The Circle of Women’s Health Philanthropists
2019 Information Sheet

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  Circle positions 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.

MEMBERSHIP

- 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.

- 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.

- Patroness (4-Year Society): 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 4-year commitment or cumulative membership. Patroness dues can be spread out over 12 equal payments.

- Marie Lawson Society (10-Year Society): Marie Lawson is considered among Summa Health’s first visionaries. As superintendent of Akron City Hospital from 1895-1919, 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.

BENEFITS

- Quarterly events to network, socialize and celebrate the Circle’s positive philanthropic impact
- Invitations to annual Summa Health events
- Listing on Summa Health Foundation website
- Listing in Summa Health Foundation Annual Report
- Quarterly digital member updates
- Access to private Facebook group for members
- Distinctive sterling silver bracelet with 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
2018  Centering Parenting Program in Family Medicine
       Summa Health Pride Clinic
2017  Centering Pregnancy 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 using our secure online registration page: SummaHealth.org/thecircle-dues. Checks also can make checks payable to “Summa Health” and sent to Shelley Green (see information at bottom). Monthly payment plans also are available; contact Shelley for more information.

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CIRCLE
• Honor & 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 their family, 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 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 to you.
• Matching Gifts: Matching gift programs enable employees to increase their contribution to the charities of their choice. While some companies match employee contributions dollar to dollar, others double or triple the value and impact of their employees’ gifts.
• Event Sponsorship: Event sponsorships bring great visibility to your company and highlight your commitment to supporting access to high-quality healthcare. Four events are available for sponsorship annually. Each event provides high-profile exposure, consistently attracting an audience of top corporate executives and community leaders.

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