Every moment matters.

Every day, donor gifts to the Stormont Vail Foundation support the work of our physicians and medical care staff, help vulnerable patients get the help they need, and endorse Stormont Vail Health’s mission to improve the health of our community.

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EDUCATION AND RECOGNITION

As a high school freshman, Sami Twenhafel decided nursing was the best career choice to fulfill her vision of a life helping others. Fast-forward to December 2017: Sami’s aspiration came to realization when she graduated from the Baker School of Nursing and began working at Stormont Vail Health’s Critical Care Unit. As a student, she received several nursing scholarships that she credits with enabling her to focus on her studies and become a better nurse. “Scholarship donors help prepare nurses for today and the future,” Sami said. “Their generosity truly helped me get the very best education.”

Donor gifts helped educate a new generation of nurses, supported professional development bringing new practices and techniques to our region, and recognized outstanding patient care and service.

- Provided $166,283 in scholarships to 184 nursing students
- Awarded the Kent E. Palmberg M.D. Medical Student Scholarship in the amount of $10,000 to two students
- Funded 32 continuing-education grants for Stormont Vail Health employees totaling nearly $38,000
- Sponsored the Excellence in Nursing, Lab and Pharmacy employee awards

PATIENT SUPPORT

Liam Wood spent the first 100 days of his life in Stormont Vail’s Neonatal Intensive Care. Thanks to Foundation donors, his mom, Bonnie, was right there with him. Through the Care Line, meals and temporary lodging assistance empowered Bonnie to focus on her baby and not stress over where she was going to eat or sleep. Gas vouchers allowed her husband to make the trip from Greenwood, Kansas, to spend time with them on the weekends. Bonnie said the help made a big difference and allowed her to settle in and be the mom Liam needed.

The Care Line is an emergency assistance program for Stormont Vail Health and Cotton O’Neil Clinic patients and their families. In 2018, the program helped 9,995 patients with 13,566 needs totaling $123,463.

- Provided prescriptions and durable medical equipment at a cost of $50,835
- Offered more than $28,000 in transportation assistance
- Provided 3,695 meals and more than $7,000 for temporary lodging to family members of hospitalized patients
- Distributed nearly 4,300 pieces of clothing to patients
CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS
Following a program sponsored by the Lebo Library, Mary Davies visited with Cotton O’Neil staff about the health needs of their small Kansas community. For years, Davies, the library’s director, had wanted to install a blood pressure machine for patrons to use in between doctor’s appointments. “We have an aging, rural population,” she said. “We thought the library would be a great place to offer this important service.” Lebo clinic staff agreed and asked the Foundation to fund the purchase. “We truly appreciate the Foundation’s support and are happy we could collaborate with them to benefit the health of our community,” Davies said.

In 2018, the Foundation provided more than $405,000 to fund capital and equipment requests through fundraising, grant writing and distribution of Foundation funds.

- Purchased “Super Tory,” a newborn-infant high fidelity simulator to be used for training Neonatal Intensive Care, Birthplace, Emergency and Pediatric staff as well as Baker School of Nursing students
- Committed funds for remodeling at the ExcellENT Surgical Center and completed Wamego clinic renovation
- Equipment purchases including an almost painless blood draw device for diabetic pediatric patients at the Lawrence clinic; Giraffe Omnibed, Panda Warmers, and other supplies for Neonatal Intensive Care; and a pediatric blood pressure machine for Cardiovascular Ultrasound
- Improvements to the Children’s Courtyard at Stormont Vail Behavioral Health

CHILDREN’S MIRACLE NETWORK
Children facing a hospital stay, injury or chronic illness can find it difficult to cope and heal. Every day, Francine Gollub helps these kids overcome their feelings of fear, confusion, loss of control and isolation in her role as child life specialist at Stormont Vail Health. Child life specialists work in partnership with doctors, nurses, social workers and family members to promote effective coping skills through play, self-expression activities, and age-appropriate medical preparation and education.

In 2018, Stormont Vail Health became the Children’s Miracle Network hospital for the northeast Kansas region. Funds raised by Children’s Miracle Network partners support Child Life Services and other programs designed to promote the well-being of Stormont Vail’s pediatric patients.

- Programs that encourage, educate and support mothers’ decisions to breastfeed
- Follow-up clinic visits for graduates of Stormont Vail’s Neonatal Intensive Care during their first three years
- Upgrades to the Pediatrics unit at Stormont Vail Hospital

Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals®
OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Foundation assets grew to more than $25 million
- Received more than $1.5 million in contributions
- Raised nearly $240,000 in sponsorships, registrations and other gifts at the 18th Annual BIG HEARTS Golf Tournament, benefiting the Cotton O’Neil Cancer Center
- Received nearly $327,000 in contributions from 1,021 Stormont Vail Health staff and physicians