His eyes were wide with curiosity, darting around and soaking everything in. There was a bed with buttons that made it move up and down, a playroom full of toys, doctors in white coats, and all sorts of medical equipment.

As five-year-old Alex Awrey walked the halls of Metro Health Hospital with Child Life Specialist Katie Wiebenga, one might have thought he was with his best friend rather than a hospital employee he had just met. His easy chatter and light step brought a smile to his parents’ faces as they followed closely behind.

Alex needed surgery, and it couldn’t wait much longer. His ongoing health problems, including sleep apnea and frequent, severe nosebleeds, were taking a toll on the small boy. He needed relief, and that meant having sinus surgery.

“It’s a hard thing to put your child through. I knew it could be a scary experience for him, so I wanted to make sure he was as prepared as possible,” said Blanca Awrey, Alex’s mom.

Blanca called Metro’s Child Life Services, a specialized program—completely funded by donations to the Metro Health Hospital Foundation—designed to help pediatric patients understand and cope with their medical experiences.
Play Date
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Through a host of child-friendly services, the program helps ease the anxieties of children like Alex before, during and after procedures and treatments. Katie arranged a pre-surgical tour for Alex and his family.

Alex’s anxiety seemed to melt away as soon as he met Katie. As if on a great adventure, he followed her to the surgery preparation and recovery rooms. He was fascinated by the doctors’ tools, handling them carefully while she explained how they worked.

And his eyes danced when Katie pulled out a doll, dressed like a hospital patient, and declared Alex to be the doctor. Together, the two walked through what would happen on the day of Alex’s surgery. And with guidance, “Doctor” Alex carefully inserted an IV for his doll…all the while gently reassuring his patient that it would hurt, but only a little.

Alex left his worries behind that day. In the days leading up to his surgery, there were no angst-ridden dreams or sleepless nights. With the mystery of his upcoming procedures eliminated, Alex bounded into Metro on the day of his surgery, rested and ready. He was feeling brave, and his parents were feeling relieved.

“I’m so grateful for Katie and the Child Life Program. They made everything easier...for all of us. What an awesome gift to kids, and their parents!” said Blanca. “Alex knew what to expect, and he felt like he had a friend he could trust at the hospital. He was so relaxed, we could relax, too.”
A Hand Up
Your Support Bridges the Gap for a Young Family in Need

Excitement and anxiety. Joy and fear. A battle of conflicting emotions raged inside of her. She couldn’t wait to be a mother. But as positive as she tried to be, there was a sense of uncertainty about her family’s future. There was a nagging worry: how were they going to make this work?

Amanda Winger, 21, was expecting her first child with fiancé Cassidy Jackson. While they anxiously tried to prepare themselves for the birth of their daughter, both found themselves searching for work and scrambling to make ends meet. And while they waded through the process of obtaining government aid, their cupboards grew empty.

Her due date was getting closer, and Amanda worried that they wouldn’t have even the basic necessities to provide for their newborn. The thought broke her heart…and Cassidy’s.

At Metro Health Breton for a prenatal appointment one day, their circumstances weighed heavily on her mind. At her doctor’s prompting, Amanda made her way to Metro’s Maternal Infant Health Program, a community resource that exists to help at-risk pregnant women. When she walked into the office of program director and Registered Nurse Kim Miller, her discouragement faded as they began to talk.

“I went in worrying about where our next meal would come from,” Amanda said. “And when I left, I had food and supplies that not only filled our cupboards, but lifted our spirits.”

Through the generosity of donors to the Metro Health Hospital Foundation, the Maternal Infant Health Program provides mothers-to-be like Amanda with information about resources to obtain the necessities critical to a healthy pregnancy and care of a newborn. Arms full of diapers and heart overflowing, Amanda faced the remainder of her pregnancy with renewed determination and hope.

Today, Amanda and Cassidy are back on their feet. With new jobs and their new baby Faith, they look back with gratitude for the kindness they found at Metro during tough times.

“We were going through a difficult stretch. We just needed a little help to get through. And that is exactly what Maternal Infant Health Program gave us.

Side Notes
Your donations reach thousands with groundbreaking treatments, personal care and second chances. Touched by your generosity, their gratitude overflows into stories of hope and healing.

In this special edition of our newsletter, our 2010 Annual Report highlights the touching experiences of just a few of our patients last year. As you read these personal accounts, I trust your hearts will be moved seeing where your dollars are invested and how they are impacting lives.

We are so proud to call you our partner in health. With your ongoing support, I’m confident Metro will continue to raise the bar for quality health care in our community, and 2011 will produce even more touching stories of lives changed.

