

Giving 2025



Saint Luke's
Foundation

MISSION

We partner with donors to fund innovative health care solutions through charitable gifts for research, education, new technology, and the pursuit of excellence in patient care.

We strengthen and enhance the delivery of health care services that distinguish Saint Luke's hospitals and programs in the greater Kansas City region.

We support Saint Luke's healing mission, its reputation as a quality leader, its longstanding role in medical education, and its identity as a nonprofit health organization.

We care for those with financial needs by supporting innovative community service programs and partnerships.

VISION

Saint Luke's Foundation is dedicated to strengthening our community by supporting clinical excellence, research, and medical education.



Words of Gratitude

Dear Supporter,

As we look back on our recent accomplishments, we do so with full hearts. We're grateful for a year defined by exceptional generosity, deep partnership, and a shared commitment to our community. In that commitment, we are All For Kansas City: for the neighbors we serve, the families who trust us, and the caregivers who show up every day with skill, compassion, and resolve.

This is the power of philanthropy. It strengthens care in the moments that matter most, whether at the bedside, in the operating room, or in the quiet spaces where fear gives way to hope. It stands shoulder to shoulder with caregivers as they confidently navigate complexity and possibility. It fuels discovery when answers are not yet clear. And it ensures every patient is met with dignity, excellence, and humanity no matter their story, circumstance, or ZIP code.

As you explore this gratitude report, you will see how philanthropy shaped lives in 2025. Each story reflects what is possible when generosity meets purpose, when compassion is paired with action, and when a community comes together in service of something greater than itself. Looking ahead, we are inspired not only by what has been accomplished, but by what still lies within reach—together, and All For Kansas City.

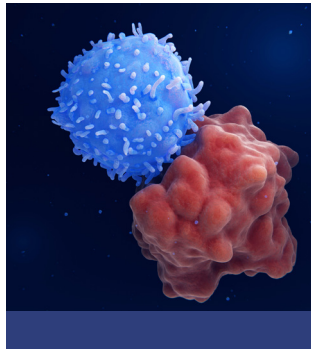
Thank you for your generosity, your trust, and your belief in what this community can achieve. It is an honor to steward your support, and a privilege to witness the difference it continues to make one patient, one family, and one defining story at a time.

With appreciation,



Yvonne Miller, CFRE
President, Saint Luke's Foundation
Chief Development Officer, Saint Luke's

2025 in Review



Expanding access to breakthrough cancer care

Saint Luke's oncologists successfully treated a patient with bispecific T-cell engager (BiTE) therapy, a new FDA-approved immunotherapy for advanced cancer.

The treatment produced a dramatic tumor response for a patient with Stage 4 small-cell lung cancer, extending life expectancy and offering renewed hope where options were once limited.



National recognition for neurology and neurosurgery excellence

Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City was named "High Performing" in Neurology and Neurosurgery by *U.S. News & World Report*. This recognition reflects strong outcomes across stroke, epilepsy, movement disorders, and neurocritical care, as well as seamless multidisciplinary collaboration.



Innovation in heart failure and ventricular restoration

Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute treated its first patient in the pivotal RELIVE clinical trial, evaluating the BioVentric® Revivent System for individuals with advanced ischemic heart failure.

This milestone underscores Saint Luke's role as a national leader in investigational heart failure therapies and reflects a deep commitment to offering options for patients with few alternatives.

By the Numbers

10



Hospitals and Multiple Campuses



214

Clinics



76

Clinical Trials



11,481

Employees



1,760

Credentialed Physicians



306,744

Patient Days



2,080,127

Provider Visits



50,793

Inpatient Admissions



1,115

Staffed Beds



10,003

Inpatient Surgeries



30,777

Outpatient Surgeries



210,677

Emergency Department Visits



4,439

Deliveries





All For Kansas City

They were healed by caring hands and lifesaving technology. Now they're paying it forward.

Kurt and Alice never imagined that Saint Luke's would become such a defining part of their family's story. But today, they say it plainly:

"If not for Saint Luke's, we would not be here."

