2014.

“Christina’s middle name is Angelina,” says Mr. Wiskind. “I told her that her patients probably call her an angel.” That’s exactly how Christina Merchant thinks of him.

“Christina’s middle name is Angelina. I told her that her patients probably call her an angel.” – Milton Wiskind
HONORING SUMMA’S BENEFACtORS

The generous support of our community makes a difference in the lives of our patients and their families every day at Summa Health System. Since the founding of Summa Akron City Hospital in 1892, multitudes of individuals have contributed to Summa’s success. We celebrate this tradition of philanthropy and express our sincere appreciation to our treasured benefactors.

Thomas W. Cornell Philanthropic Leadership Society

The Thomas W. Cornell Philanthropic Leadership Society recognizes individuals and organizations that have enriched the health system with cumulative giving of $1 million or more. Thomas W. Cornell was a prominent Akron businessman and civic leader whose gift augmented donations from Boniface DeRoo and O.C. Barber, allowing Summa Akron City Hospital to open its doors in 1892.

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“Summa’s strength is in its people. Their caring and compassion inspire us to give back.”

– SUSAN AND DAVID BANKS
O.C. Barber Benefactor Society

Named in honor of Summa Akron City Hospital’s first president, the O.C. Barber Benefactor Society gratefully acknowledges individuals and organizations whose lifetime support ranges from $25,000 to $999,999.

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O.C. Barber, along with Boniface DeRoo and Thomas W. Cornell, had the vision to transform aspiration into action and create a legacy of healing for the Akron community.

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— WILLIAM WEISBERG
MEMBER
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William and Gia Weisberg
I’m from a family that believes in giving back to the community. For employees, Summa is our community, and it truly deserves our support.

— VIRGINIA “GINNIE” ABEll, RN
DIRECTOR
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Ginnie Abell made her first gift to Summa in 1964 when she received her first paycheck as a nurse at Summa St. Thomas Hospital. Last year marked her 50th anniversary as a Summa employee, and she continues to give back.

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“Summa feels like family to me because I did my internship and residency here. When you’re family, giving back is the right thing to do. Those of us who work here are responsible for the success of the institution as a whole.”

– MARCUS OBEIUS, DO
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Over his 10 years at Summa, Dr. Obeius has supported hospice and palliative care, critical care and numerous fundraising events, in addition to emergency medicine education and research.

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—DONALD FOGELSANGER
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The lay navigation program at Summa meets our mission to leverage programs and organizations that empower people who have historically been underserved. Lay navigators connect vulnerable people with the right tools to improve their health trajectory.

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Every gift to Summa makes an immeasurable difference in the lives of our patients.

APRIL 23
Summa Leadership Councils program launched (read more, page 25).

MARCH 6
Friends of Summa met in Florida with leaders and physicians to learn about advances at Summa Cardiovascular Institute.

JUNE 24
The successful fifth annual Summa Foundation Golf Outing was chaired by Steve Wilt, while Nancy and Vincent DiGirolamo served as honorary co-chairs of the sold-out event.

MAY 6
Andreoli Awards for Nursing Excellence, established by Dee Dee and Rennick Andreoli, announced at Summa’s Nursing Legacy Award Celebration.

MAY 28
Ann and David Brennan presented with Boniface DeRoo Award for Philanthropy at inaugural Summa Society Celebration. Eighteen benefactors inducted into Thomas W. Cornell Philanthropic Leadership Society.

JULY 1
Summa welcomed its first cardiovascular medicine fellows, supported by the Rice Family Fellowship in Cardiology established by Bob and Joyce Rice.
**AUGUST 26**
State-of-the-art Richard M. and Yvonne Hamlin Hybrid Operating Room Suite opened.

**OCTOBER 11**
Summa Sapphire Ball, chaired by Jeannine and Steve Marks, featured Summa Hospice and Palliative Care and raised a record $1.3 million.

**OCTOBER 20**
FirstMerit Bank’s Leigh Gerstenberger, Senior Vice President, Regional Wealth Executive, accepted the inaugural Summa Legacy Leadership Award.

**DECEMBER 10**
Walter W. Born Foundation provided a generous gift and challenge grant to support advanced breast imaging.

**OCTOBER 27**
First patient treated with Vero™ radiation therapy, an advanced technology supported by The Lehner Family Foundation and the Honor Project administered by Dworken & Bernstein.

**DECEMBER 11**
Vincent and Nancy DiGirolamo committed $2 million to advance cancer prevention and treatment (read more, page 6).

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Jeff and Sue DeKorte, left, with former Summa CEO Tom Strauss.

Vincent and Nancy DiGirolamo

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Leigh Gerstenberger, left, with former Summa CEO Tom Strauss.

From left: Mona Sarkar and Toby Blossom, representing Walter W. Born Foundation, present a check to CEO Tom Malone, MD; Melanie Lynch, MD, Medical Director, Breast Program; and Chief Development Officer Phylis Ferrara.

Mona Sarkar and Toby Blossom

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Nancy and Vincent DiGirolamo
Summa’s program for pregnant women with addictive disorders addresses some of the critical causes of infant mortality in a state that has one of the worst mortality records in the nation. We recognized that Summa’s program could help us move the needle on this important issue.

– KAREN HOOSER
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THE REINBERGER FOUNDATION

In 2014, The Reinberger Foundation committed financial support for Summa’s work with pregnant women dealing with addiction to opiates, a growing problem in Northeast Ohio.

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Creating a quiet, pleasant atmosphere in the breast center waiting area is important to us personally and professionally. We support compassionate care at Summa, and we believe in giving back. Renovating the breast center waiting area gives us a meaningful way to do both.

– CHARLOTTE AND ROBERT HAMOR, MD
DR. HAMOR, NOW RETIRED, IS PAST CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY AT SUMMA HEALTH SYSTEM
I am privileged to help train young physicians, an opportunity I owe to my parents, Samuel and Kathleen Bauman, who stressed the importance of education as a lifelong endeavor. My gift honors their memory and their commitment to education, which ultimately benefits our patients today while opening doors for the next generation of physicians.

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“Over the course of years and in our encounters with healthcare, we have developed a tremendous appreciation for the work nurses do and the great care with which they treat Summa’s patients and families.”

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