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A Message from our Board Chair:

If we assigned a theme to this issue of Momentum, I'd say, "legacies of hope." Through generous gifts to Atrium Health Foundation, so many friends are paving the way for a brighter future for all. Commitments to support a wellness facility, behavioral health services, cancer research, and more are all creating opportunities for generations to come.



In May, we lost one of Atrium Health's key influencers, whose legacy spans decades of service to our organization. Rush "Stuart" Dickson followed in his father's footsteps as chairman of Carolinas HealthCare System (now Atrium Health) for 25 years, after which he served as chairman of Atrium Health Foundation. Today, we stand upon the shoulders of what he and his ambitious team created: a health care system dedicated to taking care of everyone.

As we embrace our strong roots and anticipate our future successes, we look to you for continued support. *Together*, we are creating a great legacy!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mandy".

Mandy Houser
Board Chair, Atrium Health Foundation

Dear friends,

As summer begins, we celebrate the tremendous community support we've already received this year. We held our most successful Levine Children's Gala to date; received major capital and programmatic gifts; and celebrated facility grand openings and anniversaries. And many exciting opportunities lie ahead of us.

Atrium Health recently announced the unification of all pediatric care services under the Atrium Health Levine Children's brand — demonstrating that philanthropy and community partnerships are instrumental to our growth and success. *Together*, we are better!

This issue of Momentum highlights the impact of your generosity, from providing patients with access to equitable, world-class care; equipping care teams with the latest technology, facilities, and research; and giving students the opportunity to pursue the health care career of their dreams.

Thank you for inspiring transformational giving!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Armando".

Armando Chardiet
President, Atrium Health Foundation





Momentum

“Momentum is a powerful word, one that signifies the growth and continual progress we strive for within our health system.”

29TH ANNUAL

Hopebuilders 5K

ALL ROADS LEAD TO HOPE!

Join in the fun and run, walk, and build hope for patients of
Atrium Health Levine Children's!



Saturday, November 2

The race starts and concludes outside of Truist Field,
home of the Charlotte Knights.

Registration will open this summer at [Hopebuilders5K.org](https://www.Hopebuilders5K.org).



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BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES

Creating **Bright Futures** *for Health Care Workers*

For students like Adriana Bird — a Charlotte high school senior who dreams of being an ultrasound tech — the future is brighter, thanks to a generous gift to Atrium Health Foundation from a national foundation. In February, Atrium Health and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) announced a dynamic partnership to launch an early college program that prepares students for well-paying careers in health care and addresses local education and health care talent needs. As part of a \$250 million initiative led by Bloomberg Philanthropies to create 10 new health care-focused high schools across the country, Atrium Health and CMS will bring this first-of-its-kind school to Charlotte.



“BY COMBINING CLASSROOM LEARNING WITH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE, THESE SPECIALIZED HEALTH CARE HIGH SCHOOLS WILL PREPARE STUDENTS FOR CAREERS WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND ADVANCEMENT.”

— MICHAEL BLOOMBERG



An initial \$26.3 million investment from Bloomberg Philanthropies — one of the largest grants received by Atrium Health Foundation, to date — will support Atrium Health, Atrium Health’s Carolinas College of Health Sciences and CMS’s Hawthorne Academy of Health Sciences in co-developing the high school curriculum. Students will experience robust academic programming, specialized health care classes and work-based learning — coupled with the opportunity to earn industry-valued credentials and certifications, along with traditional high school learning.

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With support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, students of Hawthorne Academy of Health Sciences will soon benefit from robust, work-based learning opportunities in health care.

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This initiative will create an opportunity for students to gain direct work experience and access to attractive jobs within Atrium Health, immediately following graduation. Specific roles include certified nursing assistants, registered nurses, radiologic technologists, neurodiagnostic technologists, and health care simulation.

Hawthorne Academy is expected to have an official cohort in the 2025/2026 school year, selected through a lottery process. The school is expected to move to a new Second Ward High School in Uptown Charlotte, within walking distance of Atrium Health's new Howard R. Levine Education Center, which will house Carolinas College of Health Sciences and the Charlotte-campus of Wake Forest University School of Medicine.



Growing the workforce

The city of Charlotte and the Mecklenburg County region are projected to have over 60,000 open clinical health care positions through 2027. Many of these jobs pay family-sustaining wages, provide clear paths to economic mobility, and do not require a four-year degree.

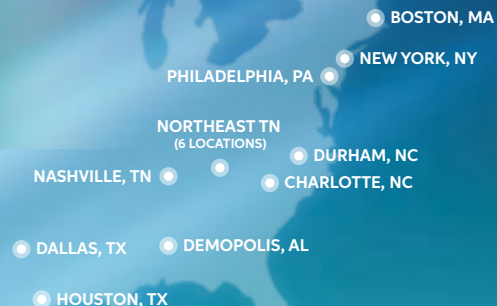
“There has never been a more pressing time for Atrium Health to ensure access to high-quality health care, and central to that is

a well-trained health care workforce,” said Ken Haynes, president of the Southeast Region of Advocate Health, of which Atrium Health is a part. “This investment from Bloomberg Philanthropies will transform the lives of so many in our region.”

And Adriana Bird is one of them. Soon, she will graduate and join the Atrium Health workforce; and she's already looking ahead to her next move — becoming an OB/GYN physician assistant.

Atrium Health & CMS are in good company!

Bloomberg Philanthropies has funded career and technical education and early college high schools in 10 metropolitan and rural communities across the U.S., which will collectively serve nearly 6,000 students.





Pictured (1): Leaders from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Atrium Health, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, and Carolinas College of Health Sciences announced the \$26.3 million grant at Hawthorne Academy of Health Sciences.

Pictured (2-4): Students at Hawthorne Academy of Health Sciences will benefit from a college-level health curriculum beginning in the 2025/2026 academic year.

MEET

Michael



Michael applies to Hawthorne Academy through the CMS lottery.

He enters the health sciences early college as part of a cohort of 100 students.

In 9th grade, Michael engages in onsite observations at Atrium Health facilities.

In 10th grade, he begins college-level courses at Carolinas College, followed by a paid internship at Levine Children's Hospital, where he'll discover his passion for pediatric nursing.

Michael will then participate in clinical rotations throughout his final year of high school, prepared for a full-time job as a registered nurse in pediatrics once he graduates.



Generosity

FLOWS FROM GRATEFUL HEARTS

A leader in cardiovascular medicine for more than 50 years, Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute continues to set the pace for innovation across the entire spectrum of cardiovascular care, thanks to generous support from many grateful donors.

Introducing the William, Jeff, and Jennifer Gross Family Foundation Center for Advanced Cardiovascular Analytics

Atrium Health Foundation continues to grow its partnership with the California-based William, Jeff, and Jennifer Gross Family Foundation, which recently committed \$1 million to establish a Center for Advanced Cardiovascular Analytics, an innovative program housed within The Jenny & Jeff Gross Family Center for Cardiovascular Care Transformation. Under the leadership of Dr. Bill Downey, the program will position Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute as a world-class leader in advanced imaging (AI) integration and informatics — enabling earlier detection of heart disease, more personalized treatments, and greater health equity as Atrium Health applies AI technologies, system-wide.

“We’re grateful to the Gross family for joining us in our vision to create an innovative platform for personalized cardiovascular health care delivery,” said Dr. Geoffrey Rose, president of Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute. “Through cardiovascular imaging integration, engagement, and innovation we will continue to enhance care and health equity — for all patients.”