Their journey together began nearly 30 years ago, when a pastor and youth director at their church decided Kurt and Alice should meet. That introduction led to a marriage that will celebrate its 30th anniversary this July and to a life rooted in faith, family, and service. Together, they raised three children and made countless memories cheering from the sidelines at sporting events, attending music performances, and encouraging volunteerism along the way. In quieter moments, Kurt can often be found on the golf course, while Alice enjoys tending to her flowerbeds or sewing.

Saint Luke's has been part of their lives from the very beginning. All three of their children were born at Saint Luke's North Hospital. Elizabeth, the nurse who taught their pregnancy class, happened to be on duty when Alice arrived for each delivery. Over time, she became more than a caregiver—she became a trusted presence and friend.

Saint Luke's role in their story would deepen in ways they never expected. Alice lives with a rare inherited vascular disease—hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT)—a condition that has brought complex medical challenges over the years. Laura Alba, MD, was the first specialist Alice saw and quickly became a steady source of support, encouragement, and clear communication.



Kurt and Alice Hinrichs

but on how each decision would affect Alice's whole health. Even physicians outside Saint Luke's, such as her rheumatologist, remained connected to the team.

"It's hard not to feel like you have the best of the best when every provider speaks so highly of the others," Alice says.

That collaboration became critical two years ago when Alice went into heart failure. What began at the Saint Luke's North campus quickly escalated, and within days her team knew she needed the specialized expertise of Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute. Alice remembers very little of those days, but she knows her care team never gave up.

After 17 days in the hospital, she was discharged to home health care. Six weeks later, she was released fully and continues to improve with less testing and appointments. Alice credits Dr. Alba for leading a unified, compassionate effort that carried her through the most fragile season of her life.

Kurt's defining moment came on a July night in 2014. He suffered a massive stroke, scoring a 24 (severe) on the stroke scale. Alice called 911, and Gladstone paramedics arrived quickly. They recognized the stroke immediately and knew exactly where to take him: Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City. Those paramedics were later honored with Saint Luke's "Spot a Stroke" award.

Kurt received standard clot busting medication, but it wasn't working. Two nurses came to Alice and explained that an interventionalist could attempt a procedure using technology that was not yet publicly available: physically navigating Kurt's arteries to remove the clot. Alice gave permission.

Coleman Martin, MD, performed a thrombectomy and said the clot he removed was the largest he had ever seen—roughly the size of a nickel.

Alice's condition grew more complex, adding atrial fibrillation, an enlarged heart, pulmonary hypertension, and anemia due to chronic bleeding. Her care team expanded to specialists across disciplines who collaborated closely, consulting one another not only on treatments,

As the procedure unfolded, a nurse stayed with Alice reassuring her, encouraging her, and telling her that Kurt was in the best hands possible. Kurt's recovery was nothing short of remarkable. Within hours, he was improving faster than anyone expected. Five days later, he walked out of the hospital with no restrictions and a stroke score of zero. Though closely monitored, he never experienced another stroke or developed atrial fibrillation.

Their philanthropy is guided by appreciation for the expertise and care they received: respect for the dignity and trust Saint Luke's shows every patient; humility for being willing to share their story for the benefit of others; compassion for caregivers who walk daily alongside suffering; and joy for the deep satisfaction that comes from knowing their support helps others live.

They believe the technology that saved their lives became standard because people invested in it when it was still new. And they give today so Saint Luke's can continue to seek, test, and discover what will save lives tomorrow.

"We're not obligated," they say. "We're grateful."

Saint Luke's Advanced Comprehensive Stroke Center

Saint Luke's leads the region as a trusted destination for the most time-sensitive and complex cerebrovascular emergencies. Here, expertise, speed, and coordinated care saves lives and preserves independence.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- Treats more than 2,000 stroke patients annually, more than any other hospital in the Kansas City metro area
- Delivers lifesaving stroke interventions faster than the national average, when every minute matters
- Maintains 24/7 expert coverage with neurologists, neuro-interventionalists, and neurocritical care teams



All For Advanced Breast Care

Ensuring access to breast care for those who need it

For generations, giving back has been part of the Goppert family story. That legacy began in the 1960s, when Clarence Goppert established the Goppert Foundation with a simple but enduring purpose: to reinvest in the communities where he built his life and livelihood through small farm banks.

“It’s important to me to continue that legacy,” shares Autumn Markley, the Gopperts’ granddaughter. “The foundation was created to give back to the communities that supported our family, and that principle still guides our giving today.”

