We hope you enjoy receiving updates from the Development Office. If you do not wish to receive future communications, please contact us at 865-305-6611 or development@utmck.edu and we will remove you from our mailing list.
Dear Friends,

On behalf of our patients, physicians and team members, please accept my sincere gratitude for your generous philanthropic investment in The University of Tennessee Medical Center and UT Graduate School of Medicine (GSM).

Your inspiring gifts in 2017 assisted the medical center and GSM in providing much needed funding for many important initiatives including the Cancer Research Endowment, Comprehensive Stroke Center, Pastoral Care programs and endowed chairs in the departments of Anesthesiology, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and Radiology. The endowments and gifts positively impact our ability to educate the next generation of physicians, provide patients with exceptional patient-centered care, the latest facilities and equipment and accelerate our research efforts.

Your spirit of philanthropy is inspirational to all of us on our campus and we are grateful to have you as a friend and advocate for The University of Tennessee Medical Center and UT Graduate School of Medicine. This philanthropy impact report celebrates how you give our patients and families hope and inspiration through your generosity. Thank you for your continued support.

With gratitude,

Kathy W. Boyd
Chief Development Officer

Did you know?
The University of Tennessee Medical Center is a not-for-profit organization that provides medical care without regard to the patient’s ability to pay for treatment.

100% of contributions to The University of Tennessee Medical Center and UT Graduate School of Medicine benefit the East Tennessee region.

YOUR IMPACT

2017 PHILANTHROPY IMPACT REPORT

Total dollars raised
$7,200,000

Total number of donors
2,465

Total number of gifts
23,456

BY THE NUMBERS

FIFTY ONE PERCENT of UT Medical Center’s philanthropic gifts come from individuals like you. Every dollar you contribute remains in East Tennessee, improving the lives of patients and families in our community and beyond.

1,200 TEAM MEMBERS DONATED

$443,000.00

Our Team Members are inspired to give back

Number of Team Members: 4,410

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Anne Sprouse Pastoral Care Endowment Ensures Future Oncology Chaplain Services

Chaplain Anne Sprouse has committed her life to serving others through her faith – by building connections between people and communities that inspire healing, growth and change. The Department of Pastoral Care at the medical center and many of Anne’s dear friends and grateful patients established The Anne Sprouse Pastoral Care Endowment to honor and continue her legacy of service to the patients and families of The University of Tennessee Medical Center’s Cancer Institute.

Anne began her service in the Department of Pastoral Care in 2001, believing in the fundamental connection between one’s physical, spiritual and emotional well-being. Anne has ministered to countless individuals and has set the benchmark for future oncology chaplains. As a member of the Pastoral Care team, Anne walks hand-in-hand with the physicians, team members, clinicians, patients and their loved ones. They come together where it matters most – in the hearts and souls of those who are struggling.

To date, $1.178 million of the $1.5 million needed to fully endow the Cancer Institute’s chaplain position has been raised. Monies earned through the endowment will ensure continued pastoral care to the patients, families and staff of The University of Tennessee Medical Center’s Cancer Institute.

Contributions to Comprehensive Stroke Center Provide Specialized Care for Patients and Families

In early 2017 we asked for philanthropic support to assist our Comprehensive Stroke Center physicians and team members in providing quality care and services to meet the unique and specialized needs of stroke patients. Many of you, our patients, families and community supporters, were inspired to contribute to the cause.

More of our family members, friends and neighbors are suffering from stroke than ever before. According to the 2017 American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States. Thanks to the philanthropic support of so many in the community, the Comprehensive Stroke Center team is better equipped to keep pace with the growing and changing needs of our community.

Due to the generous gifts from patients and friends, we have been able to provide lifesaving training to our community partners, team members and physicians, including:

- Acute stroke training for more than 275 paramedics in East Tennessee
- Six community education events at senior centers throughout the region to provide education and information about stroke risk reduction and warning sign recognition
- Advanced Stroke Life Support (ASLS) courses to EMS agencies and Emergency Department teams
- The 9th Annual Stroke Symposium: Current State of Acute Stroke Care, a continuing medical education program for physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners across Tennessee

“Without your contributions, this important work simply would not be possible. We are grateful for your commitment to our mission to serve our community through healing, education and discovery.” - Dr. Brian Wiseman, Medical Director, Comprehensive Stroke Center.

Golf Tournament Proceeds Provide Hope and Healing for Trauma Survivors and Their Families

The TEE Up for Trauma Golf Tournament on May 15, 2017 raised more than $100,000 in support of The University of Tennessee Medical Center’s Trauma Survivor’s Network (TSN).

TSN is a community of patients and families who wish to connect with one another and rebuild their lives after a traumatic injury. Joining this community can help ease the anxiety and frustration often experienced during recovery.