Esther Kim, MD, MPH, named Izard Family Distinguished Chair in Cardiovascular Medicine



Inspired by their personal experiences at Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute, Kathy and Charlie Izard gave a major gift to provide ongoing programmatic support for Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute's Center for Women's Cardiovascular Health. Led by Dr. Esther Kim, the Center is the first of its kind in Greater Charlotte to offer expertise in treating spontaneous coronary artery dissection and fibromuscular dysplasia — both important causes of heart attack and stroke in women. Dr. Kim's investiture as the Izard Family Distinguished Chair in Cardiovascular Medicine at Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute was recently celebrated by the Izard and Kim families and Atrium Health teammates.

Front row: Esther Kim, MD, MPH, Izard Family Distinguished Chair in Cardiovascular Medicine; second row (from left): Geoffrey Rose, MD, president of Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute, and benefactors Kathy and Charlie Izard.

Felix Sabates advances patient care at Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute

In recognition of Dr. Geoffrey Rose's leadership as president of Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute, a recent gift of \$1 million from Felix Sabates, Jr. — Atrium Health Foundation board member emeritus and Giving Hope campaign cabinet member — will advance Atrium Health's comprehensive, world-class cardiovascular program. The donation marks Felix's second transformational gift to the Giving Hope campaign.



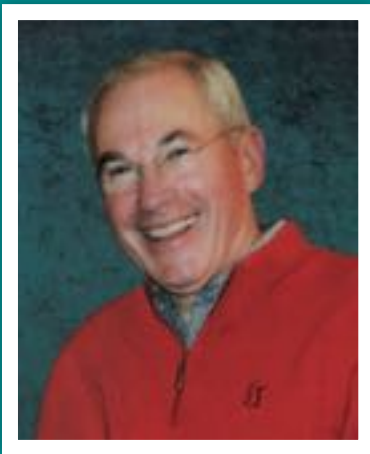
From left: Armando Chardiet, Atrium Health Foundation President; Felix Sabates, Jr., philanthropist and Giving Hope cabinet member; and Gene Woods, Advocate Health CEO.

ED BROWN COMMUNITY CENTER:

Preserving a **LEGACY**

THAT ENSURES ACCESS TO CARE – **FOR ALL**

Atrium Health is bringing convenient access to health care to the West Boulevard corridor of Charlotte at the new Ed Brown Community Center. On March 15, in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Charlotte, a ribbon-cutting was held for the new medical building, located on the campus of the Stratford Richardson YMCA. The Atrium Health Community Care Primary Care West Boulevard Family Medicine clinic, housed inside the Center, will bring greater access to an area of the city that has been historically unserved and underserved.



Edward J. Brown III, who passed away in April of last year, was a prominent Charlotte business leader and selfless philanthropist who inspired others to make a difference in the community. In addition to leadership roles with Bank of America and Hendrick Automotive, Brown served on multiple civic boards — including 19 years on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority (CMHA) Board of Commissioners, which he chaired from 2013-2021. He challenged Atrium Health to build new care sites in vulnerable communities, a push that led to the clinic concept being implemented at the Stratford Richardson YMCA.

Ed and his wife Jan’s gracious philanthropy included gifts to establish Atrium Health’s Jan & Ed Brown Center for Pulmonary Medicine and to bring novel therapies in lymphoma treatment to Atrium Health Levine Cancer.

“Ed Brown had a vision for the community, particularly those who were unsupported by health care, that we try to live by every day,” said Eugene A. Woods, chief executive officer of Advocate Health, of which Atrium Health is a part. “He was instrumental in defining our ‘for all’ mission of caring for anyone who needs it, regardless of their ability or inability to pay for their care. We have worked for years to bring services to the West Boulevard community, and it is so fitting and appropriate that this clinic will serve as a lasting legacy to his vision, his impact and his selfless, giving spirit.”



At a Glance: The Ed Brown Community Clinic



5,000
square foot
clinic



Six exam
rooms



A minor surgical
procedure room



On-site laboratory
and pharmacy

Services provided will include:

- Pediatric care
- Women's care
- Preventive health care
- Physical exams
- Diagnostic imaging
- Hearing and vision screenings
- Electrocardiograms
- Same-day sick appointments
- Food pharmacy in partnership with Nourish Up (formerly Loaves & Fishes)
- Interpretation services for 40 languages
- Social services to connect patients with community resources



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Pictured (1-3): Benefactor Jan Brown joined representatives of Atrium Health and YMCA of Greater Charlotte, including Advocate Health CEO Gene Woods (2nd photo, shown right) for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new medical building.

To support the Ed Brown Community Center Fund, visit:
AtriumHealthFoundation.org/EdBrownCommunityCenter

Major gifts from

The Leon Levine Foundation and Levine family

USHER IN A NEW ERA OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE FOR LOCAL YOUTH

Leon Levine's legacy of supporting child and adolescent behavioral health lives on in two gifts that will soon transform patient care at Atrium Health Levine Children's. A \$3 million gift from The Leon Levine Foundation, announced at the 2024 Levine Children's Gala, will help to address a critical regional shortage of child and adolescent psychiatrists by launching the Sandra and Leon Levine Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship.

The Sandra and Leon Levine Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship is a two-year program completed after a general psychiatry residency. In collaboration with Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center, the fellowship will be offered annually to three child and adolescent psychiatry fellows per

class. The fellowship will immediately impact the workforce of psychiatrists specially trained in treating children and teens, helping fill a critical shortage in providers serving this vulnerable population throughout the Charlotte area.

"The Leon Levine Foundation is proud to support Atrium Health's continuous efforts to provide comprehensive social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health services for children and adolescents in need and their families," said Mr. Tom Lawrence, president and CEO of The Leon Levine Foundation. "The Sandra and Leon Levine Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship reflects the Foundation's longstanding commitment

to addressing Youth Behavioral Health in our local community — and throughout the Carolinas."

The creation of the Sandra and Leone Levine Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship builds from the tremendous success of the Leon Levine Psychiatry Residency Program — a four-year residency program established at Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center in 2015 with a commitment of \$3 million made by The Leon Levine Foundation. Due to the grant, Atrium Health has created the Charlotte area's most comprehensive, integrated behavioral health delivery system, offering inpatient, outpatient, school-based, virtual, and residential treatment programs. Building upon this strong foundation, the addition of the six child and adolescent psychiatry providers through the Sandra and Leon Levine Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship will enhance Atrium Health's capacity to support the mental and emotional needs of young people, including patients with complex behavioral health diagnoses.



“Thanks to this generous gift, fellows will gain subspecialty expertise in treating childhood mental disorders, and providers can directly address the needs of patients and their families by further integrating behavioral health care into pediatrics, primary care, and OBGYN practices, and through school-based and virtual care,” said Lisa McCanna, senior vice president of Atrium Health Behavioral Health.

The Sandra and Leon Levine Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship is an important addition to the accredited residency programs currently offered by Atrium Health. The fellowship will enrich graduate medical education programs that have positioned Atrium Health as the preeminent learning health system in the Charlotte area, including Wake Forest School of Medicine-Charlotte, where medical students are anticipated to begin their education in 2025.

THE MINDY ELLEN LEVINE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER CELEBRATES 10TH BIRTHDAY

This April marked the tenth anniversary of the Mindy Ellen Levine Behavioral Health Center at Atrium Health Behavioral Health Davidson. The 66-bed, state-of-the-art inpatient and outpatient behavioral health facility was established in 2014 with a \$3 million donation from The Leon Levine Foundation, the Howard R. Levine Foundation, the Levine-Sklut Family Foundation, and benefactors Alfred and Amy Dawson.



