



## Mission

We reveal and foster God’s healing love by improving the health of the people and communities we serve, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

## Vision

Inspired by our faith,

- We will be distinguished as the trusted person-centered partner to those who engage with us in their physical, mental and spiritual health decisions.
- We will share accountability with clinicians, associates and affiliated stakeholders to deliver exceptional care that is well-coordinated, accessible, affordable, safe, and results in optimal outcomes for individuals and populations.
- We will grow as community-based health networks in partnership with others who share our vision and values and align with us to be an essential provider to those we serve.

## Values

**Caring Spirit** – We honor the sacred dignity of each person.

**Excellence** – We set and surpass high standards.

**Good Humor** – We create joyful and welcoming environments.

**Integrity** – We do the right thing with openness and pride.

**Safety** – We deliver care that seeks to eliminate all harm for patients and associates.

**Stewardship** – We are accountable for the resources entrusted to us.



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# Thank you for your generosity!

Each passing year ushers in new opportunities to make our mark on the world. We make resolutions, we track our goals, we put in the effort and, with some perseverance, we meet our goals and create new ones. What likely started off as a year of opportunity swiftly changed as the COVID-19 virus brought us, our families, neighbors, communities and the entire world to a screeching halt. While the world stood still, Lutheran Medical Center stood strong in the face of uncertainty. And we still stand strong today as we look to the horizon of a post-pandemic world.

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Throughout 2020, Lutheran Medical Center Foundation worked to pivot and meet the needs of our hospital and community. When caregivers were being stretched thin, the Foundation helped to collect donations of PPE, meals and comfort items for associates working on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lutheran Foundation, along with the other Foundations in the SCL Health System, created the COVID-19 Associate Relief Fund to ensure that associates facing financial hardships due to the pandemic could receive help when they were doing so much to save lives in our community. In a time of an unprecedented health crisis, Lutheran Medical Center set the precedent for what

our community can expect, no matter what is going on globally, that we are here to care for the community every step of the way.

While 2020 was a year of great uncertainty, it was also a year of great generosity. Your dollars helped to ensure our hospital had the necessary equipment to pivot and ensure our caregivers could treat the climbing volumes of COVID-19 patients. Through the generosity of grant funders, those experiencing emotional unrest could receive behavioral health treatments at West Pines. But most of all, the generosity of our community has created the margin of excellence that patients can expect to receive every day at Lutheran Medical Center. And while 2021 may be just as challenging – together, each of our individual efforts make a difference in shaping the health of our nation and the quality, person-centered care at Lutheran Medical Center.

Warm Regards,



Dr. Elizabeth Brew, Chair  
Lutheran Medical Center Foundation  
Board of Directors



Kathie Repola, CFRE, Executive Director  
Lutheran Medical Center Foundation



# The Legacy of Lee Fisher: Funding the Future of Lutheran

Lee Edward Fisher was a soft spoken, hardworking and humble resident of our Wheat Ridge community who has made a lasting legacy for Lutheran Medical Center.

Lee moved to Colorado in 1937, attending DU and graduating with his Bachelor's in Business Administration. A man of great intelligence and skill, Lee was recruited to the Navy when World War II broke out, quickly climbed the ranks to lieutenant and was posted to Pacific Fleet headquarters, Coronado. Through his travels to the Navy offices in San Diego, Lee met the love of his life, Jean Stalnaker, and they married at the Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas in September 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher lived much of their married life in Wheat Ridge as owners of the Ace Hi Service Station, and Lutheran Medical Center was their hospital. Having

no children of their own, Lee shared his love and life experience with his nephews and godsons. Over the years Lee built a reputation for being an honest business owner with great mechanical skill. His loyal clientele continued to patronize the Ace Hi Service Station until his retirement in 1973.

Lee and Jean remained happily married for 66 years until her passing in 2010. They owned a cabin in Evergreen and enjoyed many walks through the woods with their beloved bull dogs. Lee was a hobby woodworker and was known for making furniture and toys for his nephews and godsons. He had a knack for restoring classic Thunderbirds and brought three



Lee and Jean Fisher

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T-Birds to their original beauty during his lifetime.

