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2024 FOUNDATION REPORT





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THE DR. LEE FUND: A LEGACY OF HEALTH & HOPE

In honor of the late Dr. Song-Ping Lee, a highly respected physician, the Dr. Lee Fund continues his legacy of compassionate care. Dr. Lee believed in treating all patients, regardless of their financial circumstances.

This fund, established by his wife, Li-Ying, in collaboration with the Stormont Vail Foundation, aims to provide essential transportation resources for appointments and treatments for Stormont Vail patients.

ADVANCING HEALTH FOR ALL BY ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO CARE

Through the Dr. Lee Fund, Stormont Vail remains steadfast in its commitment to honoring Dr. Lee's legacy by ensuring no one has to choose between cost and care. It gives Stormont Vail the flexibility to respond swiftly to patients' transportation needs, helping to prevent delays or missed

education and RECOGNITION

SUPPORTING PATHWAYS TO EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE EDUCATION

Stormont Vail invests in education and supports healthcare professionals in enhancing the quality of care provided to the community, addressing the evolving needs of those served. A key aspect of this mission is the collaboration with the Topeka Center for Advanced Learning and Careers (TCALC), which aims to develop and support the training of future healthcare professionals in the community.

COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES: TCALC PARTNERSHIP

The partnership with TCALC provides high school students with access to various health science pathways, allowing them to explore career options in healthcare. This initiative enables students to earn certifications and develop essential skills suitable for clinical environments. Since the launch of the Stormont Vail/TCALC Pathway program, 35 students have gained access to improved educational resources and practical training, contributing to their preparation for careers in the healthcare sector.

ADDRESSING WORKFORCE DEMAND: THE PHLEBOTOMY PATHWAY

In 2024, with support from the Topeka Community Foundation, the Stormont Vail Foundation initiated the Phlebotomy Pathway in response to the increasing demand for skilled healthcare professionals. This program aligns with the projections of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which anticipate a 10% growth in the phlebotomy field over the next decade. The program aims to address community healthcare needs by preparing students for careers in a vital area of the healthcare system.

Marsha Pope, President of the Topeka Community Foundation, emphasized the importance of such initiatives in addressing

local workforce demands: "We are pleased to support TCALC's Phlebotomy Pathway. Partnerships like this will help ensure our community has the healthcare workforce it needs to continue growing and thriving in the future."

COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

The Stormont Vail Foundation provided support for healthcare education and professional development in 2024 through the following initiatives:

- Scholarships: Over \$56,750 awarded to 37 nursing and allied health students to assist with their educational expenses
- Continuing Education Grants: Approximately \$18,000 allocated to 14 Stormont Vail team members to support ongoing professional development and enhance staff skills
- Excellence in Nursing Awards: Co-sponsored by US Bank and Security Benefit, these awards recognize the contributions of nursing professionals to patient care and community health

The Foundation acknowledges the contributions of all individuals and organizations that support these initiatives. Your support is vital for impacting the community as Stormont Vail works to improve health and wellness for all.



SISTANCE

appointments that could escalate the risk of hospitalization.

“Without the Dr. Lee Fund, many patients who need frequent care, like those requiring infusions or dialysis, would struggle to get to appointments,” said Ashley Florez, Nurse Manager of Care Transformation. “This is especially true for individuals needing wheelchairs or medical transportation, which can be costly. We and our patients are immensely grateful to Dr. Lee’s family and friends who generously support this fund.”

CONTINUING THE COMMITMENT TO CARE & COMMUNITY

The Foundation expresses heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to this vital cause. The community’s support is instrumental in transforming lives and fostering the spirit of community that Dr. Lee championed.

IMPACT

In 2024, the Dr. Lee Fund, the Care Line program, and various donor-funded initiatives allocated over \$118,000 to assist nearly 10,000 patients across 13,511 needs. Specific allocations included:

- \$24,957 for essential prescriptions and durable medical equipment
- \$62,712 to transportation assistance, benefiting 9,947 patients, marking a nearly 15% increase from the previous year
- Nearly 2,300 meals to support families of hospitalized loved ones
- 197 overnight accommodations, allowing family members to stay close to their loved ones during their hospital stays (a three-fold increase over 2023)

Program NEEDS

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY & STORMONT VAIL HEALTH RESEARCH COLLABORATION

This initiative combines K-State’s emphasis on healthcare research and education with Stormont Vail’s focus on patient care and scientific innovation.

It reflects a dedication to advancing healthcare and education while exploring innovative solutions that shape the future of medicine, positively impacting every community Stormont Vail serves.

POTENTIAL FOR MEDICAL ADVANCEMENTS

While this initiative is currently in its early stages, it has the potential to develop new technologies and treatments that may improve health outcomes for patients in Kansas and individuals worldwide.