Those values—impact, stewardship, and service—naturally aligned with Saint Luke’s. A personal connection made that commitment even stronger.

“My grandfather, Richard Goppert, was very fond of Saint Luke’s,” Autumn says. “Seeing the positive impact Saint Luke’s has had on so many people made it easy to continue that support.”

Each year, nearly 300,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer. When detected early, breast cancer has a nearly 100% survival rate. The difference is access—access to accurate screening, expert diagnosis, personalized treatment, and compassionate survivorship care.



Richard Goppert, Founder

At Saint Luke’s Goppert Center for Breast Care, that access is changing the story for patients across Kansas City. Annually, the center provides more than 11,800 mammograms, along with 1,800 ultrasounds and 550 specialized procedures that support high-quality, comprehensive care. As a result, 150 cancers were diagnosed last year, connecting patients to timely care at Saint Luke’s Cancer Institute and Saint Luke’s Koontz Center for Advanced Breast Cancer. This is what it looks like to be all in for breast care.

Looking ahead, the Foundation remains focused on the future.

“It is our desire to continue supporting the breast care center with new and innovative technology,” Autumn says. “Progress in breast care depends on continued investment, and we want to be part of what comes next.”

By carrying forward a legacy of generosity, the Goppert family is helping ensure that Saint Luke’s remains all in for Kansas City, and all in for breast care, today and for generations to come.

Saint Luke’s Koontz Center for Advanced Breast Cancer

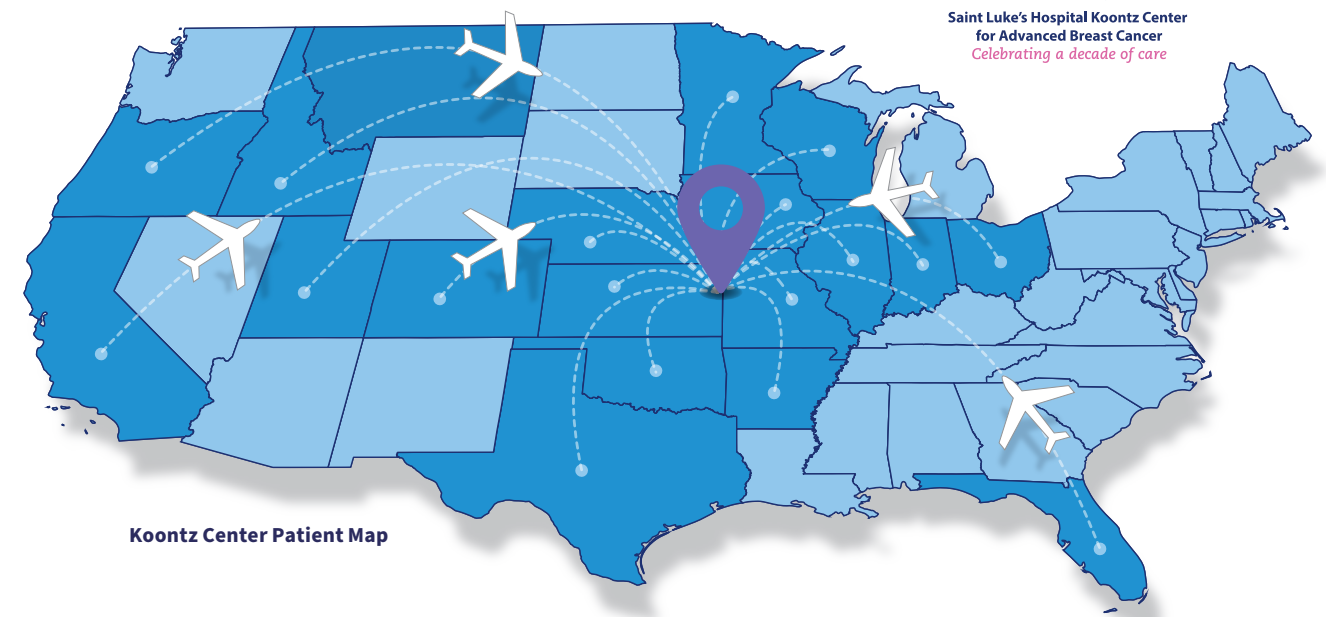
Exclusively dedicated to advanced and metastatic breast cancer, the Koontz Center is celebrating 10 years of providing highly specialized, coordinated care for patients throughout the United States who come to Koontz seeking care for the most complex stages of disease.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- The only regional center dedicated solely to Stage 4 breast cancer
- Multidisciplinary care model, bringing oncology, imaging, supportive care, and research together in one program
- Access to emerging therapies and clinical trials, expanding options when standard treatments are limited
- Comprehensive supportive and survivorship services, addressing physical, emotional, and quality of life needs