Lee lived a remarkable and happy life, and before his passing in 2019 at the age of 101, he had shared that Lutheran would be a part of his estate settlement. Lee's generosity bequeathed \$1M to the Lutheran Medical Center Foundation for the purpose of purchasing equipment and capital.

Mr. Fisher's gift will have a lasting legacy on Lutheran Medical Center and many generations of patients who will walk through our doors now and into the future. It is never too early or too late to plan for the future, like Lee and Jean did. And taking control of your future through smart planning can benefit you and Lutheran. Please visit [Lutheran.planmylegacy.org](http://Lutheran.planmylegacy.org) for more information.

# Responding to the Needs of COVID-19



Community members drop off meals for frontline caregivers.

As if a light switched overnight, many of us went from living a seemingly normal life to being overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Those working in healthcare had to rush to treat the heightening COVID-19 patient volumes while also trying to protect themselves and their families. For the Lutheran Foundation, it meant pivoting to meet the needs of our hospital and community during a time of great uncertainty.

Many initiatives took place in the early phases of the pandemic to conserve personal protective equipment (PPE), especially N95 respirators and masks. Funding from the Foundation helped to purchase heated cabinets that were used to “bake” N95 masks, which left them sterilized and able to be used again by the same caregiver. This heating process could be repeated up to twenty times and ensured Lutheran front line workers had access to life saving equipment during a time where there was a shortage of PPE. The hospital used these heated cabinets to sanitize masks for first responders from the Wheat Ridge police department, fire departments and emergency services.

During the COVID-19 pandemic necessary visitor restrictions were put in place at Lutheran to ensure the

safety of our patients and caregivers. This new visitation policy was especially difficult for families who wanted nothing more than to be with their loved one while they were being cared for in the hospital. To meet the changing needs of our community, the Foundation purchased tablets and technology that allowed our patients to virtually visit with families and friends. While planning for a surge of patients, the Foundation helped to purchase a medical tent to provide care to non-respiratory

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and low acuity medical patients. This medical tent was intended to be used as a fast track area to segregate the emergency room population and is available if patient volumes deem the use of the tent necessary.

Beyond the critical funding needs that were experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation also helped to meet the truly human needs of our front line care workers. Through donations received from the community, associates were able to receive generous gifts of meals from local businesses, individuals and restaurants who wanted to do their part to support their community hospital. The community began to sew and donate masks in great volumes which helped to conserve PPE and ensure departments treating our most vulnerable patients had access to clean, safe equipment. Comfort items such as lotions, socks, chap sticks, candies, etc. were donated or purchased to create the "Care Cart". The Care Cart would make its way through the hospital spreading a little joy along the way to our hard working caregivers. These much needed pick-me-ups were well received by staff and could not have been possible without the support of our community.

During the first weeks of the stay at home order, the SCL Health System recognized both the personal and financial hardship many of our associates were facing during the pandemic. To meet these needs, each of the SCL Health Foundations contributed funds, including \$272,585 from Lutheran Medical Center Foundation, to create the COVID-19 Associate Relief fund. Throughout 2020 this fund played a crucial role in ensuring caregivers could continue to work and meet the financial needs of their family during a time where many households were losing jobs, taking on additional hours, managing remote learning demands, losing hours due to illness and more. Over \$3.3M was awarded to over 3,900 SCL Health associates during the pandemic.

These are just a few of the many incredible stories of how the Foundation and our caregivers helped to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. We cannot even begin to list the multitude of gestures – including just simple thank you notes mailed and displayed in the main lobby – that brightened the spirits of our caregivers. In a time that was so uncertain, gratitude played an important role in what kept Lutheran Medical Center and our caregivers fighting to beat COVID-19.

