Thank You!

You helped make it possible:
A year of unprecedented support for patient care

In 2021, we celebrated the unprecedented philanthropic support received from you and so many members of our community during an extraordinary time at Summa Health.

Dr. Gary and Pamela Williams made history with a visionary gift of $15 million, the largest gift ever bestowed on Summa Health. In grateful recognition, Summa Health named its flagship front door to the Akron Campus – the Dr. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Tower – in their honor.

Thanks to your collective generosity, we surpassed the initial goal of $75 million for the Campaign for Summa Health, “Caring for You... Then, Now, Always” to enhance the patient experience and empower clinical excellence. Building on this extraordinary momentum, Summa Health extended the campaign and moved closer to a new goal of $125 million in 2022.

All gifts help Summa Health provide the highest quality, compassionate care now and always — and build on our legacy of caring for the whole you. Summa Health’s investment in behavioral health represents that commitment with the opening of the Juve Family Behavioral Health Pavilion in January 2023.

In this 2021 donor impact report, we are pleased to share with you the many ways your philanthropy supports our mission.

Your gifts helped in so many ways by …

- Treating all patients regardless of their ability to pay
- Helping us grow to meet the needs of our community
- Caring for the whole you
- Providing the best of care, close to home
- Training the next generation of caregivers
Treating all patients regardless of their ability to pay
With your generosity, Summa Health continues to deliver on its promise of providing high-quality care for all those in our community, regardless of their ability to pay. In 2021 alone, Summa Health provided $63.7 million in traditional charity care and subsidized health services to area residents in need.

Helping us grow to meet the needs of our community
Your support helps us meet the ever-changing needs of our community. Philanthropic support in 2021 enhanced our high standard of patient care through new state-of-the-art facilities, technology and equipment. Our newest facilities in Fairlawn, Tallmadge, and Stow/Kent and the Summa Health Rootstown Medical Center improve access to quality healthcare for the growing communities in our care.

Caring for the whole you
One in four people experiences mental health issues in their lifetime. Our commitment to this vital area of behavioral healthcare includes a new home for the Summa Health Behavioral Health Institute on the Akron Campus in January 2023. The Juve Family Behavioral Health Pavilion is the centerpiece of Summa Health’s investment in the community and reflects our commitment to caring for the whole person. The seven-story, 158,000-square-foot building includes both inpatient and outpatient services. One of the key benefits of the new pavilion is the integration of services on the Akron Campus. This state-of-the-art model offers compassionate, quality care for patients including single-occupancy rooms, partial inpatient care and group counseling.

Providing the best of care, close to home
Summa Health continues to build on its reputation as a destination for the highest quality, compassionate care. Awards, recognition and accreditations testify to the dedication of our nearly 8,000 employees and the powerful impact of your support. For the first time ever, the Akron and Barberton Campuses were a recipient of the Healthgrades 2022 America’s 100 Best Hospitals Award™ placing Summa Health among the top two percent of all hospitals for clinical care and patient outcomes across treatment of the most common conditions and procedures.

Training the next generation of caregivers
Thanks to your generosity, Summa Health continues its rich history of excellence in medical education. For decades, our teaching programs have been at the heart of our mission: to serve our community with the highest-quality care. Summa Health offers over 20 residency and fellowship programs with training that provides exposure to hands-on, high-volume patient care using the most advanced technology. For example, the Summa Health Cardiovascular Fellowship and Family Medicine Residency programs continue to advance in breadth and depth, giving fellows and residents opportunities that enrich their time with us and participation in significant research studies, working under the direction of dedicated teachers and mentors. Your meaningful support helps establish a robust pipeline for the next generation of physicians and clinical specialists in the Greater Akron area.
Our patients count on you and Summa Health

To treat the whole patient – body, mind and spirit – Summa Health provides a multitude of programs and services that rely heavily – and sometimes totally – on your generosity. As the community’s largest safety net provider, Summa Health is more vital than ever before for the health and well-being of our communities. Philanthropic support is increasingly important to establish and sustain access to care through important programs such as:

- **Summa Health Pride Clinic**
  The Summa Health Pride Clinic provides a comfortable, safe place for all who seek a medical home. Since opening in 2019, patient visits have continued to increase exponentially.

- **Summa Health Women’s Health Center**
  The Summa Health Women’s Health Center provides routine OB/GYN examination services, pregnancy services and referrals to other specialty women’s health services to uninsured and under-served patients.

- **Summa Health Equity Center**
  The Summa Health Equity Center provides 11,000 patients annually with outstanding, quality care to create health equity for all through primary care, health education prevention initiatives and community programming.

- **First Step**
  First Step offers an innovative addiction treatment program, first launched at the Barberton Campus Emergency Department, then expanded to the Akron Campus Emergency Department and most recently the freestanding emergency departments in Green and Wadsworth in 2021.

- **Centering Pregnancy® program**
  The Centering Pregnancy® program provides enhanced prenatal care to more than 170 at-risk patients annually.

- **Complex Care Clinic**
  The Complex Care Clinic serves the needs of adult patients with a variety of complex conditions and helps them to thrive with a coordinated care team of physicians in one centralized location on the Akron Campus. One patient who spent 296 days in the year in the hospital had that number dramatically reduced to just 10 days while in the care of the coordinated team.

- **Summa Health COVID-19 response**
  In 2021, more than $446,715 in gifts from the community of all sizes helped to support Summa Health’s COVID-19 response by providing resources, personal protective equipment, meals and snacks. That number continues to grow.
Investing in our community and developing healthcare leaders of tomorrow

A sharp decline of employment in the healthcare industry of more than 80,000 jobs since 2020 has continued due to challenges related to COVID-19. Summa Health developed a comprehensive workforce planning and community program strategy to attract, develop and retain qualified, top talent to address short and long-term staffing needs including:

Summa Health’s Smart Start Program

The Smart Start Program is dedicated to developing and strengthening our employees and future members of the workforce through a variety of educational and certification programs and partnerships with Aultman College and Stark State College.

Our partnership with Aultman College provides students with 100 percent paid tuition and fees upfront to earn a degree in their chosen healthcare field and connects them to career opportunities after graduation. Currently, hundreds of students await an opportunity for a seat in the medical assisting and phlebotomy classes. Capacity is limited due to lack of funding.

In our partnership with Stark State College, selected students are provided half tuition or $2,000 in living expenses per semester for degrees in nursing, respiratory therapy, medical assisting and surgical technology. Living expenses help alleviate child care, rent, food and transportation expenses so students can focus on school to become gainfully employed in the healthcare industry.

Visit summahealth.org/foundation or call 330.375.3159 for more information.