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Foundation for Morristown  
Medical Center

# Annual Donor Impact Report

a record-breaking year of giving 

The following report outlines the impact of your generosity and demonstrates your philanthropy in action across the medical center.





## We are pleased to report 2022 was a record-breaking year for the Foundation for Morristown Medical Center.

Thanks to our donor community, an astounding **\$30 million was donated** – an incredible expression of your generous support for Morristown Medical Center and our patients. The following report highlights the impact of your generosity and demonstrates your philanthropy in action across the medical center.

Pictured left: Trish O'Keefe, PhD, RN, President, Morristown Medical Center and Chief Nurse Executive, Atlantic Health System, and Jennifer L. Smith, Chief Philanthropy Officer, Foundation for Morristown Medical Center

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The extraordinary generosity of our donor community allows Morristown Medical Center to attract and retain the brightest medical minds, provide access to best-in-class technology and offer continuing education opportunities for physicians, nurses and team members.

Your philanthropic efforts over this past year have truly helped shape the future of the medical center. Together, we continue to achieve remarkable things.”



**Trish O'Keefe, PhD, RN**

President, Morristown Medical Center  
Senior Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive,  
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# More than \$30 million given by 5,227 donors to support innovative projects, positions and programs.

Here's how your donations contributed to improvements in some of our top clinical areas:



**Orthopedics**  
**\$5,411,949**  
**5 DONORS**



**Cardiovascular Care**  
**\$4,848,917**  
**425 DONORS**



**Emergency Care**  
**\$3,398,749**  
**674 DONORS**



**Pediatrics**  
**\$3,291,588**  
**591 DONORS**



**Nursing**  
**\$3,112,577**  
**110 DONORS**



**Oncology**  
**\$2,543,165**  
**553 DONORS**



**Women's Health**  
**\$726,253**  
**65 DONORS**



**Behavioral Health**  
**\$646,534**  
**35 DONORS**



I have the privilege of leading a dedicated group of gifted volunteer leaders who inspire philanthropy by spreading the word to colleagues, neighbors and friends to partner in our vital mission. We have the drive and desire to make transformational health care – health care that can change your life – possible in our communities, and we are so grateful for your support.”



**Robert B. Tafaro**  
Chair, Foundation for Morristown Medical Center Board of Trustees



In this constantly evolving health care landscape, our donors enable us to impact each patient in a way that has come to define us – through the act of extraordinary caring. Your heartfelt expressions of gratitude empower every physician, nurse and team member to provide expert and compassionate care each day. I couldn't be more thankful for all that you do.”



**Jennifer L. Smith**  
Chief Philanthropy Officer, Foundation for Morristown Medical Center

# Morristown Medical Center




## Vital Stats

 6,547  
employees

 2,880  
physicians

 735  
licensed  
beds

 37,891  
admissions

 3,197  
pediatric  
admissions

 5,187  
births

 13,202  
inpatient  
surgeries

 21,322  
same-day  
surgeries

 103,674  
emergency  
visits

 853,382  
outpatient  
visits

## Awards

**#1 Hospital in New Jersey,  
5 Years in a Row (2018-2022)**

— U.S. News &amp; World Report

**5th Consecutive  
Designation for  
Nursing Excellence**

— Magnet Recognition Program®

**1 of the World's  
Best Hospitals**

— Newsweek

**Ranked in the Top 50  
Programs Nationally**for Cardiology & Heart  
Surgery, Obstetrics &  
Gynecology and Orthopedics

— U.S. News &amp; World Report

**1 of America's 50  
Best Hospitals**

— Healthgrades

**15th Consecutive "A"  
Hospital Safety Grade**

— The Leapfrog Group

**Top Teaching Hospital**

— The Leapfrog Group

## Donor Support for Areas of Greatest Need

Last year, more than 2,700 donors contributed to support the areas of greatest need at Morristown Medical Center. As directed by hospital leadership to support patient care, these gifts helped fund:

**Non-invasive Ultrasound**

Purchase a non-invasive pelvic ultrasound machine

**New Therapy Methods**

Provide massages and music therapy to stroke and pulmonary patients

**One-year Fellowship**

Fund a one-year fellowship in Interventional Cardiology

**Genetic Sequencing**

Continue efforts to use genetic sequencing within the Atlantic Precision Oncology Program

**Toys and More**

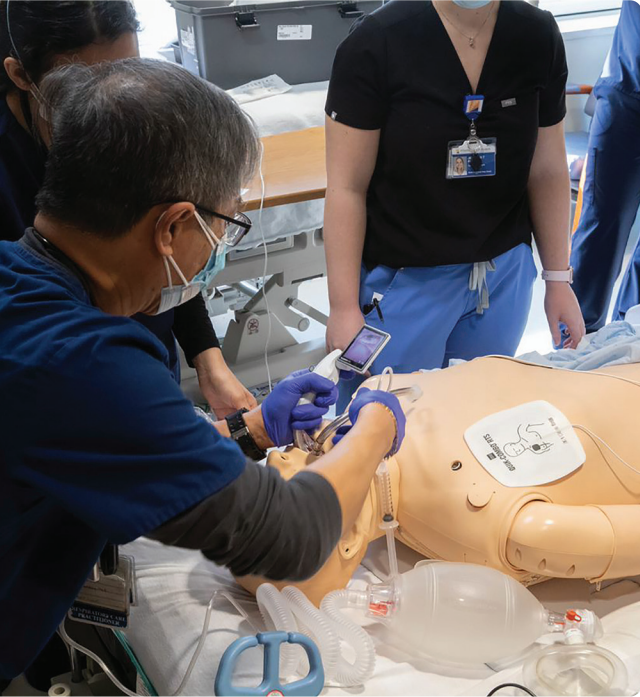
Provide toys and other fun distractions for pediatric patients at Goryeb Children's Hospital