Saint Luke’s Hospital Koontz Center for Advanced Breast Cancer
Celebrating a decade of care



Koontz Center Patient Map

All For the Future

A nurse's journey from experience to gratitude

Saint Luke's has been woven into Sue Thompson's life since 1959. Shortly after graduating from high school, Sue enrolled in Saint Luke's School of Nursing and became part of a community that would shape her career, her sense of purpose, and her lifelong commitment to health care in Kansas City.

Those early years were fully immersive. Nursing students lived in the dormitory, attended classes at the hospital, and ate meals in the cafeteria. The entire three-year program cost \$395 and everything was included except the cap.

At the time, nurses wore caps, each school distinguished by its own design. Saint Luke's was known for its large, three-pointed cap, secured with bobby pins, paired with crisp white dresses, garter belts, nylon stockings, and hard-soled white shoes. It was a demanding era for nurses, whose discipline, pride, and deep dedication to patient care defined their generation.

After graduating in 1962, Sue began working the 3–11 p.m. shift on a postoperative surgical floor. Soon after, Saint Luke's made a forward-thinking decision to open an intensive care unit (ICU), which was an innovative step at the time. Sue was asked to transfer so the unit could open fully staffed. Though hesitant at first, she agreed and quickly discovered her calling.

Sue came to love ICU nursing. The unit had only three cardiac monitors, which were the only ones in the entire hospital. Patients ranged from medical and surgical cases to cardiac and obstetric emergencies. One evening, during her shift, a baby was even delivered in the unit. The cardiac monitors beeped steadily with each heartbeat. Over time, those sounds became familiar rhythms, and any change signaled concern.

Because cardiac care was still new, nurses had to learn on the job. Sue created a loose-leaf notebook, carefully attaching electrocardiogram strips to each page, labeling the rhythm, and noting the appropriate response. Knowledge was being built in real time and lives depended on it.

As the hospital advanced its capabilities, Sue helped train all staff members in CPR. Arnold Arms, MD, purchased a Sears tool cart that became the hospital's first Code Blue cart. Sue later partnered with James Crockett, MD, and physicians from area hospitals to launch a groundbreaking cardiac care training program for nurses—the first of its kind in the country. The 12-week program taught nurses how to read heart rhythms and care for cardiac patients at a time when specialized cardiac units were just emerging nationwide. Many early participants were hospital administrators eager to bring this innovation back to their organizations.

Sue continued this work until 1968, when she left nursing to be married. After her husband's death in 1987, Sue once again returned to Saint Luke's, this time as a volunteer in the Emergency Department. There, she took on responsibility for managing supplies, overseeing inventory, and restocking exam and trauma rooms. When the Emergency Department expanded, Sue volunteered to help design and set up every exam room, trauma bay, and supply room, and to train staff on the new systems.

Eventually, knee issues led Sue to retire, but her connection to Saint Luke's never faded. Sue has great pride in her association with Saint Luke's, the training she received, the care she delivered, and especially her role in helping build one of the nation's earliest cardiac care programs. Saint Luke's has always been willing to lead, innovate, and invest in what's next for Kansas City. That is why Sue Thompson gives.

Sue gives out of gratitude for what Saint Luke's has been and out of belief in what it will become. She knows the care, innovation, and leadership that shaped her own journey were made possible by those who came before her.

Today, through her generosity, Sue is carrying that legacy forward, ensuring Saint Luke's can continue to advance care, support caregivers, and serve patients in the 67 counties we serve.