Yours for health and wellness,

Laura Staskiewicz
Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer

THE MATERNAL INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM HELPS PROVIDE MOTHERS-TO-BE WITH INFORMATION AND RESOURCES TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.
2010 Board, Medical Staff and Employee Leadership Annual Gift Drive

We would like to recognize and thank the following board members, physicians and employee leadership givers for their commitment to providing comfort, added safety and new technology for Metro Health Hospital patients and families. By giving to Metro’s Annual Gift Drive, they are impacting many lives. Gifts as of January 18, 2011.

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Looking back at 2010, faces and names flash through our minds—patients and their families who came to us as strangers, but left as friends. Burdened by agony, frustration, fear and despair, they were searching for help and yearning for hope. At Metro they found more...they found cutting edge medicine combined with superior care that offered second chances, restored dreams, renewed hopes and resurrected joy. And we have you to thank for making it all possible. You gave them hope.

Your faithful support of our mission and your steadfast belief in our approach to care position our hospital as not only a symbol of hope, but as a force for change in the lives of each person who enters our doors. While we cannot capture every story, on the following pages we share with you a few whose experiences give testimony to the life transformations your dollars make possible every day. We are deeply moved by your continued generosity and the impact you have on the lives entrusted to our care. Your faithful support of our mission and steadfast belief in our approach continue to thrust Metro to the leading edge of health care. Thank you for giving and for making Metro the premier choice for quality, personal care. Thank you for giving hope to those we serve.

Holiday Hope

It was almost Christmas, and I was dying. I’d been looking forward to spending the holiday with my first grandbaby. But then doctors found a large mass in my abdomen and blood clots in my lungs. It was non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

I spent the next ten days, including Christmas, in Metro Health Hospital. It could have been a very dark time for me. But I found myself surrounded by the most compassionate, empathetic and competent people I have ever met. Each caregiver brought something new and special to my life, in his or her own way. It wasn’t how I planned to celebrate Christmas, but it was where I needed to be.

I’m eternally grateful for the professionals, the facilities and the medicine made possible by Metro’s donors. All of these things combined not only gave me a second chance, but they helped me cope with a difficult time. I’ve still got a fight in front of me, but I am in good hands. **Metro started me on a path to recovery...and gave me hope that I will be here to celebrate another Christmas with my granddaughter next year.**
A Walk to Remember

I’d always dreamed of walking my daughter down the aisle, and her wedding day was getting closer. But I was scheduled for amputation.

After 57 years battling diabetes, my left foot was starting to die and my doctors were going to take half of my leg. In a last ditch effort—an act of desperation really—I came to Metro. And here I met a whole team of caregivers who I now call my heroes. They gave me all the facts and didn’t pull any punches. But they also promised not to give up on me.

Their patience, determination and support guided me through a series of amazing procedures and treatments that saved my leg. And thanks to my heroes, along with all the donors who have supported the Wound Clinic and Heart and Vascular Services at Metro Health, I locked arms with my daughter on her wedding day and we walked, side by side, down the aisle. Metro made my dream come true.

“When you’re in a situation that’s life and death, it’s important to know you’re in the right place.”

~ Anne Elve

“I have a hard time putting into words how grateful I am.”

~ Peggy Doren

“I can’t tell you how blessed I am to still have him around. I’m so thankful Metro’s Emergency Department was there to save him.”

~ Melissa Martin

You Give Hope

Through your care and commitment, you give hope to patients and families battling cancer. Because of your gifts to the Wound Healing Center and Metro’s Heart and Vascular programs, you give hope to patients faced with the loss of a limb. You give hope to our smallest patients and their families as they receive healthcare without the fear and anxiety of a sometimes scary situation.

Thank you for giving hope to the patients and families served by Metro Health!

For additional ways you can give hope, visit us at: www.metrohealth.net/foundation
No More Tears

My son Thomas had been struggling with severe feeding issues. And when he developed new, worrisome symptoms, he needed a difficult blood test that involved three draws over four hours.

For a three-year-old, I thought this was going to be a nightmare. Even the lab technicians were hesitant. But Metro’s Child Life Specialist came to our rescue! She took us right out of the lab and into a kid-friendly room, made Thomas comfortable and gave him toys to distract him. And best of all, she came up with a plan that meant Thomas could get the same blood test with only one poke. It was amazing!

I have five children, several of whom have ongoing medical needs, so this was not our first experience with blood draws. But it was definitely our best. Now we always come to Metro for our kids’ procedures. I am so grateful for Metro’s Child Life program and those who give to make it possible. It has absolutely transformed the health care experience for our whole family!

Thanks to you, Metro’s Child Life donors, Thomas is all smiles despite the difficult blood draws needed to diagnose his illness.

