

YEAR IN REVIEW

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Care for All

As we reflect on this past fiscal year, I want to thank you for your unwavering support of OhioHealth to help advance our vision to provide exceptional care for all through experiences that earn a lifetime of trust. This vision embodies the core tenets of health equity: all people should have the fair and just opportunity to fulfill their human potential in all aspects of their health and well-being.

In this report, you will see how philanthropy is driving our commitment toward achieving health equity for the communities we serve. No one should be disadvantaged or be denied access to care because of where they live, their race, their gender identity or their income. Through your generous contributions, OhioHealth can provide vital programs and services and break down barriers to better health so that our friends, families and neighbors have access to the care that they deserve.

The philanthropic pillars highlighted in these pages show stories of impact through innovation, education, community outreach, and the design and construction of state-of-the-art facilities and care sites.

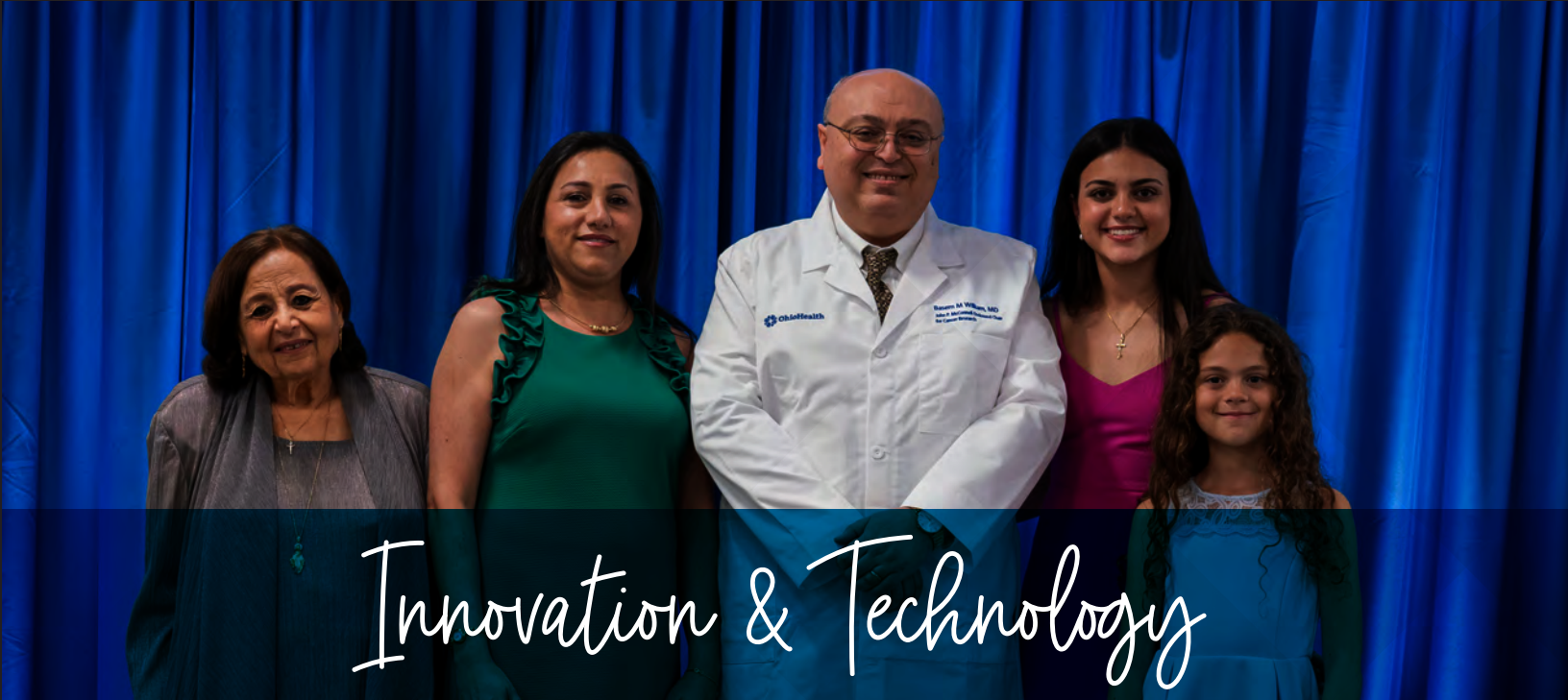
Thank you again for joining us in this work to build healthier, more resilient communities and foster a future where everyone is provided with exceptional care.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen J. Morrison". The script is fluid and cursive.