Our Commitment to Nursing Excellence in 2025

- \$150,000+ invested in scholarships supporting newly graduated registered nurses as they begin their careers at Saint Luke's
- \$100,000+ dedicated to continuing education, empowering nurses to grow, lead, and deliver exceptional care
- 75+ clinical excellence awards recognizing outstanding nursing care across the Saint Luke's ecosystem

A Legacy of Service: Supporting Care, Community, and Compassion

For decades, Saint Luke’s North Hospital Auxiliary has been a quiet but powerful force behind the scenes, steadfastly supporting the hospital and the communities it serves through its generosity and commitment to compassionate care.

Since 2013, the Auxiliary has contributed more than \$550,000 to support critical needs across the hospital. These philanthropic investments have helped provide essential equipment such as 3D mammography machines, wheelchairs, security transportation services, and ultrasound vein finders. These tools enhance patient safety, comfort, and clinical excellence every day.

Beyond equipment, the Auxiliary has also extended its impact through financial support for Behavioral Health programs, nursing reimbursements, scholarships for graduating high school seniors, and other initiatives that strengthen both care teams and the next generation of health care leaders.

Two of the Auxiliary’s most meaningful and visible fundraising efforts are the Gift Galleries at the Barry Road and Smithville locations, and the beloved Tree of Life Program. First established in 1985 at the former Spellman Hospital in Smithville, Tree of Life has long provided a way for individuals and families to honor or remember loved ones through charitable gifts. Those tributes of gratitude and remembrance continue to support the mission of the hospital while growing and thriving year after year.

“I’ve had the privilege of chairing the Tree of Life Program for the past four years,” Auxiliary leader Debra Graham says. “Watching it grow and seeing the meaning it holds for so many families has been incredibly rewarding. I truly believe it will continue to flourish for many years to come.”

That sense of pride extends across all that the Auxiliary has accomplished. Every fundraiser, every volunteer hour, and every dollar raised reflects a shared story to help Saint Luke’s deliver exceptional care today and into the future.

“I am proud to be part of the Auxiliary and all that we have achieved together,” she adds. “And I look forward to the many ways we can continue to support the hospital as it works to meet the evolving needs of our community.”



Saint Luke’s North Auxiliary Tree of Life committee co-chairs Sylvia Stucky, Alexis Preston, and Deb Graham with, second from right, Dennis Kathcart, past president of Saint Luke’s North Auxiliary

Saint Luke’s North Hospital Auxiliary

As a charitable, nonprofit organization, our mission is to provide voluntary services and financial assistance to Saint Luke’s North Hospital for the benefit of patients, employees, and staff; and to promote better health care and education in the community.

[Learn more SaintLukesKC.org/SLNVolunteers](https://www.SaintLukesKC.org/SLNVolunteers)



A Collective Act of Caring

Foundation of Hope giving campaign

In 2025, Saint Luke’s employees showed that generosity is not just a value—it is a way of life. Through the Foundation of Hope giving campaign, caregivers, physicians, and team members from across Saint Luke’s united around a shared calling: to care for one another, to lift up patients, and to strengthen the mission we serve every day.

Together, their gifts totaled \$150,000, which is an extraordinary expression of compassion, generosity, and collective purpose. And since 2018, employee giving has surpassed \$2 million, which is felt across Saint Luke’s and our surrounding communities.

The Foundation of Hope is Saint Luke’s employee giving campaign and a powerful way for team members to give back to the organization they serve and to each other. Through payroll deductions and one-time gifts, employees invest in critical priorities across the health system.

Every contribution, regardless of size, reflects a culture rooted in caring and a shared belief that when we are all in for Kansas City, the impact reaches far beyond our walls.

2025 SUMMARY Philanthropy Footprint

\$52,486,593
Total revenue

\$13,360,491
Philanthropic contributions

\$33,810,751
Investment income

\$5,315,351
Other income

\$24,330,472
Fund expenditures

\$296,339,431
Total net assets

15%
Medical programs

20%
Medical education

9%
Medical research

33%
Capital, facilities, and equipment

9%
Patient and financial assistance

14%
Other

Adopt-an-Angel: A Season of Hope at Crittenton Children's Center



For children and families facing uncertainty, the holiday season can be especially difficult. At Saint Luke's Hospital Crittenton Children's Center, where care often begins during moments of crisis, the holidays arrive not with ease but with need. Each year, the Adopt-an-Angel program ensures that those moments are met with compassion, dignity, and joy.

