

MISSION To form a powerful and influential network of female leaders who share a philanthropic vision of improving the overall health and well-being of women in our community.

STRUCTURE Leadership positions in The Circle include honorary chair, chair and chair-elect. The chair will lead The Circle for a two-year term. The chair-elect will be appointed in the last quarter of the current chair's second-year term. The chair-elect will assume the role of chair on January 1 of the next calendar year.

LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

- **Marie Lawson Society (10-year commitment):** Marie Lawson is one of Summa Health's earliest visionaries. As superintendent of Akron City Hospital from 1895 to 1919, Marie embodied charity and love for the welfare of the Akron community. She influenced community leaders to build a new, larger hospital building, moving from the Bartges Mansion to the new Akron City Hospital in 1904. In the spirit of Marie's vision, the Marie Lawson Society recognizes those members who make a lasting impact on the health and well-being of our community and women's health through a 10-year commitment or cumulative membership.
- **Patroness (4-year commitment):** Annual Members and Young Professionals who make a lasting impact on the health and well-being of our community and women's health through a four-year commitment or cumulative membership. Patroness dues can be spread out over 12 equal payments with the fiscal year ending in September.
- **Young Professionals (under 40 years old):** Female executives, professionals and social philanthropists under 40 who make an annual tax-deductible gift of \$1,000 per year. Young Professional dues can be spread out over 12 equal payments with a fiscal year ending in September.
- **Annual Members:** Female executives, professionals and social philanthropists who make an annual tax-deductible gift of \$2,500 per year. Annual dues can be spread out over 12 equal payments with the fiscal year ending in September.



BENEFITS

- Quarterly events to network, socialize and celebrate The Circle's positive philanthropic impact
- Invitations to annual Summa Health events
- Listing on the Summa Foundation website
- Listing in the Annual Honor Roll of Summa Health Donors
- Quarterly digital member updates
- Access to private Facebook group for members
- Distinctive sterling silver bracelet with a commemorative charm for each year of membership; exclusive charm for the Patroness and Marie Lawson Society status, specially designed by TaylorMade Jewelers
- SummaDirect annual membership for member and spouse
- Private membership directory

HOW THE CIRCLE WORKS

Members' annual dues are combined into a grant pool. Every fall, members vote individually through an electronic survey to select an initiative focused on women's healthcare with funds distributed at the end of each calendar year.

FUNDED INITIATIVES

- 2021** Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Neuroscience Institute; Pastoral Care Services
- 2020** Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Family Medicine Center; Research and Cancer Institutes
- 2019** Summa Health Palliative Care; Summa Health Pride Clinic; Research and Cancer Institutes
- 2018** Centering Parenting Program in Family Medicine; Summa Health Pride Clinic
- 2017** CenteringPregnancy® Program in Women's Health; Traumatic Stress Center in Behavioral Health
- 2016** Portable ultrasound equipment for Summa Maternal-Fetal Medicine Department
- 2015** "Flourish Women's App" Cancer Survivorship Module
- 2014** "Flourish Women's App" for Smart Phone and tablet app

FLOURISH HEALTH BLOG Sign up for Summa Health's award-winning health blog: summahealth.org/flourish

JOIN US! We want YOU to be part of the conversation

New members are always welcome. New members can register and pay dues by credit or debit card using our secure online registration page: summahealth.org/thecircle/dues. Checks also can be made payable to "Summa Health" and mailed to Ashley Manning (see contact information below). Monthly payment plans also are available. Please contact Ashley for more information.

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CIRCLE

- **Honor and Memorial Gifts:** Honor someone special or memorialize a loved one with a special gift to The Circle. A personalized letter will be sent to the honoree or his/her family members notifying them of the honor or memorial gift. The gift amount will remain confidential.
- **Other Support:** Individuals unable to join as a member may make a tax-deductible gift of any amount to support the mission of The Circle of Women's Health Philanthropists.
- **Pay with Stock or Securities:** Gifts of appreciated stocks or securities are a valuable contribution and may provide a significant tax advantage.
- **Matching Gifts:** Matching gift programs enable employees to increase their contribution to the charities of their choice. While some companies match employee contributions dollar for dollar, others double or triple the value and impact of their employees' gifts.
- **Event Sponsorship:** Event sponsorships bring high visibility to your company and highlight your commitment to supporting women's access to high-quality healthcare. Four events are available for sponsorship annually. Each event provides high-profile exposure and consistently attracts an audience of top corporate executives and community leaders.

For more information about The Circle of Women's Health Philanthropists, please contact:

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