

2025 TOGETHER WE GIVE

— FOUNDATION REPORT —



Stormont Vail
FOUNDATION

PATIENT ASSISTANCE

BUILDING BRIDGES TO BETTER HEALTH THROUGH THE CARE LINE

For Nissai Gill, the impact of giving isn't abstract. As an inpatient social worker in the Stormont Vail Hospital Cardiac Unit in Topeka, Gill sees firsthand how contributions to the Care Line affect the lives and health of patients every day.

"I know that my donations touch people directly who truly need help," Gill said. "When we have patients who are uninsured or have no resources because they're unemployed, homeless, or have no friend or family support, the Care Line is there to help."

Care Line assistance is immediate, often addressing urgent needs that create a bridge for social workers and other team members to connect patients with community resources or long-term care programs. By ensuring patients can be safely discharged, the Care Line also frees up hospital resources and reduces costs for the health system.

Since 1994, the Care Line has supported tens of thousands of patients and families with help for prescriptions, durable medical equipment, transportation, temporary lodging, and meals. The program is primarily funded through private support, including 484 Stormont Vail team member donors in 2025.

"Access to healthcare is a basic quality-of-life issue that I feel everyone deserves," Gill continued. "My donations to the Care Line are one way I can ensure patients who would otherwise go without and suffer very negative consequences get the care they need."

EDUCATION & RECOGNITION

SCHOLARSHIPS THAT SHAPE CAREERS & COMMUNITIES



A \$500 scholarship made a lifetime of difference for Dr. Kathleen Harr, former Dean of the Baker University School of Nursing.

"My mother really wanted me to go to nursing school, but my parents couldn't afford to send me," Harr recalled. "Fortunately, the auxiliary of the hospital-based nursing school just seven miles from my childhood home in western Pennsylvania offered a scholarship—and that's how my career got its start."

After serving in a variety of nursing roles, most in adult health, Harr gravitated to nursing education. In 1997, she became Dean of the Baker University School of Nursing at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka.

During her tenure, Harr partnered closely with the Stormont Vail Foundation, where she saw firsthand how scholarships transform lives.

This experience deepened her commitment to giving as a way to open doors for students pursuing careers in healthcare.

Motivated by this belief, she established the Dean Kathleen L. Harr Endowed Scholarship in 2010, continuing a long history of supporting nursing education and following in the footsteps of a previous director of the diploma nursing program in Topeka.

"Even though I'm no longer involved in the day-to-day operations of the school, I continue to give because I want to support students and the community," Harr continued. "It means giving to help others achieve their goals. Being a nurse gave me many opportunities to help others, whether through giving care or educating others for the profession."

"It's remarkable that a \$500 scholarship led me to a career that allowed me to do the same for others," she said. "Nothing makes me prouder than seeing our graduates in a career they love, making a difference in the lives of others."

2025 DONOR IMPACT

\$63,000
Nursing scholarships awarded to **48** students

\$14,000
Continuing education grants for **11** Stormont Vail Health team members

Excellence in Nursing Awards (ENA)
Sponsorship of the 2025 awards in partnership with US Bank and Security Benefit

\$10,000
Awarded by the Blair Scholarship that was established to support Kansas State University Physician Assistant students.

2025 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

7,116 patients

+ 11,212 needs

= nearly \$170,000 in support

\$26,891

Prescriptions & durable medical equipment

288 + 2,600

Overnights Meals For families of hospitalized loved ones

Prescriptive Pantry Added 367

patients supported in managing diabetes & lowering A1C

\$75,293

Transportation assistance for 3,164 patients



Nissai Gill

EQUIPMENT & PROGRAM NEEDS

HELPING FUND THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE IN THE FLINT HILLS REGION



Junction City is at the heart of the R2B4 Foundation

“One of the several reasons the R2B4 Bramlage Family Foundation was established was to give back to the community that has given so much to us and to the family members we’ve lost,” said Theresa Bramlage, Foundation

treasurer. “It is in giving that we have found healing.”