“This interdisciplinary collaboration between K-State and Stormont Vail can lead us better to tackle some of the most challenging issues in healthcare,” said Ali Zakrzewski, Stormont Vail Clinical Research Program Manager. “While still relatively new, it can lead to new technologies and treatments that could improve the health of not just Kansans, but patients across the globe.”

FUNDING FOR IMAGING TECHNOLOGY

To support this collaboration, the Stormont Vail Foundation plans to raise \$250,000 in private funding to secure vital Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) software. This technology combines standard MRI capabilities with the ability to detect localized changes in blood flow and oxygenation in the brain. Implementing fMRI will promote research in key areas, including:

- Alzheimer’s Disease
- Parkinson’s Disease

- Mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression, and PTSD

SUPPORT FOR THE BEST PLACE TO TRAIN, WORK, & GROW

In 2024, donations, grants, and endowed funds enabled the Stormont Vail Foundation to support significant accomplishments, including:

- Over \$1.3 million for new equipment for the Topeka Campus NICU, which marks its 20th anniversary in 2025.
- \$310,575 for the Stormont Vail Simulation Center, a 4,100-square-foot facility featuring:
 - Four patient room replicas
 - A fully immersive room for real-world learning experiences
 - Two advanced simulation manikins
- Nearly \$183,000 for equipment acquisitions and program support, such as:
 - A Premature Task Trainer for the Stormont Vail Hospital NICU in Topeka
 - Lead vests for the Topeka Campus Trauma and Emergency Department
 - Open-access power columns for the surgical Critical Care Unit
 - Equipment for the Flint Hills Campus’s Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation program



children's miracle NETWORK

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH GAMING

For many, gaming is a beloved form of entertainment. For Dustin Browning, it represents a mission to support sick and injured children in our communities. Through his participation in Extra Life, a Children's Miracle Network (CMN) program, Dustin and fellow gamers raise crucial funds for local CMN hospitals.

EXTRA LIFE PUTS THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING

Over the past six years, Dustin has consistently emerged as Stormont Vail's top fundraiser, raising nearly \$16,000. His efforts exemplify his profound personal commitment to helping children in need.

"Participating in Extra Life is a no-brainer," Dustin said. "It's all about building a community around helping kids get well, and there's nothing better than that. You can get involved in many ways, whether it's video, board, card, or outdoor games. Plus, you can choose when and how often you play. Once you get started, you realize how easy it is to fundraise, the new friends to make, and how wonderful it feels doing good for others."

COMMUNITY IMPACT

In 2024, gamers participating in Extra Life raised almost \$13,000 for Children's Miracle Network at Stormont Vail. This fundraising effort highlights the collective engagement in supporting the cause of improving health outcomes for children facing various challenges.

PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

This year, several partners of the Stormont Vail Foundation reported a notable increase in their fundraising efforts, indicating a collective community response in support of the initiative.

- Walmart and Sam's Club: 21% increase
- Love's Travel Stops: 18% increase
- Panda Express: 26% increase
- RE/MAX Emporia Team: Raised more than three times its 2023 fundraising total
- Walgreens Stores: Actively participated in this year's campaign

WELCOMING NEW MIRACLE FAMILIES

The Foundation was excited to welcome two new Miracle Families into the CMN at Stormont Vail community. Their addition enriches our mission to support children and families in need.

The Foundation appreciates the contributions of everyone involved in this initiative, which relies on the dedicated efforts of participants and generous partners to support sick and injured children in our communities.



**Children's
Miracle Network
Hospitals®**

other ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FUTURE-FOCUSED PHILANTHROPY

The Stormont Vail Foundation raised \$3.6 million in contributions in 2024, reflecting its commitment to improving healthcare services.

A notable aspect of these fundraising efforts was \$1.3 million raised for the NICU equipment campaign, which aims to enhance Stormont Vail's capacity to serve its patients.

BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

The Stormont Vail Foundation hosted the 24th Annual BIG HEARTS Golf Tournament, which raised over \$174,000 to purchase essential equipment for the Topeka Campus NICU. This event reflects the community's involvement in supporting children's health and well-being.

A HEALTHIER FUTURE

In 2024, the Stormont Vail Foundation reported a total asset value of \$27.7 million. This figure indicates growth and reflects the organization's focus on sustaining and expanding healthcare services in the community.

INVESTMENTS IN INNOVATION & HEALTHCARE EXCELLENCE

This year, the Stormont Vail Foundation launched the first "A Night at the Clinic" event at the Manhattan Campus. This successful gathering raised over \$130,000 to support the acquisition of Functional MRI equipment. The event also facilitated a vital partnership between Stormont Vail and Kansas State University, paving the way for exciting research collaborations.