In 2025, Adopt-an-Angel brought the warmth of the season to more than 600 children and families across Crittenton's residential, foster care, and home-based programs. Through the generosity of donors and volunteers, children receiving care at Crittenton experienced something every child deserves: the feeling of being remembered and celebrated.

The program pairs children with community members who "adopt" an angel by fulfilling wish lists that include toys, books, clothing, and comfort items tailored to each child's age and interests. These gifts are simple, but their meaning is profound. Each one carries a message that resonates far beyond the holiday season: you are seen, you are valued, and you are not alone.

For many families served by Crittenton, providing holiday gifts is simply not possible. Economic hardship, family disruption, and the emotional weight of behavioral and mental health challenges can make even small traditions feel out of reach. Adopt-an-Angel steps into that gap by offering joy without judgment, and support without conditions.

What makes the program especially powerful is its reach. Across the Kansas City metro area, individuals, families, businesses, and community groups come together to support children they will likely never meet. Care teams at Crittenton see firsthand the impact: smiles that break through anxiety, moments of light during treatment, and a renewed sense of hope for both children and caregivers.

At Crittenton Children's Center, healing happens year round through therapy, stability, and compassionate care. In a season defined by generosity, Adopt-an-Angel stands as a reminder of what is possible when a community chooses compassion one child, one family, and one meaningful story at a time.

Learn more
SaintLukesKC.org/Angel



Community Partnerships Advancing Health Equity

Saint Luke's is deeply committed to improving the health and well-being of the Kansas City communities we are privileged to serve, and we know that true health extends far beyond the walls of our hospitals. With the generous support of our philanthropic community, Saint Luke's partners with trusted local organizations to address the social drivers of health that influence our patients' ability to heal, sustain wellness, and thrive.

Through collaboration with organizations focused on housing stability, food access, transportation, social connection, and neighborhood safety, Saint Luke's helps remove barriers that too often stand in the way of care and opportunity. These essential factors play a critical role in health outcomes and equity. Addressing them is central to our commitment to caring for the whole person.

Learn more
SaintLukesKC.org/about/Commitment-Community



Saint Luke's volunteers help sort gifts for community partner, Metro Lutheran Ministries.



Saint Luke's partners with Kanbe's Markets to provide access to healthy, fresh foods.



Saint Luke's staff help sort produce.



The Heartland Gala

On Nov. 1, guests gathered at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center for the third annual Heartland Gala, an evening filled with celebration and purpose. The festive event raised funds in support of Saint Luke’s Mid America Heart Institute, with a special focus on advancing the heart valve program. Sandi and Allen Dillingham served as committee chairs, providing generous leadership and guidance throughout the event.

More than a signature fundraiser, the Heartland Gala has become a memorable tradition by bringing together individuals who believe deeply in what is possible when a community rallies around lifesaving care. This year’s gathering captured that spirit at every turn, seamlessly uniting elegance and celebration with a shared commitment to the 250,000 patients who turn to Saint Luke’s for heart care each year.

Throughout the evening, guests were reminded why Saint Luke’s Mid America Heart Institute holds such a special place in the heart of the region. As the nation’s first freestanding heart hospital, the Institute has long been a leader in innovation, research, and compassionate care for treating some of the most complex cardiovascular conditions while remaining deeply rooted in Kansas City.



Matt and Kirstin Salzman



Keith and Kathy Asef



Scott and Robin Boswell, Lorelei and David Gibson



John Russell Davis, MD; Shannon Davis; Cathy and Dan Flynn



Teri Miller; Elaine Koch; Julie Quirin, FACHE, President, Saint Luke’s, BJC West Region; Hunter Hess; Jason Purcell

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Visit HeartlandGala.org to see event photos.

Running with Purpose

Plaza 10K for Home Care & Hospice

Runners, walkers, families, and caregivers filled the Plaza with purpose at the annual Plaza 10K, benefiting Saint Luke's Home Care & Hospice. Beyond the race, the event was a powerful expression of compassion as participants honored loved ones, supported caregivers, and stood with families during some of life's most vulnerable moments.

Each step taken helped advance care that meets patients where they are—at home, surrounded by comfort, dignity, and love. Funds raised support the expert teams who provide medical, emotional, and spiritual care, offering guidance and presence when it matters most.



