

CELEBRATING

30  
YEARS

*of*

Prioritizing  
Women's  
Heart Health

 Saint Luke's™

MURIEL I. KAUFFMAN  
WOMEN'S HEART CENTER

# Building a Legacy

Saint Luke's Muriel I. Kauffman Women's Heart Center, the first center of its kind in the United States, has advocated for women's heart health for more than 30 years.

Recognized as pioneers, the Women's Heart Center quickly became a leader in raising awareness of women's heart health as a founding partner of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's Heart Truth® Campaign, WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease, and as a national spokesperson for the American Heart Association.

## Advocacy

In 2011, along with WomenHeart, the Women's Heart Center's leadership advocated on Capitol Hill for The Heart for Women Act. The Act, passed by bipartisan legislation, directs federal research programs to ensure clinical study safety; effective data by sex, age, and racial subgroups; adequate representations of females, racial, and ethnic minorities; and the participation of women of all ages in approved clinical studies.

## Research

The Women's Heart Center continues to evolve. The Center's mission embraces a research vision dedicated to women's cardiovascular health, saving lives in the communities we serve and around the world.

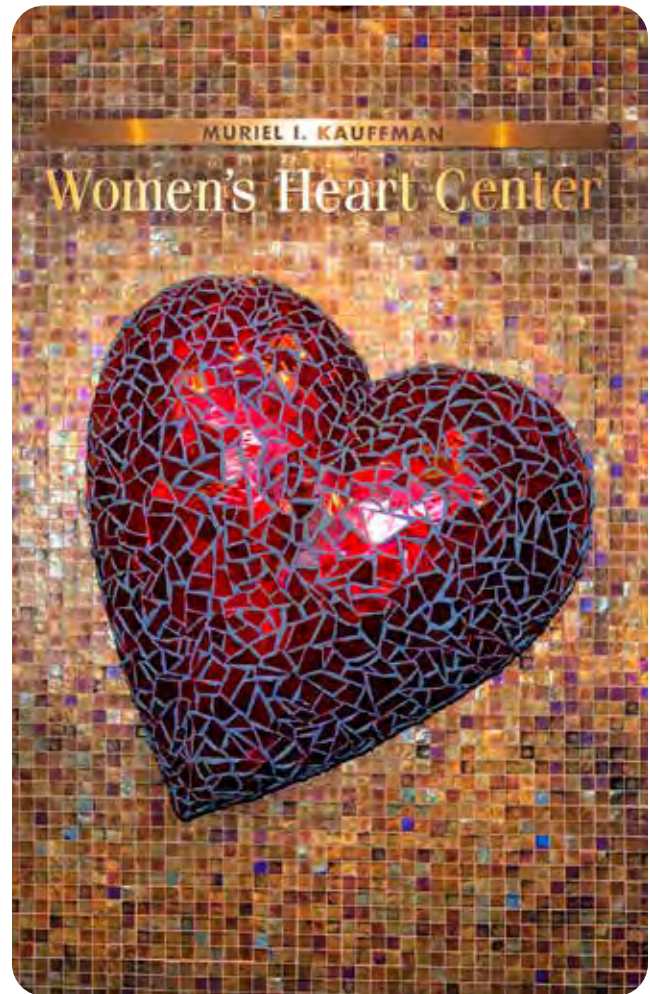
The Center has used their influence to bring more attention to women's cardiovascular research by leading:

- HOPE Study: Heart Outcomes in Pregnancy Expectations: Received HOPE RO1 funding from the National Institutes of Health

And by being an early contributor to:

- iSCAD Registry: Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection (SCAD)
- ReBIRTH Study: Peripartum cardiomyopathy
- CV Risk Prevention Tool for Pregnant and Postpartum Women pilot
- ANOCA/MINOCA Magnetocardiography pilot
- Preeclampsia and eclampsia registry

**All this work has culminated in a generous gift to establish Saint Luke's Muriel I. Kauffman Institute for Women's Cardiovascular Research.**



1994

## Women's Cardiac Center established at Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City

2003



**First Lady Laura Bush**, national spokesperson for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's Heart Truth® Campaign, visited Saint Luke's to promote awareness about women's heart health

2004



**Participated in a White House press conference** where President George W. Bush declared Feb. 6 National Wear Red Day

**Awarded the Inaugural Woman's Day Red Dress® Award** for leadership in women's heart health

**Received generous financial gift** from Julia Irene Kauffman and renamed the Women's Cardiac Center in honor of her mother, Muriel I. Kauffman



2006



**Established the Julia Irene Kauffman Endowed Chair** for Women's Cardiovascular Health

2008



**Attended the 5th anniversary Heart Truth® Campaign** reception at the White House hosted by President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush





**Received the WomenHeart:**  
National Coalition for  
Women with Heart Disease  
Wenger Award

2009

**Celebrated the grand opening**  
of Saint Luke's Muriel I. Kauffman  
Women's Heart Center

**Advocated on Capitol Hill** for  
passage of The HEART for  
Women Act



2010



**Launched the first**  
**international Heart Truth®**  
**Campaign** in Grand Cayman,  
Cayman Islands

2011



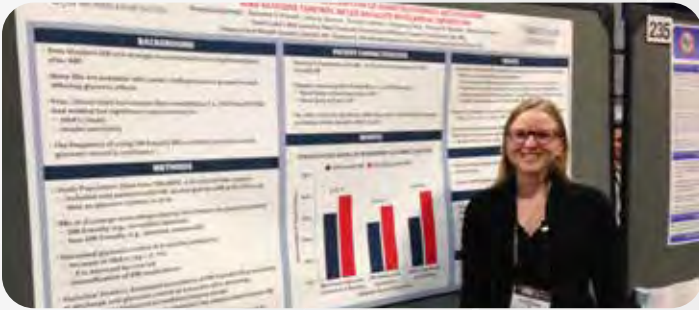
**Hosted official launch of**  
**Saint Luke's Million Hearts®**  
**initiative** in partnership  
with the Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention

2014



**Launched Food As Medicine Everyday (FAME)**—education classes with hands-on cooking instruction and tips for making healthy dietary changes

2017



**Created a clinical scholar program** dedicated to women's cardiovascular research

2018



**Developed a FAME-based elective** for UMKC School of Medicine students

2020



**Attended Cardiovascular Mortality in Pregnancy Roundtable** hosted by Congressman Emanuel Cleaver

2022



**Presented at the International Congress on Cardiac Problems in Pregnancy** in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

2023

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2024



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