A special  
message  
for our  
donors



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code to watch  
the video.

## Gagnon Institute of Bioskills Training and Innovation



The Gagnon Institute of Bioskills Training and Innovation offers physicians, nurses, medical students and other health professionals a safe and controlled environment to practice clinical skills without risk of patient harm. The current space located at 95 Madison Avenue is undergoing an expansion and modernization which includes a new, fully equipped mock operating room, an intensive care room, a new trauma resuscitation room and a standardized patient exam room.

As part of this donor-funded effort, highly advanced simulation manikins will be purchased, including a surgical skills manikin, a SimBaby™ manikin, an ultrasound simulator, central line simulators and other vital equipment.

Generous philanthropic support for this important effort comes from the Gagnon Family Foundation and Foundation for Morristown Medical Center Trustee Meghan Lyon and Richard Lyon.

## Legacy Giving

To celebrate the 130th Anniversary of Morristown Medical Center in 2022, the Foundation for Morristown Medical Center hosted a Legacy Giving Challenge to help encourage donors to explore this meaningful giving vehicle.

With the support of our community, we exceeded our goal of 26 new Brookfield Legacy Society members and directed \$130,000 in unrestricted funds to an area of each donor's choice.

The Bioskills Institute was selected as the beneficiary of the Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center "Mansion in May 2023" at Three Fields in the Borough of Mendham, New Jersey, and the 130-year-old volunteer organization has pledged **\$1.5 million** to support this important cause.



Scan the QR code to [learn more.](#)

Pictured right (left to right): Robert Tafaro, Chair, Foundation for Morristown Medical Center Board of Trustees; Nikki Sumpter, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Atlantic Health System; Terrance Curran, MD, Director, Gagnon Institute of Bioskills Training and Innovation; Mary Courtemanche, Co-chair, Mansion in May 2023; Kathy Christie, Past President, Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center; Barbara Ruane, Co-chair, Mansion in May 2023; Brian Gagnolati, President and CEO, Atlantic Health System; Christine Serrano Glassner, Mayor, Borough of Mendham, NJ; Jennifer Smith, Chief Philanthropy Officer, Foundation for Morristown Medical Center; Peter Foreza, Homeowner of Three Fields







# Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute

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Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute is proud to provide world-class cardiovascular programs to our communities, making us one of the top heart programs nationwide and the largest in the state, thanks to extensive donor engagement. Our state-of-the-art cardiovascular services, with an eye toward patient-centric care, have built a following of dedicated patients who trust Morristown Medical Center with their hearts.”



**Linda D. Gillam, MD, MPH, MACC**

Dorothy and Lloyd Huck Chair, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine  
Medical Director, Cardiovascular Service Line, Morristown Medical Center/Atlantic Health System

## Awards

## Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Failure for 12 Consecutive Years (2012-2023)

— Healthgrades

Generous contributions from donors such as Eileen Paragano and Howard and Betty Schwartz helped to support the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence General Purpose Fund.

## New equipment highlights



### Echocardiogram Machine

This essential diagnostic equipment helps identify a variety of cardiovascular conditions — from chest pain, dizziness and palpitations to tumors, heart valve leakage and heart anomalies.



### Portable Telemetry Transport Monitors

These portable devices detect heartbeat patterns, identify issues and allow monitoring to continue when patients are transported to and from procedures.



## Donor Spotlight: Richard “Bruce” Fisher



Although Bruce Fisher doesn't remember much about the night he went into sudden cardiac arrest, he will never forget the heroic efforts that saved his life.

## Pester Family Fellow Endowment Fund

Led by Mark S. Rosenthal, MD, FACC, the Cardiology Fellowship Program at Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute provides intensive training in the full scope of cardiovascular medicine and spans a range of inherited and acquired cardiovascular disease. Fellows are trained over the course of three years in advanced imaging, electrophysiology, heart failure treatment and interventional cardiology. A generous endowment from Scott and Tracy Pester will help ensure the continued success of the program.



### Mark Rosenthal, MD, FACC

Director, Cardiology Fellowship Program,  
Morristown Medical Center

## Cardiovascular Rescue and Recovery Program

Atlantic Health System's Cardiovascular Rescue and Recovery Program at Morristown Medical Center expands the medical center's ability to provide 24/7/365 multidisciplinary support to our most critically ill heart patients, with access to world-renowned specialists and life-saving treatments through Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute.

