The Metro Health Hospital Foundation is funded by the generosity of our community to support our nonprofit health system with training, equipment and world-class care.

Your generous gifts help improve, expand and sustain our compassionate, innovative and high-quality healthcare in the following ways:

- Making Care More Accessible
- Improving Patient Experience
- Serving Our Neighbors
- Supporting Professional Development
Dear Friend & Supporter,

**Thank you** for helping make Metro Health – University of Michigan Health a vibrant and progressive leader of patient-centered care for West Michigan. We are grateful our patients and caregivers can count on you as we launch a new era of medical expertise, innovation and accomplishment.

At the Metro Health Hospital Foundation, we have been amazed and inspired by the offers of support from individuals who want to do their part. We faced this pandemic from a strong position, because donors like you have continued to walk alongside our caregivers.

Your generosity ensured that last year, more than 250,000 patients received the compassionate, personal care we are known for at Metro Health. Thank you for being a partner in our relentless quest to make West Michigan a better, healthier place for all.

On behalf of our tireless and courageous healthcare workers, the patients we serve, and from all of us at the Metro Health Hospital Foundation, thank you for your unwavering support. **We couldn’t do this critical work without you.**

With Gratitude,

Jaime Counterman,
Foundation Director
James Cutts sits in the Metro Health Hospital lobby. It’s mid-July and the first time he’s returned to the hospital after a fourteen-day-stay battling COVID-19.

He’s returned to make a gift to the Foundation, in gratitude for the care he received while hospitalized.

“I want to give back, for the care they so graciously gave to me,” James shared. “Sometimes, when I stop and think about it, I get tears to my eyes. I’m so blessed to be alive.”

Both James and his wife contracted COVID-19. When his fever stayed above 104 degrees with combative chills, they knew it was time to get him to the hospital.

Upon arrival, he didn’t know just how weak he truly was. His team of medical experts rushed in consistently to check on him, his breathing and overall status. After his breathing declined, he was transferred to a negative pressure isolation room where he remained for three days to stabilize.

James’s health began to slowly improve, his nausea subsiding enough for him to eat and regain strength. On day 14, he was able to leave the hospital.

“My doctors and caregivers were my life angels. I don’t think I’d be alive without their quality health interventions. They were all very supportive of getting me back to where I needed to be. They walked with me on my last day, as I was getting ready to leave.”

You can learn more about James’s recovery at cuttsj.com.
Innovation

Metro Health recently acquired two da Vinci Xi robotic systems; state of the art technology that allows smaller incisions, greater precision, fewer complications and less pain for patients. The equipment gives surgeons a 3-D view inside the body. Working from a console, surgeons guide precise movement of the robotic system’s tiny instruments, with far greater range of movement than possible with the human hand.

“The Xi system is a quantum leap forward in technology,” said Dr. Ron Grifka, Chief Medical Officer. “Our surgeons are poised to have another advantage in the treatment of our patients.”

With our latest expansion and update of robotic surgery capabilities, Metro Health – University of Michigan Health becomes the first health care system in West Michigan to offer the newest generation of this minimally invasive robotic option in an outpatient setting.

The addition of the da Vinci Xi robotic systems was made possible in part through a $1 million grant from the Metro Health Hospital Foundation, thanks to generous donors like you.

“We are grateful to the foundation and its donors, who once again help our non-profit health system advance patient care for West Michigan,” said Grifka. “We are especially pleased that we can now offer this option for outpatient procedures.”
Financials

**Income**
- Annual Fund: $130,297
- Other: $94,280
- Special Events: $980,154
- Major Gifts: $531,797
- Grants: $366,597

**Hospital Support**
- COVID Support: $333,115.43
- Grants: $729,525.78
- Patient Care: $51,378.59
- Community & Employee Education: $78,802.78
- Helping Hands: $66,234.66
- Service Lines: $32,235.37
Grants Funded by the Foundation

Augmedics xvision Spine System – $179,055
This groundbreaking augmented reality guidance system allows surgeons to “see through” a patient to know exactly where to place implants in a patient’s unique spine anatomy, bringing a new standard of personalization and care to the operating room.

Telehealth Grant – $350,000
The Foundation was able to help secure a $350,000 FCC Grant to support Metro Health’s telehealth response to COVID-19.

DEI Support – $62,000
Provide employees with diversity, equity and inclusion training opportunities to better serve patients and design and execute a strategic visioning and planning process.

Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing – $74,000
A mobile system to train staff on procedure competence and assessments for patients that are high risk for swallowing impairments.

Cone Beam CT – $71,000
Upgrade and enhance the current state of the art CT scan technology within Interventional Radiology.

Opioid Overdose Rescue Kits – $18,000
Rescue Kits to reduce the risk of deaths in patients who have accidentally or intentionally overdosed on an opiate by providing naloxone nasal spray at no-cost to the patient prior to discharge.
Donation Site
To support the hospital with critical resources, the Foundation has had a donation site since March 23. By June 15, we have received:
- 57,154 masks
- 28,339 pairs of gloves
- 8,666 pieces of protective apparel
- 6,257 hand sewn masks
- 5,977 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 4,947 face shields
- 778 containers of disinfectant

Food Donations
Thanks to our generous community, we received numerous food donations that have been tracked and distributed across all of our open sites and departments. By the end of June, we have worked with 146 restaurants/donors!

COVID-19 Response

“God bless Metro to care so much for their employees to help in this time of need. I couldn’t ask for a better company to work for and how everyone works together with genuine concern about each and every one of us!!!!! THANK YOU!! FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.”

– Metro Health Employee, Helping Hands Recipient
Telehealth Support
Metro Health responded quickly to launch a telehealth program months early. In order to achieve an early launch, the Foundation funded 40 iPads for our primary care physicians that would be hosting virtual visits with their patients.

Employee Emergency Assistance Fund
173 Helping Hands grants totaling over $236,000 have been awarded to employees facing COVID-19 related hardships.

Childcare
Because many of our employees cannot work from home, childcare services were provided on-campus, funded by the Foundation. On average, 30-40 employees per week were able to utilize these services.

Employee Respite Center
The Foundation helped organize and supply an employee respite center, where front-line workers could take a break away from the stress of their jobs and enjoy snacks, beverages, puzzles and a place to rest their eyes.

Facial Care Kits
After recognizing the toll on our clinical worker’s skin from extended wear of PPE, the Foundation funded and assembled 35 facial care baskets for employee care stations.

New Mom Gifts
New moms have been affected by the extra safety precautions and visitor restrictions during COVID-19. The Foundation funded a special gift to each new family in celebration of their new baby.
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