The Leon Levine Foundation and Levine family members’ collective gift continues to provide substantial facility and programmatic support, in addition to supporting patient and staff education and clinical research. Located in Davidson, NC, the 22-acre campus is an extension of Atrium Health’s strong commitment to behavioral health care in the region. The center was named in memory of Mindy Ellen Levine, the late daughter of Sandra and Leon Levine, who passed away in 1988 at age 25 after an extended illness.

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1. The Mindy Ellen Levine Center is located on the 22-acre campus of Atrium Health Behavioral Health Davidson in Davidson, North Carolina.

2. From left: Michael Bennett, artist and Atrium Health Behavioral Health teammate; benefactors Howard R. Levine, Sandra Levine, and Lori (Levine) Sklut.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER CELEBRATES

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“The Leon Levine Foundation is proud to have helped launch the Mindy Ellen Levine Behavioral Health Center in Davidson and wishes to convey our sincere thanks and appreciation to the outstanding clinical and supportive staff that has made such a profound impact on the mental health of so many of our community members and their families over the past 10 years” said Tom Lawrence, president and CEO of The Leon Levine Foundation. “The work done there every day remains a fitting tribute to the kind and beautiful spirit of Mindy Ellen Levine.”

The facility serves a broad range of patients who suffer from chronic mental disorders or have more acute, episodic needs such as psychotic, mood, or anxiety disorders. It also offers outpatient behavioral health services for adults and children, including medication management and psychotherapy. The facility was also among Atrium Health Behavioral Health’s first to incorporate the use of teletherapy and virtual behavioral health care to help improve access to chronic and acute mental health services throughout the region.



Pictured (1-2): Members of the Levine family and The Leon Levine Foundation joined Atrium Health Behavioral Health teammates at the Mindy Ellen Levine Center to celebrate its first decade of serving the community.

At a glance:

THE MINDY ELLEN LEVINE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER

Patient-centered amenities:

- Lounges on each nursing unit, providing patients with a space to decompress and practice coping skills
- On-site gymnasium with space for physical activity and recreational therapy
- Inner courtyard with walking labyrinth, allowing patients to participate in therapies in a beautiful outdoor setting
- Discharge readiness group to help prepare patient for transition to an outpatient setting

Community impact:

- Since opening its doors 10 years ago, the Mindy Ellen Levine Behavioral Health Center at Atrium Health Behavioral Health Davidson has provided inpatient care to more than **30,000 patients**, and more than **87,000 patients** have received outpatient care.
- In 2022, the Center reported an **occupancy rate of 92.5%** and treated patients for an **average of 7.5 days**.
- Plans are underway to provide transcranial magnetic stimulation treatments in the future, a procedure that uses magnetic fields to stimulate nerve cells in the brain to improve symptoms of major depression.

TRANSFORMATIONAL GIFT FUELS NEW FITNESS CENTER

Campaign cabinet member Dewey Jenkins and his wife, Reneé, are taking health and wellness to a new level with a transformational commitment to the Giving Hope Campaign. Their generous gift benefiting Atrium Health's Perspective Health and Wellness will create a new health and wellness center, prominently featured within the concierge medicine's SouthPark location.

Serving as the wellness hub for patients, the **Reneé and Dewey Jenkins Health and Wellness Center** will offer convenient access to meditation sessions, yoga, nutrition and cooking classes, and other holistic and integrative therapies. The center will also feature a dedicated **exercise physiologist** who will provide personalized health education and exercise plans to assist patients with chronic medical conditions, injuries, and mobility issues.

The Jenkinses have been instrumental in supporting the growth of Atrium Health, both through their latest gift and generous contributions to Atrium Health Levine Children's, including significant corporate support from their family-owned HVAC and plumbing company, Morris-Jenkins. In addition to his role on the campaign cabinet, Dewey Jenkins is also former chair of the Levine Children's Board of Ambassadors.

Atrium Health's Perspective Health and Wellness program offers streamlined services that patients will not find in a traditional doctor's office. The new fitness center, dedicated dietitian, and on-site radiology and laboratory facilities, all make it easier to address every aspect of patients' overall health.



Pictured: Benefactors Dewey and Reneé Jenkins

“ THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY AND VISION OF RENEÉ AND DEWEY JENKINS, OUR PATIENTS WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL LAYER OF SERVICES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR FITNESS AND MAXIMIZE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. ”

— LORRI AYERS, MD

10TH ANNUAL

Levine Children's Gala

Shines Hope on Local Families, Raising a Record \$5.5 Million

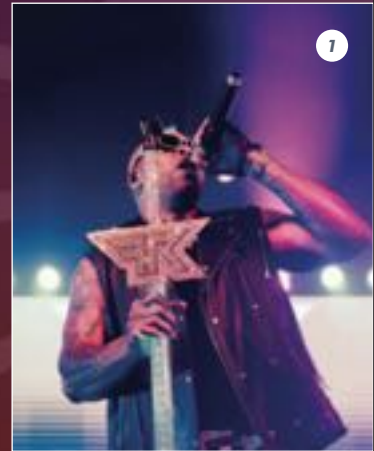
The 10th Annual Levine Children's Gala welcomed more than 500 guests to the home of the Carolina Panthers and Charlotte FC on April 6, raising a record \$5.5 million to benefit Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital. The premier fundraiser was made possible by the generous support of the community — most notably, PNC Bank, which has been the presenting sponsor since the event's inception in 2015.

A major bright spot in the evening was an unprecedented paddle raise for \$3 million by Sandra Levine. The donation, made through The Leon Levine Foundation, will launch the Sandra and Leon Levine Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship at Atrium Health.

Four-time Emmy winner, author, and non-profit advocate Molly Grantham emceed before a sold-out crowd of celebrities, athletes, philanthropists, community leaders, and representatives of Atrium Health.

Guests were serenaded by 15-year-old Jack Palmer, who played the Beatles, "Here Comes the Sun," on his guitar and shared his story of recovering from a life-threatening illness at Levine Children's inpatient rehabilitation unit. Other patients shared their stories on stage, encouraged by national sportscaster and former Carolina Panthers tight end Greg Olsen.

Inspired by these moving stories of hope, gala attendees gave generously during the live and silent auction and the bid paddle raise, hitting record totals in each area.



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PNC Bank
The David and Nicole Tepper Foundation,
Carolina Panthers, and Charlotte FC
The HEARTest Yard
Hendrick Family Foundation
Truist
Brighthouse Financial
Office Environments
Rodgers Builders



Pictured: Dr. Stacy Nicholson (left) and Levine Children's facility executive Callie Dobbins (right) presented Amy Levine Dawson (center) with the inaugural Leon Levine Champion of Hope award for her years of advocacy and investment in Levine Children's.



Pictured (1): The celebration culminated with a lively performance by best-selling rapper, singer, and songwriter, Flo Rida.

Pictured (2-5): Emmy Award-winner Molly Grantham emceed the Gala with help from Atrium Health Foundation board member Greg Olsen, who joined patients on stage; guests bid generously during the event, and former Levine Children's patient Jack Palmer serenaded the audience inside Bank of America stadium.



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Thank you, Gala Committee:

Robbie and Andrew Adams, Joclyn and John Baland, Candy and Darren Bing, Monica and Armando Chardiet, Janelle and Todd Collins, Amy and Alfred Dawson, Mandy and Todd Houser, Tara and Jackson Hughes, Emily and Tyler Johnson, Kara and Greg Olsen, Ana and Manuel Rey, Maria and Gonzalo Wallis, Nazy and Durham Weeks, and Joy and Hunter Widener.

A FAMILY'S PROMISE PROPELS MELANOMA RESEARCH

The Purple Promise Foundation to End Melanoma has long supported melanoma prevention and treatment at Atrium Health Levine Cancer through donations to the Carolinas Melanoma & Immunotherapy Fund. Now, a \$100,000 grant — the organization's largest to date — could offer new hope to patients battling the disease.