Established in September 2021 with donor support, and led by world-renowned interventional cardiologists Dimitri Karmpaliotis, MD, and Amirali Masoumi, MD, it is the first-and-only program of its kind in the state.

## Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM)



### Matthew Martinez, MD, FACC

Director, Atlantic Health System Sports Cardiology and Director, Chanin T. Mast Center for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, Morristown Medical Center

Sudden cardiac arrest is often caused by HCM. HCM symptoms overlap with other medical ailments, making them difficult to diagnose and treat. Some patients experience shortness of breath, exercise intolerance, chest pressure and pain and fainting, while others experience no symptoms before sudden cardiac failure.

Thanks to donor support, including major gifts from Gar-Wood Burwell, Jonathan Dietz, and Jonathan and Stacey Seligson, advanced diagnostic care and treatment are available at the Chanin T. Mast Center for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy at Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute – the only dedicated HCM program in the state and one of only two on the East Coast.

# \$3,507,920

contributed toward \$6 million goal as of December 31, 2022.

Thank you to our donors, including:

Davino Family Foundation	Mark and Sharon Newman
Gagnon Family Foundation	Glenn and Marcie Yarnis
Barbara and Bob Luciano	And many other generous donors



Lillian Aldaia, MD, and donors Nancy and Perry Jones

Learn more about donor impact on Cardiovascular Care at Morristown Medical Center.

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# Carol G. Simon Cancer Center

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Carol G. Simon Cancer Center patients receive the best clinical care, including access to cutting-edge research, in a modern yet warm technologically-advanced setting. Throughout their cancer treatment journey, patients and their families feel the impact of our donor community's personal and financial commitment. Propelled by the tireless dedication and compassion of our physicians, nurses and entire team, we are building a resource that will elevate and sustain healthier and more vibrant communities for years to come.”



**Eric D. Whitman, MD, FACS**

Medical Director, Atlantic Health System Cancer Care  
Principal Investigator, Atlantic Health NCORP Program  
Director, Atlantic Melanoma Center

## Awards

## Lead Affiliate of the Only New Jersey-Based National Community Oncology Research Program

– National Cancer Institute

## Outstanding Achievement Award

– American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer

## Accredited for Providing High-quality Care to Patients with Diseases of the Breast

– National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers

## New equipment highlight



### Focal One® High Intensity Focus Ultrasound

Support from the Gerald and Josephine Aresty Endowment for Men's Cancer helped to purchase this state-of-the-art device that uses high-frequency sound waves to produce extreme heat to destroy cancerous tissue.



## Donor Spotlight: William E. Simon Foundation



Left to right: Julie Simon Munro, Mary Simon Streep, Aimee Simon Bloom, Bill Simon Jr., Leigh Simon Porges, Peter Simon and Katie Simon

The generosity of the William E. Simon Foundation and the Simon family is a story of philanthropy at its best. Foundation co-chairs Bill and J. Peter Simon join siblings Mary, Leigh, Katie, Aimee and Julie in reflecting with pride on the more than **\$20 million** awarded to Morristown Medical Center since 1969.

## Advanced Cellular Therapy Unit

Construction will begin on the new 10-bed unit in mid-2023 and will expand Morristown Medical Center's ability to care for high-acuity patients undergoing immune effector cell treatments – most commonly CAR-T. This will be vital as Carol G. Simon Cancer Center increases the number of immune effector therapy cases, introduces new cellular therapies and enrolls more patients in clinical trials through our partnership with the Translational Genomics Research Institute. Generous support for this important project includes the Healey Family Foundation, Foundation Trustee Kathleen Ross and Amo Ross and Robert C. and Natalie Rooke.



Hematology-Oncology Fellows Nicole Burak, MD, and Brian S. Baksa, MD

## Hematology-Oncology Fellowship Program

With the launch of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited Hematology-Oncology Fellowship Program in 2020, Morristown Medical Center reaffirmed its commitment to attracting the nation's best physicians to Carol G. Simon Cancer Center by providing specialized training to the top oncologists in the field of medicine today. As a result of generous support from donors such as the Estate of Warren R. Neil Jr., the program's first fellow, Nicole Burak, MD, was chosen from a rigorous pool of more than 175 applicants and began her three-year training in July 2021. She was joined by Brian S. Baksa, MD, in July 2022.



### Mohamad Cherry, MD, MS

Medical Director, Hematology-Oncology, Atlantic Health System Cancer Care

Medical Director, Atlantic Cellular Therapy Program and Director, Hematology-Oncology Fellowship Program, Morristown Medical Center

## Cancer Investigator Development Fund

Made possible by the generous support of David M. Goldenberg, MD, the Cancer Investigator Development Fund provides support for novel research in cancer across the full continuum of care and survivorship.

## Infusion Center Fund

Donor support for the Infusion Center Fund allows Carol G. Simon Cancer Center to enhance the patient experience by providing healthy food options for patients undergoing treatment, comprehensive welcome packets and iPhones loaded with translational applications to help reduce language barriers. Funding also supports programs aimed at caregiver resiliency and minor facility upgrades that help to improve workflow.