Plaza 10K Platinum Sponsor JE Dunn Construction
Front row, From left: Tom Kinsinger, Jonathan Vande Krol, Madison Parry, Will Stouffer, Elizabeth Stouffer, AJ Woodworth, Calie Huynh, Mina Nguyen



Emcee and KMBC news anchor Jamie Weiss.



Saint Luke's Home Care & Hospice Community Liaison Lindsey Ingle sings the national anthem.



Learn more
SaintLukesKC.org/Plaza10K

Spirit of Philanthropy Awards

As the doors open and the room begins to fill, there is a sense of purpose that distinguishes the Spirit of Philanthropy Awards from most gatherings. Everyone seems to have the same commitment to Saint Luke's mission.

The Spirit of Philanthropy Awards provide Saint Luke's with the opportunity to recognize a notable group of honorees whose generosity has created meaningful and lasting impact.

Each honoree represents a ripple of change: a patient receiving care at a critical moment, a family supported during a time of need, a nurse empowered to deliver exceptional care, a researcher advancing discovery, and a community strengthened through compassion and belief in what is possible.

In 2025, Saint Luke's had the distinct honor of presenting five Spirit of Philanthropy Awards. Each one was a testament to the transformative power of generosity and partnership.



2025 Honorees PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR:

Tom and Starr Wagstaff

FOUNDATION FELLOW:

Peter Holt, MD

CHAMPIONS IN PHILANTHROPY:

Muriel McBrien Kauffman Family Foundation

DISTINGUISHED COLLABORATOR:

Jason Purcell

PRESIDENT AWARD:

Frank Thompson



Distinguished Collaborator Recipient, Jason Purcell, Chief Nursing Officer, Saint Luke's Central Region; and Jani Johnson, former President, Saint Luke's Central Region



Front: Charlie Holt; Lesley Holt; Nora Nicholas, Foundation Fellow Recipient; Peter Holt, MD, former Chief Medical Officer Central Region; Hudson Holt | Back: Travis Holt, Kaitlin Holt, John Nicholas, Hayley Nicholas

Saint Luke's Endowed Chairs, Professors, and Scholars | Standing, from left: John H. Helzberg, MD; Brian M. Ramza, MD, PhD; Wendell K. Clarkston, MD, FACP; John Russell Davis, MD; Tracy L. Stevens, MD, FACC; Sreeni Jonnalagadda, MD, FASG; Timothy J. Pluard, MD. Seated, from left: L. Andrew Benedict, MD, FACS; Anthony Magalski, MD; John A. Spertus, MD. Not pictured: Carlos A. Bagley, MD, MBA



Saint Luke's Endowed Chairs, Professorships, and Scholars Celebration

Advancing excellence, research, and the future of medicine

Saint Luke's is deeply committed to advancing academic medicine, clinical care, and innovation all in service of our patients and the communities we are privileged to serve. Central to this commitment is our longstanding partnership with the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Medicine. Together, we support residency and fellowship programs that prepare future physicians through hands-on learning, mentorship, and discovery.

Powering this work are Saint Luke's endowed academic positions—endowed chairs, endowed professors, and endowed scholars—which sustain excellence across teaching, research, and patient care. These roles reflect a shared belief that investing in people is essential to advancing the future of medicine.

Each endowed role plays a distinct and vital part in advancing our mission:

- Endowed chairs represent the pinnacle of academic distinction, recognizing physician-leaders whose influence spans clinical care, research, education, and national or industry leadership.
- Endowed professors honor established experts whose teaching, mentorship, and scholarship elevate entire specialties and programs.
- Endowed scholars support rising talent, enabling early- and mid-career physicians and researchers to pursue innovative ideas, advance research, and grow into future leaders.

Together, they create a powerful continuum by supporting talent at every stage and ensuring long-term academic advancement.

For donors, endowed positions offer a meaningful and enduring way to invest in visionary leaders, emerging scholars, and transformative teachers whose work benefits patients, families, and communities for generations to come.

Expanding Our Bench

Among our newest endowed positions is the Peter Holt, MD, Endowed Professorship in Geriatrics.