The funds raised through this important event provide specialized programs for patients and caregivers and serve as seed money for program enhancements. The tournament impacts more than 2,000 trauma patients annually through these programs:

- Peer Visitation: This program offers patients the opportunity to talk with a trained volunteer who has experienced the aftermath of a serious injury; offering the perspective of someone who has been there.
- Support Groups: Support groups allow patients and families to share their thoughts, concerns and hopes for the future with others facing similar challenges.
- Snack & Chat: Traumatic injury impacts family and friends in many ways. Caregivers often experience frustration, anger,
UT Graduate School of Medicine Sets Goal to Endow Department Chairs

One of the UT Graduate School of Medicine’s (GSM) most important funding priorities is the establishment of endowed department chairs. Each department chair is responsible for providing a vision and strategic direction for their specialty and advancing academic success, clinically excellent and fiscally sound department through their experience and leadership.

Why are endowed department chairs so important?

Endowed department chairs are crucial for recruiting and retaining the highest quality faculty and have become the expectation of truly exceptional physician scholars. An endowed chair is among the highest academic awards the graduate school of medicine can bestow. An endowed honor not only the named holder of the appointment, but also pays tribute to the individual in whose name it is established, a lasting legacy that recognizes the enormous contributions of the individual.

Endowed chair funds provide additional support to elevate academic programs, propel research, allow for collaboration with scholars around the world and make innovative advances in the department’s scholarly work.

Thus far, 267 donors have invested: $3,976,977 to establish endowed chairs in Anesthesiology, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and Radiology. The endowments, once fully funded, will offer additional financial support to fulfill the department’s goals. The endowed chairs will offer additional financial support to elevate the individual.

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Mitchell H. Goldman, MD Endowed Chair of Surgery

The Goldman Endowed Chair of Surgery honors Dr. Mitchell H. Goldman. During his more than 30 years in vascular and transplant surgery practice, he performed the first kidney transplant, started the heart and pancreas transplant programs and developed an endovascular surgery program at The University of Tennessee Medical Center. Dr. Goldman also founded the Vascular Surgery Fellowship at the UT Graduate School of Medicine and the Medical Explorations program for high school students.

Dr. Goldman became chairman of the Department of Surgery in 1998 and held this role until his retirement in 2016. He also served as the Director of General Surgery Residency Program and Medical Director of the Wound Care Center. Dr. Goldman continues to serve as Professor and Assistant Dean for Research, Division of Vascular & Endovascular Surgery and Division of Transplant Surgery.

Goldman is a pioneer in medical student and resident education and the use of simulation in medical education and patient safety. He is nationally and internationally recognized for his surgical education, authoring over 200 articles and book chapters on vascular education and research.

Kelly L. Krahwinkel Endowed Chair in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

In 2007 Dr. Eric R. Carlson diagnosed Kelly Krahwinkel with an aggressive variant of adenoid cystic carcinoma of the submandibular salivary gland and cervical lymph nodes. After what was believed to be a courageous fight against the cancer, she lost the battle 13 months later.

"Kelly was the pillar of physical, emotional, and spiritual strength. Her resolute example continues to be a role model for all head and neck cancer patients," said Dr. Carlson.

The excellent care and support Kelly received during treatment inspired the Krahwinkel family to help establish the Kelly L. Krahwinkel Chair in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in her memory. This endowment supports the department’s initiative in oral/head and neck cancer diagnosis and surgical treatment, and the enhanced clinical integration in the Cancer Institute. As the current Department Chair, Dr. Carlson holds the Kelly L. Krahwinkel Endowed Chair in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Kenneth A. Rule, MD Endowed Chair in Radiology

Kenneth A. Rule, MD has served in many roles during his more than 32-year career at The University of Tennessee Medical Center and UT Graduate School of Medicine. Dr. Rule was Director of the Radiology Residency Program, Director of Radiology, and the Department of Radiology Chair. He is a professor at the UT Graduate School of Medicine, where he enjoys teaching the next generation of radiologists. After receiving his medical degree at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) in Memphis, Dr. Rule completed an internship at the UTHSC and a residency in diagnostic radiology at the University of Kentucky, Lexington. He specializes in Radiology and Ultrasonography.

The UT Center for Advanced Medical Simulation

The mission of the UT Center for Advanced Medical Simulation is to add a new dimension to the training of physicians, nurses, residents, medical students and clinical staff. To improve the quality of care in our community, state-of-the-art simulated training is available to healthcare providers throughout the region to improve individual skills and practice team skills critical to patient safety.

The primary goal is for continuous improvement in patient quality and safety through education, practice, and assessment. Simulation experts, equipment maintenance, upgrades and additions of specialized equipment are extremely costly—and your support makes a difference.