## Cancer Resource Navigator

Support from our community of donors, including Foundation Trustee and Carol G. Simon Cancer Center Philanthropy Council member Deborah Hanson, helped fund the Cancer Resource Navigator. This important position provides referrals for patients, families and caregivers to non-clinical resources at any point along their cancer journey. Much-needed resources and referrals include free transportation, assistance with applications for financial aid, cancer treatment information and other supportive services.

## Donor Spotlight: The Goldberg Family



Foundation for Morristown Medical Center Trustee Carl Goldberg and the late Mary Ellen Goldberg

September 2022 marked the tenth anniversary of Mary Ellen Goldberg's passing. It was her wish that after her death, the Goldberg family would support and nurture the facilities at Morristown Medical Center that were an integral part of her treatment – including the renovation and revisioning of the Infusion Center at Carol G. Simon Cancer Center. In Mary Ellen's honor, the Goldberg family matched the pool of existing contributions to amplify the efforts to enhance the quality of the facilities and the care provided by the Infusion Center team.



## Breast Cancer Social Worker

The Breast Cancer Social Worker – a position made possible by a generous donation from Carol G. Simon Cancer Center Philanthropy Council member Gita Rothschild-Berry – provides psychosocial support to patients and families with breast cancer diagnoses.

They assess patient and family needs, develop a comprehensive care plan, connect patients and families to individual and group psychoeducational support programs, and provide short-term counseling and referrals to community resources. This team member also collaborates with other departments on breast cancer awareness and educational programs.

**Learn more about donor  
impact on Cancer Care at  
Morristown Medical Center.**

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# Goryeb Children's Hospital



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Goryeb Children's Hospital provides superior pediatric medical and surgical expertise, renowned specialists and compassionate, patient- and family-centered care with the help of generous community support. All children are precious and vulnerable, a premise that continuously drives us to earn the trust of families by providing the best resources and life-saving care; it's our most valuable trademark.”



**Walter D. Rosenfeld, MD**

Chair of Pediatrics, Goryeb Children's Hospital  
Medical Director of Children's Health, Atlantic Health System



## Center of Excellence

### New equipment highlights



#### GE Venue Fit™ + Vscan Ultrasound

Ultrasounds are a safe, radiation-free way to evaluate and identify the exact location of muscles, nerves, arteries and glands. In children who need treatment for tight, painful muscles that prevent movement, ultrasound guidance is invaluable to preventing pain and potential complications.



#### Pediatric Vein Viewer

Thanks to generous contributions from donors such as the Ausiello Family, a pediatric vein viewer system was purchased for the Gagnon Children's Emergency Department to help provide an accurate image of patients' veins.



#### Stealth Autoguide™ Robot

The first of its kind in the state, the Stealth Autoguide™ robotic guidance system allows surgeons to efficiently place multiple electrodes into the brain for seizure monitoring stereotactically, without the need for surgery. In 2022, specialists at the Epilepsy Center performed six surgeries utilizing this groundbreaking technology.

### Vital stats



266  
employees



734  
NICU admissions



67,091  
outpatient  
visits



94  
licensed  
beds



21,690  
emergency visits



2,435  
same-day  
surgeries

All vital stats for Goryeb Children's Hospital are also included in the overview for Morristown Medical Center.



Lucia M., Goryeb Children's Hospital donor

## Donor Spotlight: The Valerie Fund



On September 17, 2022, more than 1,200 walkers, 250 runners and 150 volunteers took part in the 17th Annual Valerie Fund Walk/Run presented by Valerie Fund Founders Ed and Sue Goldstein and JAG-ONE Physical Therapy. The event raised more than \$828,000 to support these long-time philanthropic partners. As a part of their **#BetterTogether** initiative, CBS News produced a moving segment highlighting the physicians and care teams who work with pediatric cancer patients and their families each day at the Valerie Fund Children's Center at Goryeb Children's Hospital.



Scan the QR code to watch **the coverage.**

## Pediatric Hematology-Oncology

### Good Neighbor Fund

A key component of the mission for family-centered care at Goryeb Children's Hospital, the Good Neighbor Fund uses donor gifts to support families with daily living expenses, gas and electric bills, childcare costs, mortgage or rent payments and pharmaceutical purchases. Last year, Roxbury High School students contributed more than \$37,000 to support Goryeb Children's Hospital and the Good Neighbor Fund through the annual Rox-THON.

### Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Nurse Navigator

In 2022, funds raised through the Fifth Annual Juniors Fore Goryeb Golf Outing and generous support from the Valerie Fund helped create a Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Nurse Navigator position. Ashley Mariconda, RN, was hired to fill the role in late 2022 and will serve as a central point of contact for patients and their families, guiding them through the continuum of cancer care – from diagnosis to treatment and follow-up care.



#### **Christopher J. Lawlor, MD**

Medical Director, Pediatric Hematology and Oncology for the Valerie Fund Children's Center at Goryeb Children's Hospital

## Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Program

Morristown Medical Center's youngest and most vulnerable patients receive extraordinary care at Sam's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) under the supervision of 14 neonatologists.

To train the next generation of experts in this field, the Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Program will equip fellows in pediatric clinical care, medical education and research.