The Flahive family celebrates life, love and new beginnings at the wedding of their daughter Rachel and her husband Jason because of your support of Metro’s Wound Healing and Heart and Vascular programs.

You give hope to patients and families battling cancer. Because of your support of Metro’s Wound Healing and Heart and Vascular programs, you give hope to patients faced with the loss of a limb.

And families served by Metro Health!
Each year you make the very personal choice to help others through your giving.

Last year, even in the height of economic uncertainty, you stepped up to provide hope along with 2,153 other individuals and organizations.

As you can see, more than $1 million was donated by caring people like you, our net assets declined slightly as investment income was less than expected and program support continued to grow, and nearly $1.4 million was allocated for programs and services that impact lives.

Your compassionate support truly gives hope to those in need and for that we are truly grateful.

Gifts

Net Assets

Allocations

Your gifts this year helped provide the following programs and services.

Patient Care

Ankle-Brachial Index Testing for Peripheral Vascular Disease
Bariatric Wheelchair
Cancer Center Microscope
Cancer Education and Support Materials
Child Life Program and Supplies
Coffee Serving Station
Communication Assistance for Hearing Impaired Patients
Cooling Blanket for PACU/Surgery
Cough Assist Machine
Digital Scales for Congestive Heart Failure Patients
Dinamap & Stand
Durable Medical Equipment Upgrade
Electrical Stimulation Unit for Physical Therapy
Folding Arm Suspension Frame and Arm Sling
 Glide Stools for Emergency Rooms
Hoyer Patient Lift
Hygiene Items for Families and Patients
IV Team Simulation Training Tool
Liquid Nutrition Station
Mamogram Dressing Mirrors
Materials for Special Need Volunteer Projects
Memory Boxes and Bears for Grief Support
Models for Patient Education
Occupational Therapy Training Laptop
Ophthalmoscope & Otoscope
Oxygen Tank Regulators
Patient Bari-lift Transfer System for Endoscopy
Patient Distraction Items
Patient Fall Alarms
Patient Lift Transport/Scale for CDU
Planting Supplies for Rehabilitation Activities
Point of Service Blood Lead Testing
Portable DVD Players for Patients
Portable Suction Unit
Radiofrequency Ablation Generator
Recumbent Bike for Physical Therapy
Repositioning Sheets
Side Rail Pads for Neuro Patients
Specialized Reclining Chair for Cardiovascular Patients
Specialized Tests for Neuro/Speech Patients
Stress Test System and AED
Stress Testing System
Taxi Vouchers
Temporal Thermometers
Urinie Analyzer
X-ray Chest Pads, Wedges, Straps and Pole

Education

Anatomy Lab
Arlinsky Award
Continuing Education Scholarships
Lab Education
Medical Education
Nursing Excellence Preceptor Program
Research Day

Facilities & Equipment

Fiber Optic Laryngoscope
Healing Sounds - Player Pianos Surgical Robotics Program for Hospital and Cancer Center
Heart & Vascular Office Artwork
HEPA-filter Vacuums for Team Cleaning
IV Doppler
Ocular Coherence Tomography
The Cancer Center at Metro Health Village
The Metro Health Hospital Fund
Transporter Software and Equipment

Community Outreach

2010 PAD and AAA Community Screening Event
Blood Pressure Cuffs for Community Screenings
Cancer Center Assistance Programs
Car Seats
Community Flu Shots
Compassionate Care Items
Diabetes Education
Food Pantry
Germs Away School Project
Making Metro Health Village a Walkable Community
Maternal Infant Health Programs & Services
Patient Care & Education for Cancer Patients
Prostate Cancer Screening
Special Needs Volunteer Uniforms
Stroke Center

Other

Healthy Kent
Helping Hand

Financial Summary

Community Outreach 18%
Other 9%
Patient Care 37%
Facilities & Capital Equipment 25%
Education 11%
Total 100%

Gifts net Assets Allocations

Patient Care

Other


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So Much More Than A Bus
Your Dollars Give Wheels to Ventilator-Dependent Patients

When a ventilator and wheelchair are your constant companions, a bus is so much more than just a bus. It’s a momentary escape, a return to normalcy, and a step toward recovery. And Metro Health’s new medical transport bus is all of those things and more for the patients at Metro’s Assisted Breathing Center (ABC).

Critical injuries, illnesses and disorders have left ABC patients wheelchair bound and ventilator-dependent. Their complex medical needs have brought them to the only hospital-based acute care program in Michigan where specialists in ventilator weaning work daily to increase their respiration, as well as their independence. Progressing at their own speed, patients take one step at a time to improve their health. And sometimes those steps require wheels.

