

Philanthropic Priorities



Augusta Health Foundation is pleased to share the following philanthropic priorities with our communities.

Neighborhood (Mobile) Primary Care

In September 2022, Augusta Health began offering primary care services to community members who lack access or the ability to receive care in traditional hospital and clinic settings.

Initially, no-cost services were offered in three Staunton and Waynesboro locations, in collaboration with trusted community partners. By January 2024, weekly clinics had expanded to 16 locations across Augusta County. Collaboration with community partners has made it possible to hold clinics in churches, neighborhood centers, fire stations, homeless shelters, low-income neighborhoods, and other congregate spaces.

As clinic sites and the number of people needing primary care services grow, the care team is challenged with the logistics of setting up and closing (approximately four hours per clinic); maintaining the level of efficiency needed to meet the demand for care; and preserving patient privacy.

A customized, fully equipped RV complete with a lab area and two exam rooms, will better meet the access and privacy needs of patients. It will also allow the team to provide care more efficiently and expand services to other remote locations where no community structures exist.



ANNUAL NEED: \$600,000

Funding Opportunities:

- \$15,000** Annual maintenance and insurance
- \$10,000** Medical supplies
- \$ 3,500** Fuel for one year
- \$ 500** Vaccines (1,000 DOSES NEEDED)
- \$ 115** Cervical Cancer screenings (70 NEEDED)
- \$ 50** Mental health counseling (480 HOURS NEEDED)
- \$ 25** Translation services (1,200 HOURS NEEDED)
- \$ 15** Contraceptives (200 PACKS NEEDED)

Naming Opportunities:

- \$500,000** RV purchase
- \$40,000** Exam room 1 NAMED!
- \$40,000** Exam room 2
- \$33,000** Lab area
- \$26,000** Supply storage
- \$10,000** Refrigerated storage

Patient Transportation Assistance

Every day, patients struggle to get to/from their doctor appointments or return home after being discharged from the hospital.

Access to reliable transportation continues to be a major barrier to care, resulting in rescheduled treatments, delayed or cancelled care, and being stranded for hours waiting for a ride.



Many patients who need transportation assistance have limited or no access to a vehicle, have no family members or friends to provide transportation, travel long distances for treatment across a rural network, and are incapable of driving themselves due to incapacity or advanced age.

Commercial insurance doesn't pay for transportation. Options available through Medicaid are often unreliable and local public transportation is limited.

Gifts to the Patient Transportation Assistance Fund will provide safe, reliable, and appropriate transportation so patients can receive the critical care, treatment, and rehabilitation services they need.

ANNUAL NEED: \$236,321

\$200 Average round trip cost per patient
(1,000 PATIENTS NEED A RIDE ANNUALLY)





Cancer & Hematology Bridge Funds

Many patients experiencing cancer and blood disorders (anemia, leukemia, lymphoma, etc.), are also challenged with the lack of resources they need to focus on their treatment and recovery.

Bridge funds provide temporary financial support when a critical need arises, and no other resources are available. Gifts to the cancer and hematology funds provide patients with transportation, medications, nutritional supplements, short-term lodging, mastectomy bras, lymphedema sleeves, and other necessities they cannot afford.



ANNUAL NEED: \$75,000

Funding Opportunities:

- \$1,016** Two-week motel stay
- \$ 500** Medication assistance per patient
- \$ 300** Lymphedema sleeve
- \$ 110** Mastectomy bras (2 PAIRS)
- \$ 70** Nutritional supplements (1 CASE)



Workforce Development

Access to excellent care is a pillar of Augusta Health's mission. As patient treatment techniques evolve, training new and experienced clinical teams becomes critical to meeting the diverse healthcare needs of our communities.

Education is not new for Augusta Health. In fact, the Medical Laboratory Science Education program began more than 50 years ago at Kings Daughters Hospital in Staunton. In addition to Medical Laboratory Science, funds have also been established to educate nurses, therapists, technicians, advanced practitioners, and other team members who provide direct patient care.

Your gifts can support team member education in the profession of your choice.

| ANNUAL NEED: \$50,000



Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program

On July 1, 2024, Augusta Health welcomed an inaugural class of 10 diverse medical school graduates, to begin a three-year training as Internal Medicine residents. This unique rural health training experience will prepare future generations of physicians who will live in and care for our communities.

The program will provide high quality teaching and clinical experiences for physicians across many disciplines in internal medicine. Rotations will include hospital medicine, intensive care, infectious diseases, cardiology, and endocrinology. For three years, residents will spend one week each month caring for patients in primary care and community-based settings including the Neighborhood Clinic and Population Health division. The curriculum includes healthcare economics, models for care delivery, strategies to mitigate racial and unconscious bias, best practices in quality and safety, critical skills needed for effective teamwork, and how to collaborate with community partners to reduce local health disparities.