This program is seeded entirely through philanthropy, and the first endowed Larry Skolnick NICU Fellow, Josephine Miller, MD, began her term in July 2023. Generous support in 2022 came from the F. M. Kirby Foundation, Inc. and the Caruso Family Foundation, whose matching challenge raised more than \$100,000 for the fellowship program.



Generous support for the program comes from donors such as the F.M. Kirby Foundation and the Caruso Family Foundation.

## Atlantic Fetal Diagnostic and Treatment Center (AFDTC)

The AFDTC gives women with high-risk pregnancies vital access to experts whose sole focus is to keep both mother and baby healthy before, during and after birth. To bring this program to the next level, women with high-risk pregnancies will soon be able to receive seamless care in one location — ideally during one appointment. A new full-time perinatal care coordinator will serve as a family-physician liaison and help parents navigate the complexities of their care. In keeping with Goryeb Children's Hospital's commitment to both the physical and emotional aspects of patient care, the AFDTC will ensure that families have 24/7 access to Goryeb Children's Hospital experts for continuous patient- and family-centered care.

Generous contributors to this project include the Gagnon Family Foundation and the Arthur M. Goldberg and Veronica Goldberg Foundation.

## Pediatric Neurology/Epilepsy

The Epilepsy Center team at Goryeb Children's Hospital incorporates a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to treat pediatric patients suffering from this complex neurological condition. Through support from donors such as the Martire and Velez families and the Louise Washington Charitable Trust, the center has begun a five-year development plan for growth in treating pediatric epilepsy. This includes the addition of support positions; state-of-the-art equipment upgrades like the Stealth Autoguide™ robotic guidance system and facility upgrades. The donor-funded Epilepsy Nurse Navigator position has also been filled, with Kiera Warren, RN, starting in late 2022.



Patient at Goryeb Children's Hospital enjoys Mickey's Garden.

## Child Life Program

Child Life Specialists do their best to keep pediatric patients educated, entertained and distracted at the bedside. With donor support, they are able to purchase supplies – such as stress balls, playing cards, crayons and craft items, educational toys, games and Xboxes – that provide many hours of much-needed fun and entertainment.

In 2022, the Barer Family Foundation funded an additional Child Life Specialist position in pediatric surgery. This dedicated resource will focus on preparing children and parents before a procedure and offer support day of. Research shows that children who are psychologically prepared for surgery experience fewer negative symptoms, have less post-traumatic stress, lower levels of fear and anxiety, increased cooperative behaviors and better long-term adjustment to future medical challenges.

## Farris Family Center for Advanced Medicine in Pediatrics (CAMP)

A generous donation from Christopher and Linda Baldwin supported funding needs at CAMP including new outdoor furniture for Kayla's Healing Garden.

The upgrade will support children and their families who use the tranquil space as an important outdoor respite. Funds will also be used to purchase upgraded infusion recliners for pediatric patients, high-back chairs for parents and new gaming systems for the young patients receiving care at CAMP.

## Pediatric Sepsis Program

Thanks to the generosity of the R Baby Foundation, Goryeb Children's Hospital has made incredible inroads in treating pediatric sepsis and using simulation technology for clinical training. Caused by a bacterial, viral or fungal infection, early detection and aggressive treatment of sepsis is crucial. The R Baby Foundation has made it possible for Goryeb Children's Hospital to institute a hospital-wide pediatric sepsis recognition protocol to improve patient outcomes.



## Patient Support Fund

Gifts from donors such as the Larini Foundation help the Patient Support Fund assist parents and caregivers of patients at Goryeb Children's Hospital in dire financial need. The fund ensures patients and families receive support to see them through the healing process, and can be used for transportation, medications, food and financial assistance.

## Calling All Kids

The mission of Calling All Kids Storytime Network (CAK) is to bring smiles and laughter by educating and distracting our youngest patients with media arts. The underlying tenant of CAK has always been kids helping kids, whether that looks like past patients reading stories on the CAK TV channel, high-school kids helping at events or interns coming in from local colleges. Philanthropy from donors such as the Smart Family Foundation of New York and Ian and Elizabeth MacCallum Jr. has helped sustain the incredible growth and popularity of CAK by providing support to produce new content and programs.

**Learn more about donor impact on Pediatrics at Morristown Medical Center.**

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# Sameth Emergency Department



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Donor support has been a key driver – helping Morristown Medical Center to expand and modernize the Sameth Emergency Department to meet the growing community need for high-acuity emergency care. Patients and team members alike will benefit from the generous support for the Campaign for Building Excellence in Emergency Care, which will allow us to continue to raise the bar for life-saving emergency care in the region.”



**Dan Weiner, MD**

Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, Sameth Emergency Department,  
Morristown Medical Center

## Awards

### Gold Standard

— Level 1 Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation

### Level I Regional Trauma Center

— American College of Surgeons

### Level II Trauma Center

— State of New Jersey

## Campaign for Building Excellence in Emergency Care

Generous support from our community of donors made it possible to reach the campaign's initial \$10 million fundraising goal in about a year's time. As momentum for the campaign continues to build, the fundraising goal has increased to \$12.5 million to support additional equipment upgrades, new technology and educational opportunities for physicians, nurses and emergency care specialists.