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Bags of comfort items ready for delivery to front line caregivers

# Awards & Recognition

Lutheran led the Front Range to **decrease overall Door to Treatment times for stroke patients from 50 minutes to 32 minutes**, significantly below the national standard of 60 minutes.

Achieved inaugural **Magnet Designation** – indicating Lutheran delivers excellent patient outcomes, nurses have a high level of job satisfaction and there is a very low staff nursing rate

The **Leapfrog Group “A”** (for the 11th time since 2012 and 7th consecutive time) – an indicator of how well hospitals protect patients from preventable errors, injuries and infections (patient safety).

Healthgrades® 2020 **America’s 50 Best Hospitals Award™**, two years in a row

Chest Pain – **MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award**

Newsweek’s **Best Maternity Care Hospitals** award

AHA/ASA **Get With the Guidelines – Stroke GOLD PLUS with Honor Roll Elite Plus** and **Advanced Therapy Achievement Award**

**“Colorado Proud” designation** for products consumed/sold that are produced by local companies

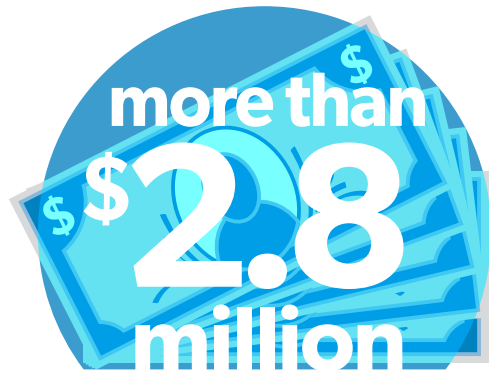
## Other Accomplishments

Launched the **first drive through testing site** for COVID-19 in the Front Range

**Partnered with EMS and other local agencies to provide support** (i.e. reprocessing of equipment, testing and vaccinations) during the COVID-19 pandemic



# Measures of Impact for 2020



raised in 2020



transferred to Lutheran  
Medical Center in 2020



in grants received in 2020



**53,758**



**2,084**



**2,966**



**1,798**



**11,144**



# Financial Health



## Balance Sheet

as of December 31, 2020

### ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	198,716
Pledge Receivables, Short-term		35,500
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>234,216</b>

### INVESTMENTS

Land, Buildings and Equipment, net	\$	14,762,051
Pledge Receivables, Long-term		6,364
		83,000
		<b>14,851,415</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$ 15,085,631**

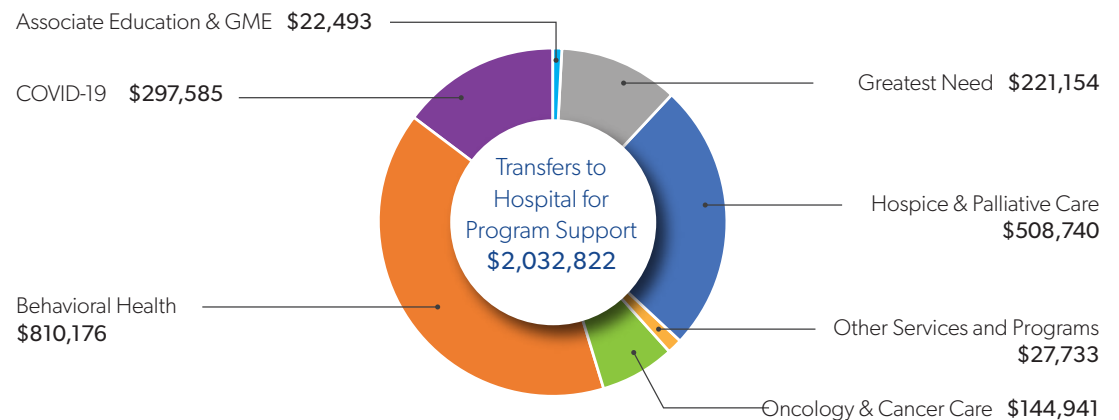
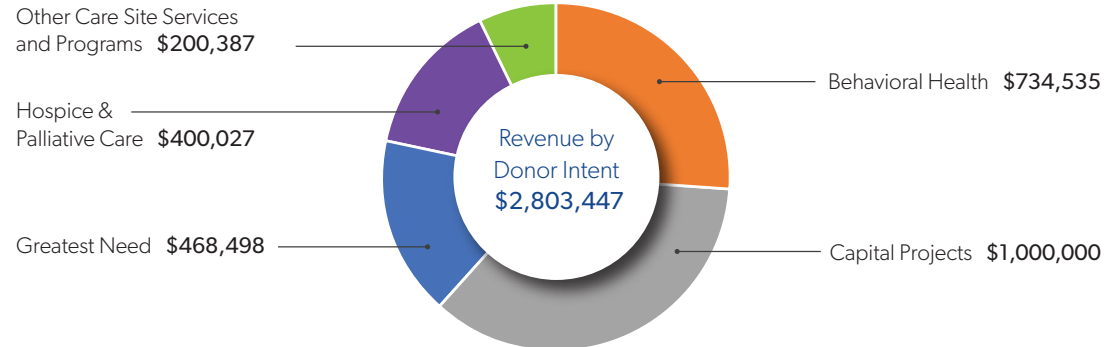
### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	250
Accrued Salaries, Wages and Benefits		29,270
Due to Hospital		266,650
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>296,170</b>