Karen J. Morrison

President, OhioHealth Foundation
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Innovation & Technology

Keep Making Plans

Basem M. William, MD, MRCP(UK), FACP is an expert in cancer care and in FY24 was honored as the John P. McConnell Endowed Chair for Cancer Research. That means that the work that he does allows OhioHealth cancer patients to keep making plans.

OhioHealth endowed chairs are essential to achieving excellence in our mission and are made possible through philanthropic support. The McConnell family and the McConnell Foundation generously provided the funds so that Dr. William and other cancer care physicians can pursue innovation through research, groundbreaking clinical trials, exploring new treatments and educational opportunities.

William is the inaugural Clinical Director of OhioHealth's Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, and medical director of the Cell Therapy Laboratory and Immune Effector Cell Program. His expertise is internationally recognized in lymphomas, drug development and cellular therapy.

Blood cancer treatment is complex and requires comprehensive care. Funding available for an endowed chair ensures advanced treatment options can continue to be available. Under Dr. William's guidance, OhioHealth was able to successfully complete its first-ever bone marrow harvesting procedure.



At OhioHealth, endowed chairs allow innovation to thrive. Leadership donors establish endowed chairs through their philanthropy. In FY24 the Foundation was proud to celebrate and recognize these physicians, along with Dr. William, with the esteemed honor of an endowed chair:

Anish Amin, MD – the OhioHealth Foundation Endowed Chair in Heart Health and Cardiac Arrhythmias

Steven Yakubov, MD – the John H. McConnell Endowed Chair in Advanced Structural Heart Care



**Learn more about this
groundbreaking moment.**



Innovation & Technology

Critical Care When Every Minute Matters

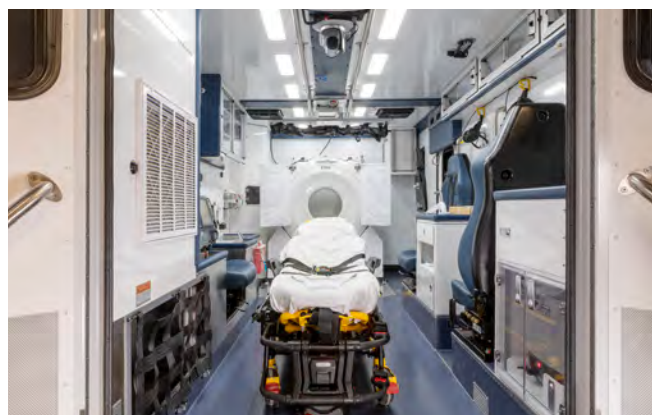
Mobile healthcare is not new to OhioHealth.

We bring access to care through Wellness on Wheels, offering primary care, women's health and prenatal care to underserved communities; mobile mammography, with three units serving north, central and southern Ohio with life-saving breast health screenings; and the Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit (MSTU), a specialized vehicle that allows healthcare providers to immediately treat and triage stroke patients regardless of their zip code.

The OhioHealth MSTU launched in 2019 through a consortium of central Ohio hospitals to provide life-saving collaborative care. Stroke is treatable, but only when patients get to a hospital quickly so that lifesaving medications can be administered.