### William "Bill" Marino

Chair, Campaign for Building Excellence in Emergency Care

In 2022, meaningful progress was made on the expansion and modernization efforts in the Sameth Emergency Department. Updates include:



#### Advanced CT Scanner

The installation of a new, advanced CT scanner, made possible by a \$2.5 million donation from the Margaret A. Darrin Charitable Trust.



#### Patient Monitor Upgrades

Enhanced and expanded patient monitoring to track arrhythmias, temperature, blood pressure, pulse oxygen and more.



#### Trauma Elevator Expansion

The extension of all four of the Emergency Department's trauma elevators to the medical center's rooftop to expedite access to and from the helipad during a trauma emergency. Made possible by a generous grant from the Ann K. Kirby Foundation.



#### Relocation and Expansion

Relocation of the Pediatric Day Hospital and Sleep Center to the second floor of Goryeb Children's Hospital to make way for the new 17-room Gagnon Children's Emergency Department, which will be built on the first floor of Goryeb Children's Hospital.

Planning for the overall expansion and modernization of the Sameth Emergency Department is in progress, with completion projected at the end of 2024.



\$10.6M  
donated!



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## \$10,600,000

contributed toward \$12.5 million goal as of December 31, 2022.

Thank you to our donors, including:

Louise T. Barbieri, MD	Donald and Frances MacMaster
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## Foundation for Morristown Medical Center Golf Classic

The Foundation for Morristown Medical Center's Second Annual Golf Classic took place on August 22, 2022, at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, New Jersey. With 150 golfers participating, the event raised more than **\$500,000** to benefit the expansion and modernization of the Sameth Emergency Department through the Campaign for Building Excellence in Emergency Care. The Campaign's chair, Bill Marino, also served as member sponsor for the outing for the second year in a row.

We thank our sponsors, players and donors for their incredible generosity.

**This annual event was sponsored in part by the New York Jets Foundation, Atlantic Health System, Paula and Bill Marino, Mid-Atlantic Surgical Associates, Open Road Auto Group and Zotec Partners.**



Learn more about donor impact on Emergency Care at Morristown Medical Center.

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# Orthopedics



## **James C. Wittig, MD**

Chair, Department of Orthopedics,  
Morristown Medical Center  
Medical Director, Orthopedic Oncology,  
Atlantic Health System

### Awards

**5-Star Rating in Total Knee  
Replacement and Total Hip  
Replacement**

— Healthgrades

**Top Hospital in the State for  
Hip and Knee Replacement**

— Castle Connolly



## Donor Spotlight: Kathleen E. “Kathy” Christie



Left to right: The late Stuart and Sheila Christie and Kathy Christie

Kathy Christie is building an unforgettable legacy at Morristown Medical Center through her passion for philanthropy and volunteerism. She watched her late parents, Stuart and Sheila Christie, give to their community so selflessly and generously that it has become second nature.

“My parents taught my siblings and me about giving back to our community, and it was not only money; they gave of themselves in so many different ways,” said Kathy. Her transformative gift – one of the most significant in the history of the Foundation for Morristown Medical Center – will establish a comprehensive medical education program that includes the Christie Family Orthopedic Residency Program and a one-year fellowship training program, the Christie Family Orthopedic Fellowship Program, that will offer an advanced orthopedic curriculum in a collaborative clinical environment.

## Christie Family Orthopedic Residency and Fellowship Programs

The creation of the Christie Family Orthopedic Residency and Fellowship Programs is an essential step in the hospital’s development as a world-class orthopedic center. In New Jersey, a mere nine accredited orthopedic residency programs exist, and only 154 are available across the nation. Of the top 50 orthopedic centers in the United States, all 50 have a robust orthopedic fellowship program.

These critical continuing-education initiatives enable the hospital to build a funnel of new surgeons trained to the highest standards who can help meet growing patient demand. The residency and fellowship programs also benefit the hospital’s research efforts and elevate its regional and national profile, as the orthopedic department seeks the best and the brightest surgical talent to train and practice at Morristown Medical Center and Atlantic Health System.

Made possible by the incredible generosity of Kathy Christie, president of the Women’s Association for Morristown Medical Center (October 2021 - June 2023) and Washington Partner\*, the Christie Family Orthopedic Residency Program received ACGME accreditation in April and its first four residents began in July 2023. The Christie Family Orthopedic Fellowship is in active recruitment for its first two fellows, who will begin their one-year tenure during the 2024 academic year.

\*Washington Partners are donors who have given \$1 million or more to the medical center.

Learn more about donor impact on Orthopedics at Morristown Medical Center.

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# Behavioral Health



**Elana Monchar, MD**

Chair, Department of Psychiatry,  
Morristown Medical Center

## Collaborative Care

In a collaborative care model, patients' problems are no longer dichotomized into physical and mental states. Integrating both disciplines into a comprehensive, cohesive treatment approach helps ensure that a person's total health is addressed.

This approach helps to close the care gap for undiagnosed mental health cases in primary care settings, giving patients of all ages vital access to quality mental health care and improving patient outcomes and overall quality of life.