Melanoma accounts for about two percent of all skin cancers, yet is responsible for most skin cancer deaths. Atrium Health Levine Cancer's team of nationally recognized oncologists offers the latest technologies, research, and treatments, including immunotherapy, which has quickly become the cornerstone of advanced-stage melanoma treatment. Immunotherapy uses an individual's own immune system to fight cancer, allowing researchers to create personalized therapies to better target the disease.

With a two-year grant from the Purple Promise Foundation, Atrium Health Levine Cancer will study ways to redirect immunotherapy in patients with recurring melanoma to optimize clinical outcomes. Performed in collaboration with the Levine Cancer Institute Cancer Genomic Laboratory, led by Dr. Nury Steuerwald, and the bioinformatic group at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center, this innovative research study will be led by Drs. David Foureau, Jennifer Atlas, and Asim Amin, at Levine Cancer Institute.



Pictured: Surrounded by Purple Promise Foundation board members and Atrium Health teammates, founder David Hodgkins (front row, right) presented the organization's latest gift to Dr. David Foureau (front row, left) and members of Atrium Health Levine Cancer's melanoma research team.



“IN ONLY A DECADE, IMMUNOTHERAPY RESEARCH HAS FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGED THE OUTLOOK OF LATE-STAGE MELANOMA. OUR COMMUNITY HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THIS. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE PURPLE PROMISE FOUNDATION TO END MELANOMA FOR ITS GENEROUS DONATION AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR MELANOMA IMMUNOTHERAPY RESEARCH PROGRAM, WHICH WILL HELP ADVANCE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PROMISING THERAPY.”

—DAVID M. FOUREAU
GAYLE J. AND CHARLES C. TALLARDY III FOUNDATION
DISTINGUISHED CHAIR IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

For Purple Promise Foundation president David Hodgkins and his wife, Donna, supporting melanoma research is deeply personal. They lost their daughter, Jessica Dovi, to the disease in 2008. “We promised her we were going to do this,” said David. “Levine Cancer Institute is doing great things in melanoma treatment and research. It was an emotional thing for us because we know Jessica is watching.”



CHILDREN THE CLEAR CHOICE FOR CHARLOTTE PIPE & FOUNDRY

Since 2019, employees of Charlotte Pipe & Foundry have made their charitable giving clear, committing over \$2.3 million to support Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital — one of the company's top charities selected for the annual "Employee Choice" giving campaign.

"It has been said that the difference between good and excellent health care is philanthropy, and this is always true when it comes to children's health care," said Kellie McGregor, assistant vice president of development for Atrium Health Foundation. "We could not provide the level of care we do for our children and families without the support of companies like Charlotte Pipe & Foundry and their employees. We are so grateful to have them as partners in caring for our community."

For one Charlotte Pipe & Foundry team member, the benefit of having world-class pediatric care in our community hit close to home. In 2013, Russ Barbee, a long-standing Charlotte Pipe & Foundry employee, witnessed a miracle at Levine Children's Hospital. Born prematurely at 24 weeks, Russ's grandson weighed just two pounds and required around-the-clock care in the hospital's neonatal intensive care nursery for more than three months. "He is now 11 years old, going to school, and such a blessing to be around. Everybody loves my little Breyton Joe Barbee," shared Russ.

"There is a lot of love here for Levine Children's Hospital," said Ruth Weber, who coordinates the Employee Choice Giving Campaign. "The outpouring of love Charlotte Pipe & Foundry has shown Levine Children's patients, and their families, will continue to be felt for years to come."



To support the
Carolinas Melanoma &
Immunotherapy Fund, visit

[AtriumHealthFoundation.org/
Melanoma.](https://AtriumHealthFoundation.org/Melanoma)



A GIFT OF GRATITUDE: THE RADIATION ONCOLOGY FUND

The care provided by physicians, nurses, and teammates at Atrium Health Levine Cancer is inspiring, and for many grateful patients, it compels them to give. Christie Hunt, RN, MSN, and Jon Hunt, PhD, appreciated the compassionate care that Christie received by Dr. Roshan Prabhu, medical director of radiation oncology at Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute (LCI) and director of radiation oncology research at Atrium Health. The Hunts established the Radiation Oncology Fund with a \$50,000 gift to honor Dr. Prabhu and recognize the exceptional treatment he provided.

The new fund supports Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute's strategic investments in research, often leading to novel therapies designed to improve patient outcomes, reduce toxicity and side effects, and provide the latest treatments for patients, including clinical trials. The fund also offers the latest clinical training in this rapidly evolving area of radiation therapies and provides short-term funding to eligible cancer patients and families who need assistance to overcome financial barriers faced while undergoing treatment at LCI.



Donors Christie and Jon Hunt

"The extremely generous gift by Christie and Jon Hunt will allow us to support the care and treatment of patients who would most benefit from assistance," said Dr. Prabhu, who sees, firsthand, the positive impact of a gift from grateful patients like the Hunts. "Our newest treatment through the proton therapy center will have immense positive impact overall, but especially for pediatric patients. These treatments affect both pediatric patients and their families, for weeks or sometimes months."

Support from the Radiation Oncology Fund will enable care teams at Atrium Health Levine Cancer to elevate the experience for patients in treatment, which may include resources that lead to improved outcomes, better moods, and reduced anxiety.

"Thanks to support from Christie and Jon, we now can help these patients and families — with housing and other services — and ease the burdens associated with their cancer treatment," says Dr. Prabhu. "We are grateful to the Hunts for providing hope for generations to come."



Pictured: Roshan Prabhu, MD, medical director of radiation oncology at Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute and director of radiation oncology research at Atrium Health.



From left: Brianna Kelly, chief proton radiation therapist, Atrium Health Levine Cancer; Amy Hicks, administrative director, Atrium Health Levine Cancer Proton & Advanced Radiation Center; Dr. Ruben Mesa, president and executive director, Atrium Health Levine Cancer and Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center; donors Christie and Jon Hunt; Dr. Stuart Burri, chair of Radiation Oncology, Atrium Health Levine Cancer.

IN MEMORIAM

R. STUART DICKSON

1929 – 2024

Atrium Health Foundation celebrates the life and legacy of Rush Stuart Dickson, Jr., a prominent business leader and selfless philanthropist whose footprint is felt throughout our community. The Dickson family will be forever interwoven into the fabric of Atrium Health's history, and into that of Charlotte.

Born in 1929, Stuart attended Culver Military Academy in Indiana before returning to North Carolina to attend Davidson College. Upon graduating, he moved to New York City to work at

Goldman Sachs. He later joined his father's investment banking company, R. S. Dickson & Company, and worked with his brother Alan to create Ruddick Corporation in 1968. In 1969, Ruddick Corporation acquired Harris Teeter Super Markets, becoming a top U.S. company and transforming the Charlotte economy.

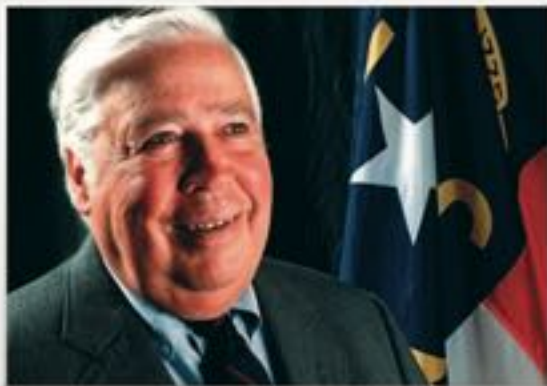
Stuart grew up learning the importance of philanthropy, demonstrated by his father Rush, who was committed to serving Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Rush Dickson served as chairman of the hospital's board of directors for 20 years and was instrumental in its development and evolution to Carolinas Medical Center.