The Foundation made its first donation after Stormont Vail Health acquired Geary County Hospital (now the Stormont Vail Flint Hills Campus) in 2023. Stormont Vail’s mission of improving community health aligns perfectly with the R2B4 Bramlage Foundation’s mission of enhancing quality of life in Junction City and surrounding areas.

Bramlage emphasized the importance of continuing to support medical needs in Junction City now that the community has access to high-quality healthcare. She also

highlighted Stormont Vail’s contributions to the region and the state of Kansas in terms of healthcare and the economy.

Through the Stormont Vail Foundation, the R2B4 Bramlage Foundation has supported several projects at Stormont Vail’s Flint Hills Campus, including new lab equipment and wireless fetal monitoring systems for The Birthplace.

“Bob and I hope our involvement encourages others to support Stormont Vail with a contribution or in some other way,” Bramlage said. “We think it’s important that people know that the funds raised are invested in our community to support healthcare in Junction City and that their contributions truly do make a difference.”

In 2025, donations, grants, and endowed funds provided nearly \$684,000 in equipment and program support possible, including:

\$400,000

for NICU patient-care equipment, recliners, and a preemie simulator for team training.

\$25,000+

for the Pediatrics Playroom remodel

Body Image Boutique & Patient Safety Enhancements

at the Cotton O’Neal Cancer Center

Self-Defense Equipment

for employee self-defense classes

Ophthalmology Surgical Microscope

for the Flint Hills Campus, enabling the facility to re-establish cataract and other eye surgeries



CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

CHAMPIONS FOR KIDS: COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING IN ACTION

If you stopped by the Walmart Supercenter in Emporia last June, you likely ran into a few characters, including princesses, Mandalorians, and super heroes, to name a few.

It's one of the creative ways the store raises funds during its annual Children's Miracle Network (CMN) campaign for Stormont Vail Health's pediatric services. In 2025, their efforts netted \$20,592, making them the top fundraising location in Kansas.

"Character days were our store champion's idea," said Mick Schroeder, General Manager of Walmart Store #557. "We started with Star Wars in 2023 and built on that with additional characters and other activities like an ice bucket challenge and disc golf tournament."

These fun activities engage associates and customers alike, boosting donations at the register.

"It's contagious," Schroeder said. "Everyone gets in on the fun. That, and the difference CMN makes for kids, makes it easier to ask. We're fortunate to live in a community that, when asked to help kids, responds very generously."

While collecting donations is the focus, raising awareness is just as important.

"My son benefited from great care at a CMN hospital," he said. "You never know who is going to walk into your store

that has a child with a medical need. It's one way we can let the community know Stormont Vail is there to help."

Not ones to take success for granted, the Emporia team is already planning their 2026 campaign with the goal for retaining the top spot. "We're a competitive bunch," he said noting that out of Walmart's 86 stores in Kansas, the northeast Kansas region had the top five fundraising locations. "We all want each other to succeed, because CMN is such a great cause."

2025 CMN Highlights

- **\$149,252** Raised by Walmart & Sam's Club campaigns (32% increase from 2024).
- **\$10,000+** Raised by Re/MAX campaign.
- **\$10,001** Raised by the Wanamaker location Club Car Wash in May. (2nd highest among 220 locations nationwide).
- **\$31,093** Received through Ace Hardware Helping Hand Program for children's sensory rooms at the Stormont Vail Behavioral Health Center.
- **\$9,250** Awarded in Walmart Spark Grants for pediatric programs across the region.



MILESTONES & MOMENTUM: FOUNDATION ACHIEVEMENTS

\$1.8M
Raised in contributions

\$30.2M
Foundation assets

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Community Connection Lunches
Updating Junction City leaders on Flint Hills Campus progress

\$285,830
Record-breaking funds raised at the 25th Annual BIG HEARTS Golf Tournament for advanced breast imaging technology

\$505,787
Contributions from Stormont Vail Health providers and team members

Cardiac & Vascular Center Completed
Donors and CVC opening celebrated at the Vail Society Reception