

Fund Directory



**Highlighted funds represent annual Priority Funds*

Breast Cancer

Gifts to this fund support breast cancer research initiatives. This fund also provides assistance to cancer patients in need through the Paula's Purse program, subsidizes mammograms for the underinsured and uninsured patients in our region, and lends support to staff education and the services of the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders and Norma J. Vinger Center for Breast Care.

Brian's Fund for Colon Cancer

Gifts to this fund support colon, colorectal, and anal cancer patients by helping to alleviate the financial burden related to their cancer diagnosis.

Bruce and Lisa Kerr Addiction Medicine

Supports continuing education of primary care residents at Gundersen to develop their medical expertise in treating addictions. Funds also support trauma informed care training and the the rewards based contingency management program of Gundersen Behavioral Health.

Cancer Research

Gifts to this fund support oncology research initiatives.

Cardiac

Earnings from this fund support cardiac research, education, and other cardiac related programs.

Carilee

The Carilee fund provides emergency financial assistance to help survivors overcome the economic obstacles that often prevent them from taking the first step to safety.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals supports area children and families with transportation, medical equipment, specialty services, therapy and more. Funds also support pediatric medical research, education, equipment, and programming at Gundersen Health System.

Community Health Outreach

Gifts to this fund are used in partnership with Gundersen Health System for educational programs, health screenings and a variety of health-related programs for the community.

Diabetes Program

This fund support diabetes education and programs.

Dr. Dennis K. and Sharon B. Ryan Optometry Residency Endowment

Earnings on the endowment will be used to support Gundersen Medical Foundation's Optometry Residency program.

Edward Winga, MD, Director of Internal Medicine Endowment

Lead gifts made by Dr. Edward and Sharon Winga provided the necessary foundation for this endowment in 2006. This program was modeled after Dr. Overholt's widely acclaimed military Internal Medicine Residency Program. Income is used to offset the salary for the program director of the Internal Medicine residency program.

Edwin L. Overholt, MD, Chair of Medical Education Endowment

Established in honor of Dr. Overholt's retirement in 1993, this fund provides the ongoing resources necessary to retain the visionary leadership that our reputation for educational excellence was built upon.

Elvira Hebell Addiction Support

The Elvira Hebell Addiction Support Fund supports staff education, training, and programs to benefit Gundersen patients with drug addictions. Funds also support patient specific needs and the resident rotation in Addiction Medicine program.

Emergency Care

This fund supports Gundersen departments providing emergent, urgent, critical, and first responder care to the most severe and critically injured patients in the communities we serve.

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Employee Health and Wellness

Gifts to this fund serve employees, volunteers and retirees of Gundersen Health System by supporting activities and programs designed to enhance their health and wellness.

Employees Helping Employees Emergency Fund

Employees Helping Employees is an emergency financial assistance program for Gundersen Health System employees. A crisis can happen anytime, to anyone. Gifts to this fund can help employees in a time of need with grants of up to \$1,000.

Eric F. Brekke, MD General Surgery Residency Global Health

Gifts to this fund support General Surgery residents in their pursuit of volunteering with national and international surgical teams.

Eye Institute

Gifts to this fund are to be used primarily in support of educational initiatives to benefit patients or staff of the Gundersen Eye Institute. Additional uses included funding support for research and programmatic needs.

Global Health Initiatives

Gifts to this fund provide resources for Gundersen medical students and employees to study and work in under-resourced countries, helping to provide needed health care around the world.

Global Partners At Home

Support Global Partners outreach efforts in the tri-state region and area schools.

Global Partners Central America

Support Global Partners outreach efforts in Nicaragua and other Central American countries in the Caribbean Basin region.

Global Partners Endowment

Help grow the financial independence for Global Partners, a program that uses impactful volunteer outreach to improve the health of communities in Ethiopia, Central America, Pine Ridge Indian reservation and local schools.

Global Partners Ethiopia

Support Global Partners outreach efforts in Ethiopia.

Global Partners General

Support Global Partners efforts to improve the health, education and quality of life for global citizens, including those in our own region.

Global Partners Pine Ridge

Support Global Partners outreach efforts in Pine Ridge, South Dakota and with other tribes in the Great Plains region.

Gundersen Heart Institute

Gifts to this fund support programs, services, research, educational needs and equipment that enhance the coronary care unit, cardiac rehabilitation and cardiac wellness.

Hospice

Earnings from the Hospice endowment fund supports programming, equipment, and services for hospice patients and their families. Examples include Hospice staff education, patient transportation, rental of durable medical equipment, memory box supplies, yarn for comfort shawls, and more.

James Webster, MD, & Lucian Griffith, MD, Director of Transitional Year Residency Endowment

Major benefactors Dr. Stephen and Katie Webster established this endowed Directorship in 2005 to honor their fathers', James Webster, M.D. and Lucian Griffith, M.D., dedication to teaching that has transcended generations. Income is used to offset the salary for the program director of the Transitional Year residency program.