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With donor support, Atlantic Behavioral Health at Morristown Medical Center has implemented this groundbreaking care model and services are currently available in five adult primary care practices, two subspecialty practices and two pediatric practices of Atlantic Medical Group.

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## Behavioral Health Assessment Center

Generous gifts from donors including the Gagnon Family Foundation and Ryan Family Foundation will support staffing for the new Behavioral Health Assessment Center at Morristown Medical Center.

The Assessment Center will serve as an “urgent care” facility for children, adolescents and adults who need short-term outpatient psychiatric treatment but do not require the services of an emergency department.

## Peer Recovery Program

Adult patients who seek to live free of alcohol, drugs, addiction and mental health illness receive support for these behavioral challenges not only from paid hospital staff but also from approved volunteers in the Peer Recovery Program. Trained and certified Peer Recovery Support Specialists share tools, skills and information that help transform the lives of those in need. In turn, they find that their recovery and well-being benefit from helping others.

With support from donors such as the Bisaccia Family and Ken and Carol Silbert, members of Morristown Medical Center’s clinical team introduce these support specialists to patients at their hospital bedside to discuss their recovery plan.



## True North Behavioral Health for Veterans

Atlantic Health System’s True North initiative provides mental health outreach services for at-risk veterans living in northern New Jersey. Established in 2017 and made possible by support from donors such as the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation, this unique care program combines behavioral health interventions and other therapies to assess, treat and support the psychosocial needs of veterans living in our communities.

True North’s mission is to serve the men and women who courageously served us by putting them on the path to better mental health.

## Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP)

Delirium is characterized by profound confusion, inattention and functional decline in older hospitalized patients. Delirium can be prevented or reduced through HELP, which provides bedside interventions to keep this patient population mentally and functionally engaged. A generous seed grant from the Marion E. C. Walls Trust implemented HELP at Morristown Medical Center and the trust continues to support the program today.

# Geriatrics



## Keerti Sharma, MD

Chief, Geriatrics and Program Director,  
Geriatrics Fellowship Program, Morristown  
Medical Center

## Awards

### High Performing for Geriatrics

— U.S. News & World Report

### “Exemplar” Status

— Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders

## Geriatrics Fellowship Program

The donor-funded Geriatrics Fellowship Program at Morristown Medical Center is a comprehensive one-year training for physicians trained in internal or family medicine to gain expertise in the assessment, treatment and management of geriatric patients in all clinical settings — including office-based care, skilled nursing and long-term care facilities.

The program graduates one to two fellows each year. Since the program’s formation in 2016, Atlantic Health System has retained three fellows as geriatricians.

# Inpatient Palliative Care



## **Brenda Matti-Orozco, MD**

Chief, Division of General, Internal and Palliative Medicine and Director, Nancy and Skippy Weinstein Inpatient and Palliative Care Center, Morristown Medical Center

## **Inpatient Hospice and Palliative Care**

Thanks in part to donor support, patients can receive palliative care services not only at the Nancy and Skippy Weinstein Inpatient Hospice and Palliative Care Center at Morristown Medical Center but also throughout the hospital's various inpatient units. The palliative care team works closely with each patient's primary care physician to integrate supportive care into their treatment plan.

To demonstrate the hospital's commitment to this medical specialty and to improving patients' quality of life, Morristown Medical Center also operates a robust outpatient palliative care service and palliative care learning collaborative to educate clinical staff.

# Nursing



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Morristown Medical Center can attract and retain the brightest minds in nursing today thanks in part to generous donor support. Our nurses rank among the best in the world, achieving a fifth Magnet designation for nursing excellence that few hospitals attain. Superior clinical excellence, technological innovation and compassionate care – embodying the heart and soul of Morristown Medical Center – are among the high-caliber standards our nurses bring to every patient encounter.”



**Brandee Fetherman, MSN, RN, CCRN-K**

Chief Nursing Officer, Morristown Medical Center

## Awards

## 5th Consecutive Designation for Nursing Excellence

— Magnet Recognition Program®

## 3rd Best Hospital to Work for Nurses in 2022-2023

— NurseJournal.org

## Dick, Jackie and Kim Deskovick Joint Faculty Nurse Educator Program

With generous philanthropic support from Dick, Jackie and Kim Deskovick, Morristown Medical Center will implement an immersive education model for nurses. Highly experienced, hospital-based joint faculty nurse educators will teach clinical skills to novice nurses in the hospital setting while also helping seasoned nurses further develop their practice skills. Support for this program has made it possible to hire four nurses with advanced degrees and clinical expertise in maternal-child medicine, emergency medicine, critical care and pre- and post-surgical care.

## Donor Spotlight: The Deskovick Family



Dick and the late Jackie Deskovick

Supporting Morristown Medical Center's dedication to exceptional nursing care is a priority for Foundation for Morristown Medical Center Honorary Trustee and Washington Partner\* Robert "Dick" Deskovick. He and his late wife Jackie were grateful patients and wanted a meaningful way to give back to these incredible caregivers.