Dr. Holt devoted his entire career to Saint Luke's, providing exceptional care to thousands of grateful patients. Over time, he earned the deep admiration of patients, friends, and colleagues who were inspired by his compassion, humility, and leadership.

In recognition of Dr. Holt's extraordinary contributions, this dedicated community came together through thoughtful philanthropic investment to establish an endowed professorship in his honor. The Peter Holt, MD, Endowed Professorship in Geriatrics celebrates his legacy and ensures that his influence will continue shaping the future of geriatric medicine.



Peter Holt, MD

Endowed Chairs, Professors, and Scholars

Carlos A. Bagley, MD, MBA

Edward T. Matheny, Jr./Missouri Endowed Chair in Neuroscience

L. Andrew Benedict, MD, FACS

Edna and Wallace Greene, MD, Endowed Professorship for Surgery

Wendell K. Clarkston, MD, FACP

Arthur W. Robinson, MD/Missouri Endowed Chair in Internal Medicine

John Russell Davis, MD

Frank L. and Evangeline A. Thompson Endowed Chair in Cardiovascular Surgery and Transplantation

John H. Helzberg, MD

Marion H. Bloch Endowed Chair in Gastroenterology and Medicine

Sreeni Jonnalagadda, MD, FASG

Reynolds Family Endowed Professorship in Gastroenterology

Anthony Magalski, MD

Arvin Gottlieb Endowed Chair in Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant

Timothy J. Pluard, MD

Paul G. Koontz Jr., MD/Missouri Endowed Chair in Breast Disease

Brian M. Ramza, MD, PhD

Frank L. and Evangeline A. Thompson Endowed Chair in Electrophysiology Research

John A. Spertus, MD

Daniel J. Lauer, MD/Missouri Endowed Chair in Metabolism and Vascular Research

Tracy L. Stevens, MD, FACC

Julia Irene Kauffman Endowed Chair in Women's Cardiovascular Health

John Q. Wang, MD, PhD

Westport Anesthesia Services/Missouri Endowed Chair in Anesthesiology Research



Heritage Society Tea: A Legacy of Care

Saint Luke's Foundation was honored to gather with members of the Heritage Society to express our heartfelt gratitude for their enduring generosity. Through planned gifts, these donors make a powerful commitment to the future of Saint Luke's by ensuring compassionate care, medical innovation, and healing for generations to come.

Guests heard reflections from Greg Bentz, chairman of BJC Health Board and emeritus trustee of the Foundation, and Julie Quirin, FACHE, President, Saint Luke's, BJC West Region, who shared how legacy giving provides vital, long-term support that allows Saint Luke's to respond to today's needs while planning confidently for the future.

The afternoon also featured an engaging presentation by Karin Olds, MD, stroke medical director at Saint Luke's Marion Bloch Neuroscience Institute, who highlighted how philanthropic investment directly supports advanced brain and stroke care for patients across our community.

If you are considering a legacy gift, we invite you to explore how planned giving can reflect your values, create lasting impact, and help shape the future of care at Saint Luke's.

[Learn more
PlannedGiving.SaintLukesKC.org](https://PlannedGiving.SaintLukesKC.org)



Betty Scott and Greg Bentz, Chairman, BJC Health Board and Emeritus Trustee, Saint Luke's Foundation Board of Directors



Bobby Olm-Shipman, President, Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City; Mitch Rodeberg; and Linda Moser-DuCote



Karen Thompson and Kristy Gibson



Julie Quirin, FACHE, President, Saint Luke's, BJC West Region; Ed Matheny Jr.; and Ed Matheny III

Stewards of Mission and Impact

The Saint Luke's Foundation Board of Directors provides strategic leadership, fiduciary stewardship, and an enduring commitment to advancing research, medical education, and exceptional clinical care throughout Saint Luke's. Comprised of accomplished community leaders, physicians, and philanthropists, the Board offers thoughtful guidance and diverse expertise to ensure the Foundation remains strong, accountable, and mission-driven.

Through their generous guidance, Board members play a vital role in expanding the Foundation's impact and strengthening the care and healing delivered to the patients, families, and communities we are privileged to serve.

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**Seated Front Row: Tom Wagstaff, Julie Quirin, Keith Asel, Patricia Martin, MD, and Yvonne Miller
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