Following his father's example, Stuart stepped into leadership at Charlotte Memorial Hospital in 1966 and later joined

the larger Hospital Authority board as vice chairman. Together, Stuart and Jimmy Cannon led the hospital system through the 1970s and were renowned as passionate industry leaders. Stuart later went on to serve as board President of Atrium Health Foundation.

Stuart and his family's leadership and support are seen throughout Atrium Health, from leading boldly in the Dare to Dream campaign for Levine Children's Hospital to providing ongoing commitments to support orthopedic research, Levine Cancer Institute, and Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute.

Stuart Dickson's commitment to Atrium Health spanned across his lifetime, however his greatest gift is his lasting impact — his vision to benefit those in the Carolinas, for generations to come.



Beyond the PINK RUNWAY

EMPOWERS YOUNG WOMEN WITH BREAST CANCER

Nearly 400 people gathered at Queens University in March for the Beyond the Pink Runway benefiting the Sandra Levine Young Women's Breast Cancer Program at Atrium Health Levine Cancer. Dreamed up by Dr. Lejla Hadzikadic-Gusic, who co-directs the program, and Sandra Goldman, a 14-year cancer survivor, the fashion show provided a unique opportunity to empower women living with breast cancer and celebrate their close connections with care team members.

"I see people at their lows, and I see them at their highs," said Dr. Hadzikadic-Gusic to a sold-out crowd. "And the look and smile on their faces at their highs is infectious. I wanted our ladies to have this moment of power and energy and fabulousness back, and I hope this moment in time stays with them forever."

She was joined on stage by Sandra Goldman, who has become a close friend to Dr. Hadzikadic-Gusic and a dedicated supporter of breast cancer research and detection initiatives.

"Tonight is about gratitude. Gratitude for the progress we've made, for the advances in treatment and research, and for the unwavering support of our health care teammates who stand by our side every step of the way," said Goldman. "As we come together tonight, we are also honoring the brightest light of all: a woman who is very dear to my heart, Sandra Levine."

Special guest Sandra Levine was honored for her family's transformational support of the Sandra Levine Young Women's Breast Cancer Program, which was established in 2016 with a \$1 million gift from The Leon Levine Foundation. At the time, the program was one of only four in the country. Today, it remains the only program of its kind in the Southeast and has served over 800 women under the age of 45.

With leading support from The Leon Levine Foundation, the Beyond the Pink Runway raised over \$200,000, ensuring young women have access to tailored services, including genetic counseling, fertility preservation, peer support groups, integrative oncology, and more.

With special thanks to our runway pairs:

Adela Climastone with Deba Sarma, MD
Catalina Contreras with Melissa Matulis, MD
Nicole Cyrille-Superville with Aneгла Hamilton, RN
Misty Gordon with Lejla Hadzikadic-Gusic, MD
Yunna Jones with Julie Fisher, MD

Virginia Ramos with Teresa Carpenter, NP
Caitlin Reese with Antionette Tan, MD
Angela Sells with Amy Sobel, MD
Marni Strumwasser with Arielle Heeke, MD
Samantha Turner with Delois DeShazo, RN



Photo credit: Joanna DeHart Photography

Pictured: Sandra Levine (top left) was honored at the Beyond the Pink Runway fundraiser, which highlighted breast cancer survivors and members of their Levine Cancer Institute care teams. She was joined by her daughters, Lori Sklut and Amy Dawson, along with close friends and fellow supporters of the Sandra Levine Young Women's Breast Cancer Program.

KNOW YOUR BODY: BREAST CANCER FACTS

6-7%

of all breast cancer diagnoses are made in women under age 45.



Genetic factors and family history play a role in the likelihood of disease.



Experts recommend all women start breast exams earlier than age 45 and alert their physician if any concerns arise.



Women under 45 should also be aware of risk factors more commonly associated with post-menopausal breast cancer, such as weight gain and obesity.



Atrium Health's 'for all' mission *GETS BIG BOOST FROM* **The Duke Endowment**

Atrium Health Foundation has been awarded \$2.83 million in recent grants from The Duke Endowment that will significantly advance Atrium Health's 'for all' mission across several patient care programs and health equity initiatives.

A \$750,000 grant awarded through The Duke Endowment's "Healthy People, Healthy Carolinas" initiative will allow Atrium Health to increase capacity and improve population health throughout Mecklenburg County. Launched in 2013, Healthy People, Healthy Carolinas supports the work of community coalitions in North and South Carolina that bring together leaders from multiple sectors to address social determinants of health.

In partnership with the North Mecklenburg Economic Mobility Collaborative (NMEMC), Atrium Health recently hired a program coordinator for the **Healthy People, Healthy Carolinas Mecklenburg project** to identify local advocates that will amplify the NMEMC's efforts to address economic immobility and related health inequities. The project emphasizes chronic disease prevention through improved access to care, transportation, healthy foods, and affordable housing. The Duke Endowment's generous investment in this work will improve the NMEMC's capacity for project management, data analysis, and connectivity between stakeholders.



A \$670,000 grant will expand virtual school-based mental health programs to rural communities. Atrium Health Levine Children's School-Based Virtual Care has enabled local school systems to expand access to care among students who previously waited an average of 3-6 months for behavioral health services. Support from The Duke Endowment will expand these vital services to schools in rural parts of North Carolina, including Cleveland, Rutherford, Stanly, and Anson Counties. The program will also include a hybrid of virtual and in-person therapies for students who require on-site methods, as well as the addition of a dedicated community health worker to connect students and families to resources that will address health navigation, food insecurity, and housing concerns.



Atrium Health is dedicated to providing the best care to patients and being the “Best Place to Care” for all. This imperative starts with a commitment to the vitality and professional growth of our own workforce. **A \$640,000 grant will establish a Center for Well-Being & Development** in support of more than 4,000 Atrium Health clinicians, including providers, medical residents, and fellows.



The Center will support ongoing collaborative efforts between Atrium Health and the American Medical Association to alleviate clinician burnout. In addition to staffing support, funding from The Duke Endowment will help scale existing provider wellness programs and create new resources in clinical leadership, professional development, and expanded mental health support.

A \$530,000 grant will improve access to dental care in Anson County by supporting Atrium Health's creation of an integrated oral health care program. The program will connect patients presenting with oral pain in the Emergency Department to local dental and community health resources. A specialized care team comprised of

community health workers and referral navigators will provide patients with holistic, wraparound support.



A \$240,000 grant will convene experts in predictive modeling, clinical informatics, health disparities, and ethics, to create an evidence-informed, best-practice framework for predictive modeling in patient care. Support from The Duke

Endowment will position Atrium Health as a thought-leader in the use of predictive modeling and artificial intelligence (AI) to improve patient outcomes and patient experience, lessen burdens on providers, and reduce health care costs.



“A RARE AFFAIR” SHINES LIGHT ON RARE DISEASES, GIVES HOPE TO LOCAL FAMILIES

The memory of Ward Winslett’s courageous spirit lives on in the generosity of WARD’s Foundation supporters, who raised a glass during “A Rare Affair” to support children and families facing rare and complex pediatric diseases. Established by Caroline and Trey Winslett in memory of their son, Ward, the Ward Winslett Center for Complex and Rare Diseases at Atrium Health Levine Children’s provides patients with comprehensive and seamlessly coordinated specialty care.

“THE WARD WINSLETT CENTER PROVIDES US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECRUIT THE VERY BEST IN THE NATION TO CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS WITH RARE AND COMPLEX DISEASES.”