The Deskovick Family's recent gift of **\$1.7 million** to launch the Dick, Jackie and Kim Deskovick Joint Faculty Nurse Educator Program will strengthen the future of Morristown Medical Center's nursing team and ensure its legacy of extraordinary care continues.

\*Washington Partners are donors who have given \$1 million or more to the medical center.

## Fund for Excellence in Nursing

The donor-supported Fund for Excellence in Nursing makes it possible for Morristown Medical Center's dedicated nursing team to participate in activities that foster resiliency, empowerment, engagement and development.

Last year, funding helped underwrite fun and engaging events centered around Nurses Week in May, recognition for nursing team members and staff development. A bequest from the Estate of Barbara and Norman Tomlinson also helped support nurse manager professional development classes.

## Hire Learning Residency Program

The donor-funded Hire Learning Residency Program at Morristown Medical Center provides a structured environment in which new nurses work alongside an experienced nurse preceptor to gain hands-on experience in clinical decision-making and skills development. The result is better patient care and a stronger, more empowered and more resilient nurse workforce. It also helps prevent staffing shortages by reducing new graduate turnover.

Morristown Medical Center is working to enroll 80 new nursing school graduates. Each will be assigned a nurse preceptor and longer-term mentor who will support professional role guidance as new nurses transition into practice.

## Donor Spotlight: Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center



Left to right: Kathy Christie, Past President, Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center; Brandee Fetherman, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, Chief Nursing Officer, Morristown Medical Center; Jennifer Smith, Chief Philanthropy Officer, Foundation for Morristown Medical Center; Diane Rispoli, Kathy Ross, Co-chairs, Farm to Table Event; Trish O'Keefe, PhD, RN, President, Morristown Medical Center, Senior Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive, Atlantic Health System

The Hire Learning Residency Program was the beneficiary of more than **\$200,000** from the Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center's Spring Fundraiser, a "Celebration of Farm to Table Dining," on June 10, 2022, at the Ross Farm Garden in Basking Ridge, New Jersey.



## Dexter D. Earle Critical Care Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) Fellowship Fund



The late Dexter Earle

Made possible by a generous donation from the Earle family in memory of former Foundation and Atlantic Health System Board Chair Dexter Earle, the Dexter D. Earle Critical Care APN Fellowship Fund was established in 2021 to support the ongoing pursuit of patient-centered, quality care at Morristown Medical Center.

Studies have shown that APNs in critical care are key members of a multidisciplinary team. They enhance the efficiency of a patient's flow throughout a hospital stay; support communication between disciplines and between patients and families; assist in developing individualized care plans; and provide a holistic approach to ensure that patients' medical, physical, emotional and spiritual needs are met. In 2022, Program Manager Jodi Galesi, DNP, RN, joined the team, and three cohorts have successfully begun their 12-month programs.

## Center for Nursing Innovation and Research (CNIR)

With the help of Morristown Medical Center's donor community, the CNIR has several ongoing initiatives aimed at improving patient outcomes. One example is the Evidence-based Practice Scholars Program. Managed by visiting professor Katherine Hinic, PhD, clinical nurses participate in this year-long program to learn how to assess published literature and identify best practices for patients. Graduates of the program have presented at local, regional and national conferences.

In 2022, the center launched an Innovation and Design Thinking WorkShop to teach 10 nurses the process of innovation. Nurses came prepared with a clinical challenge and learned how to understand the perspectives of end users, prototype ideas, brainstorm and overcome barriers to move innovative solutions forward.



Morristown Medical Center Nurses Kaleigh McDonald, MSN, RN, and Lauren Charlton, BSN, RN



# Women's Health



## **Sharon Mass, MD**

Interim Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Morristown Medical Center

## Awards

### High Performing in Maternity Care

— U.S. News & World Report

### Best Hospitals for Obstetrics & Gynecology

— U.S. News & World Report

### Blue Distinction Center+ for Maternity Care

— Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey's  
Blue Distinction® Specialty Care Program

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Women's Health initiatives at Morristown Medical Center are made possible by generous donors such as Peter and Sharon Coccoziello, Gates and Mary Ellen Hawn, Janet Simon, Katie Simon, Eileen Lowry and the Women's Health Philanthropy Council.

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## Deskovick Maternity Center Telehealth Program

In 2022 the Deskovick Maternity Center saw more than 5,200 births — an increase of almost 600 deliveries over the last 3 years. Donors supported the continued success of the maternity center's telehealth program, which offers virtual, postpartum follow-up visits to augment the in-person care these new mothers receive after giving birth.



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deliveries in the Deskovick  
Maternity Center



## Women's Health Clinic Patient Support Fund

The Women's Health Clinic at Morristown Medical Center utilizes donor gifts to support underserved patients with essential medications, transportation to and from appointments and other nonmedical needs.

## Prenatal Family Counseling and Guidance Program

The donor-funded Prenatal Family Counseling and Guidance Program was developed in response to increasing rates of obesity and weight gain during pregnancy and the associated prevalence of obesity in children and adolescents. The goal of the program is to provide health education that reduces obesity, empowers patients to develop self-reliance and promotes a healthy lifestyle through nutrition and exercise during and after pregnancy.

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