The MSTU can provide care on-site as soon as the team arrives to wherever a stroke patient may be, or in transport, because they've been able to immediately evaluate, guide and triage cases from dispatched 9-1-1 calls. The unit has state-of-the-art equipment in a mobile setting, so the specially trained staff can connect virtually with OhioHealth stroke neurologists during the drive to the hospital.

With Foundation funding, a new MSTU was purchased, and in the last fiscal year, the team of skilled MSTU experts consulted and responded to **523 stroke patient evaluations**.



Discover how one grateful patient's story of the MSTU saved her life, and led to a gift to the OhioHealth Foundation.



Research & Education

Faces of the Future

\$498,000 – almost a half-million dollars – was awarded to support **428 Nursing Excellence Scholarships** made possible by the OhioHealth Foundation and our generous donors, many of whom are grateful patients.

Behind each of these scholarships are the stories of OhioHealth nurses who are able to make forward strides in their career path as compassionate caregivers. Without funding from donors and the meaningful expressions of gratitude from patients and their loved ones, hundreds of nurses would not be able to pursue an advanced degree, take skills-based training courses and accreditation programs or accelerate their professional growth.



In 2024, 222 Patient Support Assistants sought scholarships to pursue nursing careers. Often our associates hold a two-year nursing degree and are working toward a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) to deepen their expertise and advance in the field. There is also a growing need for nurses with advanced degrees, such as the MSN (Master's of Nursing) and DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice), who bring specialized skills to critical care situations.

OhioHealth nursing scholarships not only support individual associates but also enhance overall patient care and fortify the profession, ensuring a healthier future for the communities we serve.

Recognizing Angels

For over 10 years, Theresa Reuther provided end-of-life care to OhioHealth patients and their families in their homes. Her passion for her work as a hospice nurse was cut short in 2008 when cancer claimed her life.

After staying home to raise her children, Theresa graduated from Otterbein University with a BSN, became an Oncology Staff Nurse at OhioHealth Grant Medical Center and then a Home Care Nurse Case Manager with OhioHealth's hospice program. Entering this field later in life, Theresa's devotion to hospice care ran deep, as did her support for all who found their calling to this important work and furthered their education to provide exceptional care.

Theresa's husband, Jim Reuther, established The Theresa Reuther Nursing Scholarship in her memory to support continuing education for hospice nurses – “angels” – who follow in her footsteps.

In 2024, two hospice associates received the Theresa Reuther Scholarship:



Tamra Kennedy

Tamra Kennedy

Degree Pursued: MSN

Years with OhioHealth: 7

Professional Goals: *I currently work for OhioHealth at Kobacker House. I look forward to continuing my career with hospice. For my MSN practicum I am exploring how frontline staff can support families during bereavement. When a patient dies, the journey for the family continues. I would like to use my MSN to help bridge the gap for families who have experienced a loss.*



Lillian Marsh

Lillian Marsh

Degree Pursued: LPN

Years with OhioHealth: 2

Professional Goals: *I have been in healthcare for about 25 years. I would like to further my education in nursing. Healthcare is my passion. I love what I do. My professional goal is to become a nurse for OhioHealth preferably for hospice.*



Community Outreach

Giving Back While Racing Ahead

When a cancer patient loses their hair due to chemotherapy, it can rob them of their sense of control and dignity. OhioHealth offers scalp cooling therapy, an innovative therapy that can help cancer patients keep their hair during treatment.

Most traditional insurance plans do not cover costs associated with scalp cooling which can be thousands of dollars for one session. Thanks to donor support and proceeds from sponsorship events like the OhioHealth Capital City Half & Quarter Marathon, the OhioHealth Foundation can offset almost 75 percent of scalp cooling costs. Last year, donations to the OhioHealth Capital City Half & Quarter Marathon contributed **more than \$66,000** to OhioHealth's Scalp Cooling Program.



Learn more about Katie's story.