—ASHLEY CHADHA, MD
SPECIALTY MEDICAL DIRECTOR
PEDIATRIC PULMONARY
SLEEP MEDICINE

Located in the Levine Children’s Medical Plaza, the Ward Winslett Center for Complex and Rare Diseases is one of the only destinations for care for families facing rare diseases. “The Ward Winslett Center provides us with an opportunity to recruit the very best in the nation to care for our patients with rare and complex diseases,” said Dr. Ashley Chadha, specialty medical director for Inpatient Services and division chief for Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine at Atrium Health Levine Children’s. “When families in the city of Charlotte and surrounding communities are facing a rare disease, Levine Children’s Hospital is well-equipped to be their primary source of care.”

Fulfilling a great need through patient-centered care

According to the National Institutes of Health, approximately one in 10 Americans is affected by a rare disease, and approximately two-thirds of these patients are children. These patients also account for a disproportionately high share of hospital stays, procedures, and specialty care costs. The Ward Winslett Center is aiming to reduce this burden for Levine Children’s patients and their families by providing complex care coordination, transitional care management, and other services — such as telehealth, palliative care, social support services, and advanced care planning — to improve outcomes and reduce families’ medical expenses. Since opening in 2022, the Center has grown rapidly, enrolling and serving more than 100 patients, annually.



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1. Caroline and Trey Winslett 2. Attendees of “A Rare Affair” contributed over \$400,000 to support the Ward Winslett Center for Complex and Rare Diseases. 3. Dr. Ashley Chadha, specialty medical director, Pediatric Inpatient Services, Pediatric Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine, with Dr. Elizabeth Scarlett, medical director of the Ward Winslett Center for Complex and Rare Cancers.

ATRIUM HEALTH LEADER DAZZLES ON THE DANCE FLOOR

When asked to dance for Charlotte Ballet's Dancing with the Stars of Charlotte Gala, Callie Dobbins knew the opportunity would challenge her in many ways. That didn't stop the senior vice president of Atrium Health Levine Children's from accepting the task.

"Since my days as a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care nurseries, I've seen the impact of Levine Children's up close through our patients," said Callie. "I'm inspired by their abilities to fight, push harder and ultimately find ways to combat the challenges they face every day. That's why I chose to dance for them."

After months of training, Callie and her professional dance partner, Maurice Mouzon Jr., performed at the Knight Theater, scoring a "perfect 10" and receiving the Judge's Choice award. Over 100 members of "Callie's Crew" were in attendance to cheer her on, including Levine Children's patient Ella Kate and her family.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the Charlotte community, Callie and Maurice raised \$150,000 for the Charlotte Ballet and Levine Children's.



Photo credit: Charlotte Ballet

Ella Kate

At just six months old, Ella Kate underwent a heart transplant at Levine Children's Hospital. Her new heart gave her a new lease on life, and it also made history — marking the first ABO-incompatible transplant for Levine Children's Hospital and opening the doors for others to have this same type of transplant.

Thanks to her cardiologist, Dr. Gonzalo Wallis, and surgeon, Dr. Thomas Maxey, Ella Kate is now a thriving eight-year-old and big sister to twin brothers, Jackson and Wyatt. Together, they took to the stage at the Dancing with the Stars Gala, holding signs that read "Callie Danced 4 Us."

Philanthropy continues to drive medical innovation, helping to ensure children like Ella Kate have a bright and healthy future.





Miguel & Holly’s “Miracle Makers” Radiothon coming this fall

Plans are underway for the 3rd Annual Miguel & Holly’s Miracle Makers Radiothon on Charlotte’s HITS 96.1. The event is scheduled to take place October 17-18, live from the Seacrest Studios at Levine Children’s Hospital. Last year’s radiothon raised \$345,000 for Atrium Health Levine Children’s, with significant support from the Wells Fargo Championship and presenting sponsor Mark Ficken Ford.

7-Eleven and Speedway: Fueling miracles for kids

Last year, local 7-Eleven and Speedway convenience stores collectively raised over \$105,000 to benefit Levine Children’s Hospital through their in-store point-of-sale campaigns. In addition, Levine Children’s was a beneficiary of the 32nd Annual 7-Eleven Miracle Tournament held in Dayton Ohio, which raised nearly \$3 million for Children’s Miracle Network member-hospitals nationwide, including over \$34,300 benefiting Levine Children’s Hospital. Sponsored by Coca-Cola, Levine Children’s 2023 CMN Champion Elly Perlman (pictured) had the opportunity to attend the tournament and was honored alongside CMN Champions from 50 CMN member-hospitals.

ACE Hardware customers round up for kids at “the helpful place”

For more than 30 years, ACE Hardware stores have encouraged their customers to round-up at the register, with the extra change going to support Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. During the month of April, ACE Hardware customers from six Charlotte-area locations, including Blackhawk Hardware, raised more than \$9,200 to benefit programmatic and medical equipment needs across Atrium Health Levine Children’s Hospital. ACE Hardware remains “the helpful place” in our community and continues to help sick and injured children live happier, healthier lives.

College students hit the dance floor for kids’ health

Two energetic and dedicated groups of college students are giving Charlotte-area families a reason to dance. UNC Charlotte’s “Ninerthon” and Davidson College’s “Cats for a Cause” student-led dance marathons, both held this spring, collectively raised over \$19,000 for patient care initiatives at Atrium Health Levine Children’s. Several Levine Children’s families joined the fun, including heart warrior Nolan Perez, local CMN Champion Gracie Sage (pictured), and cancer survivor Andrew Weaver.





Upward

Upcoming Partner Campaigns

SUMMER:

Walmart & Sam's Club (Through July 7)

7-Eleven Register Campaign (Through August 27)

Knight-Swift Transportation Truck-a-Thon (Month of July)

Dairy Queen Miracle Treat Day (July 25)

JOANN Register Campaign (Month of August)

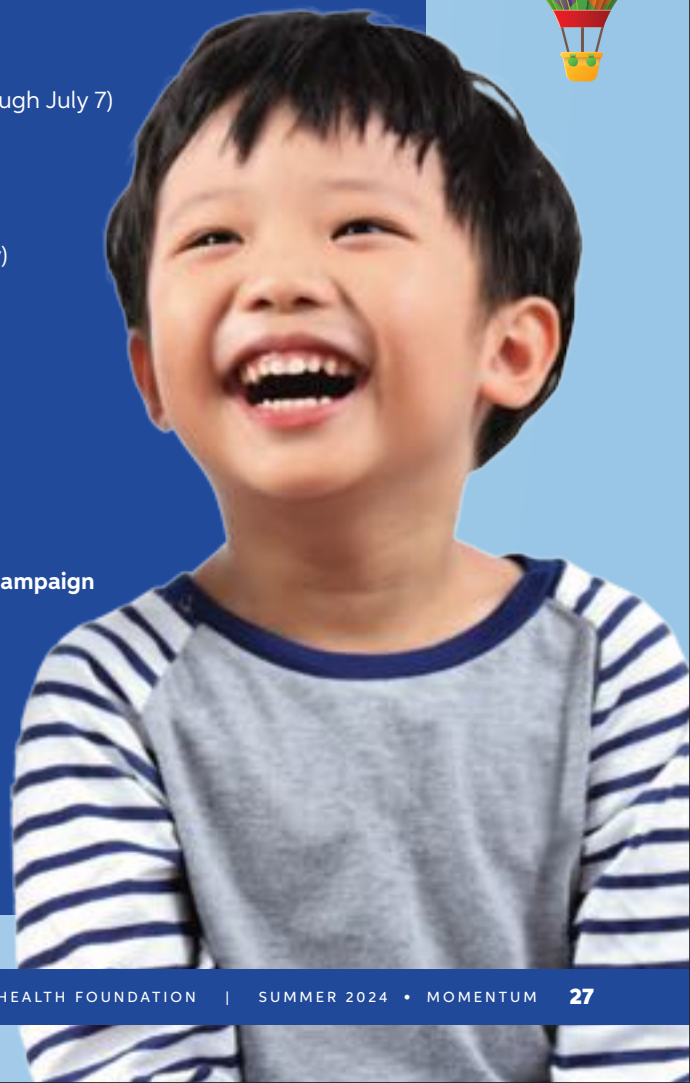
Ace Hardware Bucket Days (August 2-4)