Be it a wedding, a funeral, or an appointment with an oral surgeon, many ABC patients need to leave the Center occasionally throughout the course of their stay. Recovery and treatment can be lengthy, and as weeks stretch into months, outings become essential to patients’ continued healing and personal wellness.

“It’s important to us that we treat the whole patient, not just their medical condition,” said Kris Jansen-VanGalen, Clinical Director of the ABC. “We constantly work to improve the overall quality of life for the ABC patients and the use of the medical transport bus helps us to achieve that goal.”

And ABC patients now have a brand new, state-of-the-art medical transport vehicle to make that possible. Purchased with donations to the Metro Health Hospital Foundation from a caring group of individuals, the new bus sports powerful generators, special lifts, and a sleek interior layout designed for patient comfort and easy monitoring.

“Therapeutic outings of all kinds are vital to patients’ state of mind and physical well-being, as well as to their continued progress in recovery. Each time we take patients in the new bus, we are contributing to their healing process and their overall wellness,” Jansen-VanGalen stated.

With one extraordinary gift, patients facing overwhelming medical issues were given a safe and dependable ride—and with that, opportunity to take their lives off hold and continue living to their fullest potential during treatment and recovery.
Your Gifts at Work

100% of your donations go to support programs that help the patients and families of Metro Health Hospital.

• 45 scales, provided with your donations, have been given to patients with congestive heart failure to help them track changes in weight and reduce readmissions.

• 400 bus passes were purchased from donations to the Patient Care Fund to transport patients who have no other way.

• 4 bereavement meal trays were provided to families so they could be near their loved ones during their final moments.

Tribute Gifts

Our appreciation to the following donors for making tribute and memorial gifts between October 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

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These gifts are a celebration of life, health and hope. They are often made to commemorate a milestone such as a birthday, wedding, graduation or anniversary – or to remember a deceased loved one. If you’re interested in making a memorial or tribute gift, please complete the enclosed envelope and mail with your check. The accuracy of this list is very important so please contact us at 616-252-5000 if an error has been made.
A Steady Stream of Cash
You Can Rely On

Perhaps you are retired and living on a fixed income. We hope you are living as well as you had expected, but as we all know, the economy and the financial markets don’t always perform as we need or want them to. If you are concerned about the performance of some of your appreciated assets or need to increase your cash flow, here is an idea that could be of interest – the charitable gift annuity.

One of the most attractive aspects of this gift that appeals to our donors is receiving fixed, annual payments for life.

Here’s how it works. You transfer cash or appreciated, marketable securities to the Metro Health Hospital Foundation, and in exchange, we make fixed, annual payments to you, for the rest of your life. The payout percentage is based on age, so the older you are, the higher the rate. For example, the payout to an 80 year old would be 7.2 percent; and 8.1 percent for an 85 year old.

The charitable gift annuity provides other benefits, too. A portion of your annual payment is tax free – because it is considered return on principle. You would also be entitled to a charitable income tax deduction in the year you create the gift, then have up to five additional years – if you need them – to use it.

In addition to personal benefits, you would also be providing a future gift to support the health and well-being of our community. At your death, whatever assets remain in your annuity will be available for Metro Health Hospital to use in support of our mission.

Here’s How It Works
A couple, ages 79 and 76, give $10,000 to the Metro Health Hospital Foundation for a charitable gift annuity. At their ages, the payout percentage is 5.9 percent, and their annual payment will be 5.9 percent x $10,000 = $590. They have chosen a quarterly distribution of their payment, so they’ll receive $147.50 every three months.

The amount they receive each year will stay exactly the same, and it will continue for as long as one of them is alive.

We’d be delighted to prepare a personal gift annuity illustration for you, with no obligation. If you think a charitable gift annuity would work for you, we’ll do our part to make the process go smoothly. Please contact Teresa Schaal at 616-252-5004 to discuss the possibilities of a charitable gift annuity.

The numbers contained in the illustration are based on the ACGA rates for gift annuities funded after July 1, 2010.

This publication is intended to provide general gift planning information. Our organization is not qualified to provide specific legal, tax or investment advice, and this publication should not be looked to or relied upon as a source for such advice. Consult with your own legal and financial advisors before making any gift.
Giving Circle

The Metro Health Hospital Giving Circle was created to enhance the impact made for patients and families. Like an investment club, members combine their donations and collectively decide what to fund. We would like to thank the following individuals who have already joined our 2010 Giving Circle.

Dr. Marc and Darcy Afman  
Dr. Eric and Tracy Anderson  
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Dan and Barb Behm  
Dr. David and Lisa Berg  
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