UT Graduate School of Medicine Establishes Dr. William M. Bass Fellowship in Forensic Dentistry

Dr. William M. Bass is a world renowned expert in forensic anthropology, University of Tennessee professor emeritus, an American Board of Forensic Anthropology diplomat, Tennessee State Forensic Anthropologist and co-author of a bestselling book series. Dr. Bass started the Forensic Anthropology Center in 1971 - the first research facility of its kind to develop a systematic study of the decomposition of human remains. Bass directed the Center’s research and created guidelines that are now used to solve murders across the globe. The Dr. William M. Bass Fellowship in Forensic Dentistry was named in his honor as a tribute to his work in forensic anthropology and to advance the field of forensic dentistry.

Forensic dentists assist investigative agencies in identifying recovered human remains and use their expertise to determine age, ethnicity, occupation, dental history and socioeconomic status. They must earn a Doctor of Dental Science (DDS) degree and complete additional training specific to the field of forensic science.
Cancer Research Endowment Campaign Exceeds $3 Million Goal

In 2016 The University of Tennessee Medical Center set a goal to raise $3 million in order to establish the Cancer Research Endowment – the first of its kind at the Cancer Institute. Through proceeds from the 2016 An Evening in Orange Event and the Cancer Research Campaign, as well as personal and corporate contributions, the medical center received more than $4.25 million in commitments to the endowment.

As the Cancer Research Endowment continues to grow and produce income, this critical funding will be made available as grants for physicians and medical residents who are seeking resources for cancer research that will foster new discoveries and advanced treatments.

“Thank you to our An Evening in Orange chairs Steve and Becky South

“Use are looking forward to sharing information about the grant selection process and the physicians and researchers who will apply these funds to the fight against cancer,” said Dr. John L. Bell, Director of the Cancer Institute. “Thank you, our donors, for making the dream of a cancer research endowment a reality.”

Alzheimer’s Research Initiative at The Pat Summitt Clinic: Hope Lies in Research

The Pat Summitt Clinic at The University of Tennessee Medical Center launched the Alzheimer’s Research Initiative as a collaborative effort of physicians, researchers and scientists across the academic medical center campus to do its part in advancing the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease.

Legendary basketball coach and teamwork expert Pat Summitt envisioned a place in East Tennessee where in research, education, treatment and care of patients and families in our community. ‘Teamwork is what makes common people capable of uncommon results.’ – Pat Summitt

Support of The Pat Summitt Clinic’s Alzheimer’s Research Initiative is critical to the advancement of early diagnosis, treatment, and one day, a cure. All philanthropic gifts remain in East Tennessee supporting The Pat Summitt Clinic team in research, education, treatment and care of patients and families in our community.

The 2017 Man Run Raises $54,000 for Prostate Cancer Research

Blackberry Farm Event Raises Funds for Heart Lung Vascular Institute Patients

The 2017 Blackberry Farm Wine Tasting, held on August 20th, raised over $54,000 for the Heart Lung Vascular Institute (HLVI). The philanthropic support from this event helps provide pulmonary and cardiac rehab patients in need of financial assistance, basic needs such as transportation to the institute and costly home equipment. These gifts also assist HLVI with the purchase of clinical equipment for patient safety initiatives, and community health screening and educational programs.

2017 Comedy for a Cause Proceeds Benefit Gynecologic Cancers Education and Research Fund

Since its inception in 2014, Comedy for a Cause has brought together nearly 1,000 women and family members who share a common bond – they’ve all been touched by a gynecologic cancer diagnosis.

At the 2017 event, 315 gynecologic cancer survivors, patients, family members and friends gathered to enjoy Knoxville comedian Leanne Morgan’s hilarious brand of comedy at The Lighthouse in Knoxville. The sold out evening of laughter raised $23,000 in support of the Cancer Institute’s Gynecologic Cancers Education and Research Fund.

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The race raised $54,000 for men’s health initiatives at the medical center, an 88% increase from 2016 and the highest amount in the race’s 10-year history. All proceeds benefit prostate cancer and men’s health research, outreach and educational programs in East Tennessee.

During Prostate Awareness Month in September, the Cancer Institute hosted free screenings at five different locations in the region. In the last nine years, more than 5,000 free prostate screenings were performed because of the funds raised by the Man Run.

“One in six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime,” stated Dr. Bedford Waters, urologist and chair of the Department of Urology at the UT Graduate School of Medicine. “Early diagnosis is critical to treatment and survival. I encourage all men to educate themselves and know when they should begin their screenings.”

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- Number of residents and fellows: 224
- Number of residency programs: 10
- Number of fellowship programs: 11

- 100% of all donations stay in East Tennessee to support patient care, research, education and outreach programs.

- 52% of UT Graduate School of Medicine graduates remained in Tennessee to practice

- 24% continued in a residency or fellowship program