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Kabara Cancer Research Institute Endowment

Endowment fund established in 2008 by Jon and Betty Kabara. The mission of the Institute is to assist with investigating new therapeutics and cures for cancer. Income is used to offset the cost of the Kabara Cancer Research Institute.

Kaitlin's Table Endowment

You can help shed light on adolescent mental health issues and remove the stigma by donating to Kaitlin's Table, a program of Gundersen Medical Foundation. Kaitlin's Table is designed to change the face of mental illness recognition, diagnosis and treatment, and reach out to youth who are struggling with life's challenges.

Katie Battison Reading Initiatives Endowment

Gifts to the Reading Initiatives fund primarily support Reach Out and Read, an early literacy program that supplies young children with books at well child visits to improve school readiness and promote pediatric care compliance.

Kerckhove Mental Health and Social Services

Support behavioral health, social services and the Center for Violence Prevention and Intervention by providing emergency funds to help patients with transportation, medical equipment and other patient needs.

Lea Cornell, MD, Director of Family Medicine Residency Endowment

The Family Medicine Residency was established in 2013, adding another residency program of significance to our region. Four years later, an endowment fund was created and income is used to offset the salary for the program director of the Family Medicine residency program.

Library

Gifts to this fund support the Gundersen Health System library programs and services.

Lung Cancer Research Endowment

Earnings from this fund provide annual funding for lung cancer research initiatives and programming.

Medical Education

Support the next generation of medical professional and continuing medical education for our staff.

Medical Research

Contribute to our world class medical research programs with a primary focus on cancer and Lyme's disease research.

Movement Disorders and Parkinson's Disease

Gifts to this fund are used primarily in support of educational and research initiatives of the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center program. Additional uses include funding support for capital purchases and programmatic needs.

Neurology

Gifts to this fund support education, equipment, and programmatic needs for the Neurology or Neurosciences departments.

Norma J. Vinger Center for Breast Care

Gifts to this fund are primarily used in support of educational and research initiatives of the Norma J. Vinger Center for Breast Care. Additional uses include funding support for capital purchases and programmatic needs.

Nursing Education

Support continuing education opportunities such as the Primary Care Nursing Conference, which supports Gundersen staff through engaging education and training to nurses.

Nursing Research

Gifts to this fund are used primarily in support of nursing research initiatives. Additional uses include support for nursing research program needs, capital purchases and restricted funding for student scholarly research.

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Oncology

Gifts to this fund are used primarily in support of educational and research initiatives of the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. Additional uses include funding support for capital purchases and programmatic needs.

Palliative Care

Gifts to this fund support Palliative Care programs and services.

Paula's Purse Cancer Patient

When patients are going through treatment for cancer, finances can get tight. Some patients struggle to pay for basic necessities like food, heat and gas, causing another worry when they already have so many. Paula's Purse is a fund with these patients in mind. The money raised for the fund will be distributed to cancer patients and their families who need help buying basic necessities.

Physical and Occupational Therapy

Support staff educational opportunities such as Therapeutic Neuroscience Education which helps to address the opioid problem and assist patients with alternative pain management.

Renal Dialysis

Gifts to this fund support the further professional education of staff, and the programs and services of the Renal Dialysis department.

Sheila Caine Survivorship

Gifts to this fund help to defray the cost of education and materials for Gundersen Health System's Cancer Survivorship program. The Cancer Survivorship Clinic assists patients with the transition from cancer treatment to recovery.

Spiritual Care

Gifts to this fund support Gundersen's Spiritual Care Department which serves patients of all faiths according to their specific needs and requests for care and support.

Surgical Residency Program

Gifts to this fund support the surgical residency program.

Thompson Lead True

Gifts to this fund are used for speakers or educational opportunities supporting leadership development.

TLC Fund

Earnings from this fund provide resources for the care and well-being of children, adults, and families within the greater Coulee Region.

Vinger Alzheimer's and Dementia Support

Gifts to this fund support medical research, education, and patient programming related to Alzheimer's and Dementia related diseases.

William Kiskin, MD, & Thomas Cogbill, MD, Director of General Surgery Residency Endowment

Established in 2006 by multiple commitments by alumni and friends of the program, this endowment is named in honor of two very prominent and extraordinary directors: Dr. William Kiskin and Dr. Thomas Cogbill. Income is used to offset the salary for the program director of the General Surgery residency program.

Planned Giving

If you have an interest in learning about the many benefits of making a planned gift or have questions about the best way for you to benefit through a planned gift, please call (608) 775-6600. A member of our Planned Giving Team will be very pleased to help you. Learn more at www.gundersengift.org.

**This Fund Directory is not comprehensive of all Foundation funds available. If you have questions about additional funds you can support, please contact Gundersen Medical Foundation.*

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