SEPTEMBER:

Love's Travel Stop Balloon Campaign (month of September)

Club Car Wash (month of September)

Dairy Queen Round-Up Campaign (month of September)



JB BROWN'S HEALTH JOURNEY PAVES THE WAY FOR GREATER GIVING

When Jeffrey (JB) Brown became a patient of Atrium Health Perspective Health & Wellness, he found himself on a meaningful and personal journey to wellbeing. "I wasn't prioritizing my health. I needed someone who could help me in a deeper health care journey," JB shared. Like so many adults, health was one of many competing priorities in JB's life. The family man and president of Hendrick Automotive Group also volunteers in his community, including his role as a cabinet member for the Giving Hope campaign for Atrium Health.

With the help of Atrium Health Perspective Health & Wellness, JB brought his health back into focus. "What has impressed me most about the care I received at Perspective Health & Wellness is that the team is really focused on your health journey. The doctors and nurses care about you as a person, respect where you are in your journey, and help form a plan to prioritize health in your life."

Recently, JB contributed to the Atrium Health Nursing Fund and recognized his nurses — Lanita Hairston and Crystal O'Neal — through the Nursing Stars program. Acknowledging the care he received at Perspective Health & Wellness, JB's generous gift will help to ensure other patients across Atrium Health, including those at Perspective Health & Wellness, continue to receive the same patient-centered nursing care he experienced firsthand.

"The description of a Nursing Star to me is going beyond just doing your job...it is finding a connection with the patients you serve. I feel honored and blessed for the care I've received," shared JB.



1. Grateful patient JB Brown with daughter, Grace (14), wife, Sara, sons, Jack (10) and Cameron (18).

2. Pictured: Lanita Hairston, RN, and Crystal O'Neal, BSN, RN



Atrium Health
Nursing Stars
SHINE BRIGHT
with donors' support

Patients who have experienced the compassionate care of Atrium Health nurses have a meaningful way to show their gratitude. Through the **Nursing Stars** recognition program, donors can honor nurses for their outstanding performance with a donation of \$100 or more to the Atrium Health Nursing Fund. Honorees are presented with a star-shaped pin symbolizing their commitment to patient care.

Tiny Warriors and Superheroes in Scrubs

Diagnosed with a rare sarcoma in 2022, 11-year-old Gracie Sage faced an uphill battle. Today, she's cancer-free, thanks to her dedicated care team at Atrium Health Levine Children's. Some of the strongest bonds Gracie and her family formed during her time in treatment were with her nurses. "As a mother of a child battling cancer, I now view pediatric oncology nurses as superheroes in scrubs," shared Gracie's mother, Jenny. "Their compassion, expertise, and unwavering support make them the most incredible caregivers."

To Gracie's nurses, she was more than a patient — she was a child who also needed their comfort, smiles, and playful distractions. "They did lots of things to make me feel better, like playing games with me, holding my hand when I was scared, and they made signs for my room," said Gracie. "They explained everything in a way that didn't scare me, and made me feel safe and loved, even when things were really hard."



“Working with our kids and getting to be a part of their journey is something that has, and always will, fuel my zest for life!”

— ALLI KRIVANEK, RN

One pediatric oncology nurse, Alli Krivanek, made a lasting mark on Gracie and her family during her inpatient treatment at Levine Children's Hospital.

"Alli's exceptional empathy, her ability to truly listen and understand her patients' needs, and her dedication to providing compassionate care made her one of our family's favorite nurses," shared Jenny. "She truly goes above and beyond to make her patients feel supported and valued."

Alli knows firsthand the challenges — and the joys — that come with her role, acknowledging that she and her colleagues often witness the triumph of the human spirit, even in the darkest days. "What no one realizes is the amount of joy these kids and families bring us, and what a privilege it is to be invited into a family during their hardest and most vulnerable times," said Alli. "Behind these walls, I see tiny warriors who, despite circumstances, choose to smile every day and refuse to let any diagnosis dim their light."



Since 2019, more than 8,500 nurses across Atrium Health have been honored as "Nursing Stars" due to their commitment to patient care and clinical excellence. Donations to the **Atrium Health Nursing Fund** provide essential support for continuing education, research, and professional development of Atrium Health nurses across the Greater Charlotte area.

To learn more, contribute to the **Atrium Health Nursing Fund**, or make your Atrium Health nurse a "star," scan the QR code or visit **AtriumHealthFoundation.org/Nurses**.



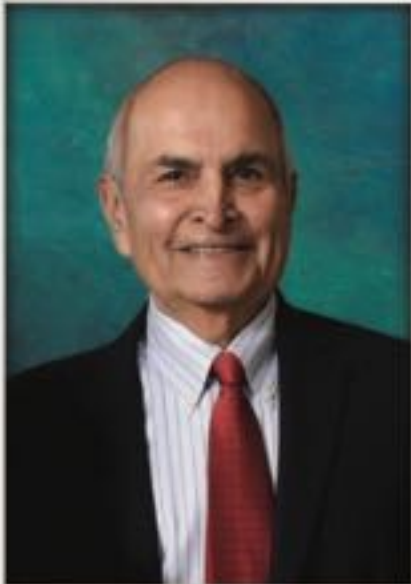
IN MEMORIAM

TANSUKH GANATRA

1942 – 2024

The Atrium Health family celebrates the life of Tansukh Ganatra, a selfless philanthropist, business leader, and friend to all. The Ganatra family's footprint is felt throughout Atrium Health and will forever be interwoven into our patients' lives.

Tansukh's life is a true tale of the American Dream. Born by the Nile River in Jinja, Uganda, Tansukh pursued a degree in electrical engineering in Nairobi, Kenya. After university, he and his wife, Sarla, migrated to the United States, settling in Rochester, New York, with \$647 in their pocket. Through hard work and entrepreneurship, Tansukh had a very successful career in the telecommunications business at US LEC, PAETEC, and later, Windstream.



Eventually settling in Charlotte, North Carolina, over 30 years ago, Mr. Ganatra lived a simple life with Sarla and son, Rajesh, and together the family dedicated their time and treasure to improving the lives of others.

Tansukh and his family began a long-standing commitment to Atrium Health Levine Children's, first with support for technological advancements in neonatal intensive care, and later with significant support for the hospital's renowned pediatric congenital heart program. Most notably, in 2017, the Ganatra Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization and Electrophysiology Suite was established with the family's support and named in their honor. The family's generosity has grown and continued with several substantial gifts and an estate bequest to provide endowed support for Levine Children's congenital heart program.

Most recently, the Ganatra family was inspired by a more personal connection to Atrium Health's internal medicine, cardiology, and orthopaedic surgical programs. In gratitude for the care their

family has received from Atrium Health, the Ganatras established three funds: the Ganatra Family Fund for Excellence in Orthopaedic Surgery; the Ganatra Family Fund for Excellence in Endocrinology; and the Ganatra Family Fund for Cardiovascular Care at Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute.