Many physicians end up practicing medicine in the places where they receive their residency training. Establishing a Graduate Medical Education program at Augusta Health is a valuable way to grow the team of future physicians

who will live in and care for our communities and respond to the national physician shortage. Many internal medicine residents go on to become cardiologists, gastroenterologists, oncologists, and other specialists, who will build the local provider team and ensure future generations in our communities have the care they need.

This bold step of becoming a community teaching facility requires a significant financial investment for program readiness and sustainability. Financial projections show that the GME program will break even by year six, when the full complement of 45 residents in practice will be achieved.

Your support will help fund the program until breakeven status is reached in six years.

ANNUAL NEED: \$1,000,000

Naming Opportunities:

\$5,000,000	Name a 30 exam/procedure room Community Clinic
\$ 502,500	Name the Residents Lounge
\$ 363,000	Educate one resident for three years
\$ 100,000	Endow a faculty position
\$ 28,500	Name a Resident Call Room (8 TOTAL)

“We are excited to welcome this class of exceptional internal medicine residents and look forward to supporting them in their training.” — Jessica Collins, MD, Internal Medicine Program Director



The GME team, left to right: **Dr. B. Kent Diduch**, Director of Continuity Clinic; **Dawn Dola-Jenney**, Internal Medicine Program Coordinator; **Dr. Amit Patel**, Associate Program Director for Inpatient Medicine; **Michelle Mason-Pedigo**, Director Medical Education; **Dr. Adiba Geeti**, Associate Program Director for Resident Wellness and Quality Improvement; **Dr. Jessica Collins**, Internal Medicine Program Director; **Dr. Clint Merritt**, Chief Physician Executive and Chief Medical Officer.



Internal Medicine residents 2024/2025, left to right: Dr. Nana Kwadwo Opoku, Dr. Adam Rasoul, Dr. Emma Kyei, Dr. Ahmed Elsaiey, Dr. Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Linda Hernandez Gonzalez, Dr. Shamsun Nahar, Dr. Aheema Gazi, Dr. Joanna Huckabay, Dr. Alexander Nguyen

The Farm at Augusta Health

Augusta Health's one and a quarter acre farm supplies approximately 25,000 pounds of produce annually to benefit patients, and other community members who are food insecure. Over 24 physician practices prescribe food through a FoodFarmacy program to help patients improve their diet and manage chronic diseases. Food is also delivered to homebound and hospice patients to help improve their diet, as well as through a Crops to Community program, and a food pantry on Augusta Health's campus.

Gifts to The Farm at Augusta Health will continue to ensure the availability of nutrient dense produce and nutrition education for those who need it.

ANNUAL NEED: \$50,000

Funding Opportunities:

- \$10,000** Tunnel rollers and greenhouse watering system
- \$ 2,000** Irrigation supplies
- \$ 1,500** Garden tools
- \$ 1,000** Produce bags for hospice and homebound patients (25 NEEDED)





The Birthing Suites

One of the most significant journeys a family can experience is the birth of a child. At Augusta Health, it is a privilege to take this journey with each family, offering comfort and support along the way.

As the number of families desiring low intervention birthing experiences increases, birthing chairs for safe positioning, and monitoring equipment to track movement, are needed to provide comfort for mothers in labor and improve their birthing experience.

When babies arrive early, it is important to provide access to developmental support while in the NICU. This ensures the necessary care and security babies need to grow and trust their environment. Developmental support allows babies to experience less stress, conserve energy, and enhance their recovery.

Developmental tools include comfortable rocking and reclining chairs for parents to have skin-to-skin contact and bond. When parents are not present,

tools like snuggle ups, weighted frogs, and the sounds of familiar voices are effective alternatives.

Your gift to the Birthing Suites will provide comfort, excellence in care delivery, ensure the best possible birthing experience for families, and keep sicker babies close to home. Your ability to touch a new life gently is an amazing legacy to pay forward to others.



Funding Opportunities:

- \$10,000** Birthing Chairs (2 NEEDED)
- \$ 2,000** Rocking/Reclining Chairs (6 NEEDED)
- \$ 75** Weighted Frogs (900 NEEDED)
- \$ 50** Snuggle Ups (900 NEEDED)

The Gardens at Augusta Health

Well-designed gardens and other nature visuals reduce stress and support healing. Trees, greenery, flowers, and water elements are strongly associated with restorative influences on mood allowing patients, families, and team members to recuperate and decompress.

Designed to include winding paths among native plants and grasses, The Gardens at Augusta Health will attract birds, wildlife, and pollinators; and become a haven for anyone on campus.

Your gift to the Gardens at Augusta Health will offer a place for patients, families, visitors, and team members to rest and rejuvenate in a relaxing environment showcasing the tranquil beauty of the Shenandoah Valley.

Naming Opportunities:

\$750,000 The Gardens at Augusta Health

\$150,000 Amphitheater

\$ 75,000 Garden space (7 TOTAL)




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is a community-owned, nonprofit health system committed to strengthening the health and well-being of all people in our communities.

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began its mission in 2013 to inspire community ownership through charitable giving to advance health and wellness in the region.



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