### NET ASSETS

Net Assets Without Donor Restriction	\$	3,844,377
Net Assets With Donor Restriction		10,945,084
		<b>14,789,461</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS** **\$ 15,085,631**



# Board & Staff

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# Ways to Give

The Lutheran Medical Center Foundation gratefully accepts gifts to support Lutheran Medical Center's mission. No gift is too small, and your gift will be used for the project or program of your choice. Your contributions are tax deductible, and you will receive a letter of acknowledgment for tax purposes.

## Donate by Mail or Phone

Donations are accepted over the phone at 303-467-4800 or by mail at:

Lutheran Medical Center Foundation  
8300 W. 38th Avenue  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Payments Accepted: Cash, Check, Credit/Debit Card, Cashier's Check or Money Order

## Online Giving

Visit [www.supportlutheran.org](http://www.supportlutheran.org) to make a secure, online donation today with a credit or debit card. One-time and recurring payment options are available.

## Planned Giving

Planned gifts provide resources that create extraordinary opportunities and preserve our future. Planned gifts include cash and pledge gifts of bequests, trusts, life insurance, and retirement assets.

## Corporate Giving

Help your company and your employees make an impact here at Lutheran Medical Center. Get involved with the Lutheran Foundation through contributions, grants, or events via corporate gifts and sponsorships.

## Foundation and Corporate Grants

We welcome the opportunity to work with Foundations and corporations on philanthropic grants to the Lutheran Medical Center Foundation.

## Stocks and Appreciated Securities

One way to boost your charitable contributions is to give shares of appreciated stock instead of cash. They are easily valued without an appraisal and easy to transfer. Donating appreciated securities before they are sold typically results in a tax advantage. A tax deduction is normally allowed based on the market value at the time of the gift. Since the deduction is based on current value, rather than cost, no tax is paid on the appreciation.

## Tribute Gifts

Tribute gifts are giving in honor or memory of a special person – perhaps a caregiver, family member or friend. They are given in thoughtful remembrance of a life; in recognition of a special occasion; or in appreciation of service. These tributes serve as a permanent expression of love, honor and recognition.

## Endowments

Endowments are invested for growth and income in a diversified portfolio and are strategically managed. Each endowment distribution is used according to the donor's intent as outlined in a formal agreement between the donor and the Foundation. Funds earned from an endowment may support a program and are distributed by the hospital annually in accordance with the policies established by the Lutheran Foundation.

## Real Estate

The Lutheran Foundation accepts gifts of real estate, including houses, condominiums, commercial properties, farm land, rental property, and undeveloped land after a thorough review of the property and its potential usage by the Foundation.



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