Tansukh's legacy will forever be a beacon of selflessness, guiding us all to be kinder and more generous.

On the SCENE

Boogie nights for Atrium Health Levine Children's

This March, local highschoolers and supporters of Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital gathered for a disco-themed dance party and reception benefiting the hospital's neonatal intensive care nurseries. Organized by a youth-led committee, with support from generous host couples and community sponsors, In the NIC of Time pays tribute to Meghan and Steve Hampton's experience at Levine Children's Hospital, following Meghan's high-risk pregnancy and childbirth. Since its inception, the initiative has raised over half

a million dollars to support Levine Children's most medically fragile patients treated in the hospital's neonatal intensive care nurseries.



Celebrating Atrium Health's Young Ambassadors

Over 40 aspiring young leaders were recently recognized for their dedication to Atrium Health's mission, having worked tirelessly to raise funds that will advance patient care programs across the health system. These budding philanthropists hosted unique fundraisers, collected items for hospitalized patients, and even donated their own money to support sick and injured patients in our community.



On the SCENE

Hitting the streets for Atrium Health's cardiac rehabilitation patients

On February 10, over 600 people participated in the annual Cupid's Cup 5K and 1-mile walk, raising funds to support cardiac rehabilitation programs at Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center, Atrium Health Pineville, Atrium Health Union, and Atrium Health Cabarrus. The event raised over \$33,000 to benefit patient education and outreach, rehabilitation equipment, and patient scholarships, helping to ensure broader access to life-saving cardiac rehabilitation services across Atrium Health. Cardiac Rehabilitation graduate Pat Kiefer (pictured second from right) posed alongside family and friends at the Cupid's Cup 5K, an event that holds special meaning for Pat and his fellow program graduates.



Stomping out sarcoma in solidarity

This April marked the 14th Annual Sarcoma Stomp, hosted by the Paula Takacs Foundation and presented by AMWINS. More than 1,000 participants, volunteers, and supporters took part in the event, which featured a 5K run, 3K walk, and a celebratory post-race festival. Inspired by this year's theme, "We are the Voices of Hope!" supporters of the Sarcoma Stomp contributed over \$250,000 to help fund local research at Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute and Atrium Health Levine Children's. Pictured: Team "Sharkoma Squad" participated in honor of synovial sarcoma survivor and team captain Kerry Lindauer.





Going the distance for young heart patients

At the close of heart month, the HEARTest Yard UnGala at Steak 48 brought together hundreds of guests who are committed to creating a healthier, happier future for heart kids. The event was organized by Atrium Health Foundation board member and Levine Children's advocate Greg Olsen (pictured with Greg Olsen Foundation staff and wife Kara Olsen, center). In April, Showmars and the HEARTest Yard teamed up for their annual 5K and Kids Fun Run. Both events benefited the HEARTest Yard Congenital Heart Center at Atrium Health Levine Children's.

Chapel dedication at Atrium Health Union West

This winter, Atrium Health Union West celebrated the naming of the Dennis W. Moser Family Chapel. A longtime resident of Union County, Mr. Moser was inspired to make a meaningful gift to support the Union West campus. His family's generosity will provide patients and families with a tranquil space for meditation, reflection, and prayer. Among event attendees were members of the Moser family, community leaders, and Atrium Health teammates, including (from left) Rashard Johnson - SVP, President, South Area, Atrium Health; Michael Jordan - VP of Operations, Atrium Health Union and Atrium Health Union West; Denise White - VP, Facility Executive, and Chief Nursing Executive for Atrium Health Union; Patti Moser; Dennis Moser; Will Crouch (Moser's grandson); Missy Baker - Chief Nursing Officer, Atrium Health Union West; and Seth Goldwire - VP and Facility Executive for Atrium Health Union West and Atrium Health Anson.



On the SCENE

Serving up a heart healthy meal in the Sarah & Tim Belk Community Kitchen

This February, the Atrium Health Foundation board of directors enjoyed a behind-the-scenes cooking demonstration in the Sarah & Tim Belk Community Kitchen at Atrium Health Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute. The kitchen was established through a major gift from supporters Sarah and Tim Belk and provides hands-on nutrition and healthy cooking instruction to complement Atrium Health's cardiac rehabilitation program. The space brings together chefs from across the country, showcases heart-healthy food options, and provides a location to package healthy meals for distribution among communities in need.



Making waves to fight cancer

To recognize the success of its 2023 Charlotte Open Water Swim, national nonprofit Swim Across America, along with the organization's top donors and sponsors, joined physicians at Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute (LCI) for a special presentation and tour of LCI's research lab in Charlotte. Following the presentation, staff from Swim Across America presented a check for \$200,000, representing the organization's record-breaking annual fundraising that will further advance cancer research at Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute and Atrium Health Levine Children's.



Spotlighting compassion and care innovation at annual summit

The 13th Annual Kosonen Summit took place at the AC Hotel Charlotte Ballantyne on Saturday, March 23. The summit is underwritten by the Margaret (Peg) Oseland Kosonen Endowment, which was established by the Bissell Family Foundation to honor the life and work of Peg Kosonen. The summit brought together a variety of speakers on topics relevant to palliative care, graft versus host disease, and proton and advanced radiation, and featured keynote speaker “Patient Lee” Tomlinson, founder of the Compassion Heals Movement. Levine Cancer Institute nurse manager Deana May Thomas (pictured left) presented the 2024 Kosonen Endowment Scholarship to Levine Cancer Institute registered nurse Jessica Barnes (right). Jessica was recognized for her outstanding commitment to patient care as an oncology nurse in LCI’s breast cancer clinic for the past four years. She is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society and is certified in breast cancer care.

Big steps for small heroes at Superhero Stomp

Atrium Health Levine Children’s teammates joined 24 Foundation for the Superhero Stomp, helping to raise money for pediatric cancer navigation and survivorship services. Dr. Jennifer Pope, director of supportive medicine at Atrium Health Levine Children’s, thanked 24 Foundation for their commitment to pediatric survivors in the greater Charlotte area. “Whether providing psychology services to survivors, teaching tools for how to stay well, or amazing snacks that nourish patients’ bodies, the 24 Foundation shows up in our space, every day.”



ATRIUM HEALTH FOUNDATION TEAMMATES: **Leading** by Example

Guided by Atrium Health’s culture commitments — serving the good of our patients and community, leading with integrity, innovation, and excellence, and creating a space where all belong — Atrium Health Foundation teammates strive every day to lead by

example in support of our mission. In 2023, director of development Holli Helms took her skills on the road, graduating from Leadership Cleveland County, a program of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce. Speaking about her experience, Holli shared, “A true leader to me is someone who cares. You can hear their passion when they speak; feel their concern about issues; see their commitment in their actions; and they inspire, encourage, and engage with colleagues and community

members. I appreciate the opportunity to learn from the amazing leaders I met throughout this program.”

A resident of Huntersville, Atrium Health Foundation assistant vice president Ryan Marshall graduated from Leadership Lake Norman’s eight-month program in May. “Leadership Lake Norman was the perfect spot to connect some of my personal and professional passions. I was able to engage with the Lake Norman community as Atrium Health prepares to open its doors here in 2025. On a personal note, I also developed new relationships and learned more about the needs of the community where I live. Being relatively new to the Greater Charlotte and Lake Norman areas, it’s important to me and my family to be active and give back in the area we call home,” shared Ryan.



**“A LEADER IS ONE
WHO KNOWS THE WAY,
GOES THE WAY, AND
SHOWS THE WAY.”**

—John C. Maxwell

Get to know Atrium Health Teammates and connect with our leaders. **Visit: AtriumHealthFoundation.org/Leadership.**