Katie Foster, a physician assistant with OhioHealth and breast cancer survivor, was a beneficiary of scalp cooling therapy. She also ran in last year's Cap City race. And started her own fundraising page raising more than \$7,000 from 106 supporters for integrated cancer care treatments.

Support for Survivors

The OhioHealth Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO) provides immediate care to survivors of sexual assault at OhioHealth emergency departments and at other local healthcare facilities. It also offers aftercare advocacy and free resources for emotional, social, legal and financial support, and reaches all 88 counties in Ohio through a 24/7 helpline and online chat feature.

A federal Community Funding Project Request was awarded to SARNCO, with the program receiving a \$400,000 grant to help drive awareness to this service. This grassroots community outreach and marketing campaign helped SARNCO deliver **essential support services to over 1,000 survivors.**



A Community Cares

A Community Cares is an organization devoted to enhancing the quality of life within the Amanda-Clearcreek Community in southeast Ohio. Every year, A Community Cares hosts a fundraiser and last year, they donated proceeds from the event to the Bradley Cancer Center at OhioHealth Berger Hospital to support patient care.

Gifts from other charitable organizations that share a similar purpose to that of OhioHealth create philanthropic collaborations that can build resilience, help discover new approaches to care, extend our reach, and increase access to resources to improve the health and wellbeing of a community.



Crisis Care and Better Outcomes for Behavioral Health



In FY24, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced an award of \$90 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds aimed at strengthening mental health and addiction crisis services statewide. Athens-Hocking-Vinton Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board was awarded \$489,876 as part of the investment in Ohio's Crisis Continuum. OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital was one of 37 partner projects to receive funding through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS). This translated to improved crisis services for patients who present at the Emergency Department of O'Bleness Hospital, including:

- + Improved patient rooms, to include creating a more calming space.
- + Behavioral health beds, designed to ensure safety for patients and healthcare professionals.
- + Trauma-informed and diversional devices to patients, including children, to improve the patient experience and decrease interventions.
- + Behavioral health appropriate mobile recliners in patient rooms for the comfort of the loved one of a patient.
- + Additional and enhanced cameras to improve patient safety.

OhioHealth's professionally trained Forensic Nurses use Cortexflo machines, cameras and equipment designed specifically for sexual assault exams.

At OhioHealth Mansfield and Shelby Hospitals, and OhioHealth Emergency Care - Ontario and - Ashland, existing cameras did not provide the level of imaging needed for evidence collection and prosecution. Often with low-quality imaging equipment, multiple image captures were needed adding to an already stressful experience for survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking.

Through a consortium of funding from three community foundations - Richland, Shelby, and Ashland County Community Foundations, **\$70,000 was awarded** to provide new Cortexflo equipment to ultimately empower sexual assault survivors in their recovery.



Infrastructure & Facilities

Transformations for Trauma Care

A \$1 million commitment by Mid-Ohio Emergency Services (MOES) will benefit OhioHealth Grant Medical Center and its plans for a new, state-of-the-art Emergency Department (ED), a cornerstone of the Grant revitalization project.

Grant is the busiest Level 1 Trauma Center in the state and this gift will allow the hospital to better assess and treat critically injured people as soon as they arrive for care. An expanded and streamlined Emergency Department will have improved access for ambulances, diagnostic imaging embedded in the ED for quicker evaluations for patients, and increased square footage, for more trauma bays and beds.



Read more about
this gift commitment
from MOES.

The OhioHealth Foundation Invitational, benefitting OhioHealth Dublin Methodist Hospital, **raised more than \$340,000** to help build a Level III Trauma Program giving immediate care to critically injured patients and improving their chances of survival. The ability to retain and treat more patients from Dublin and surrounding communities will mean keeping care local rather than having to transfer patients to another care site that could be over 20 miles away.



Transformations and Integrations



On the campuses of OhioHealth Grant Medical Center and OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital, transformation continues.

Construction began on the first phase of the Grant 2028 Impact: Access to Care for All project. A new medical office building will open in 2025, and this

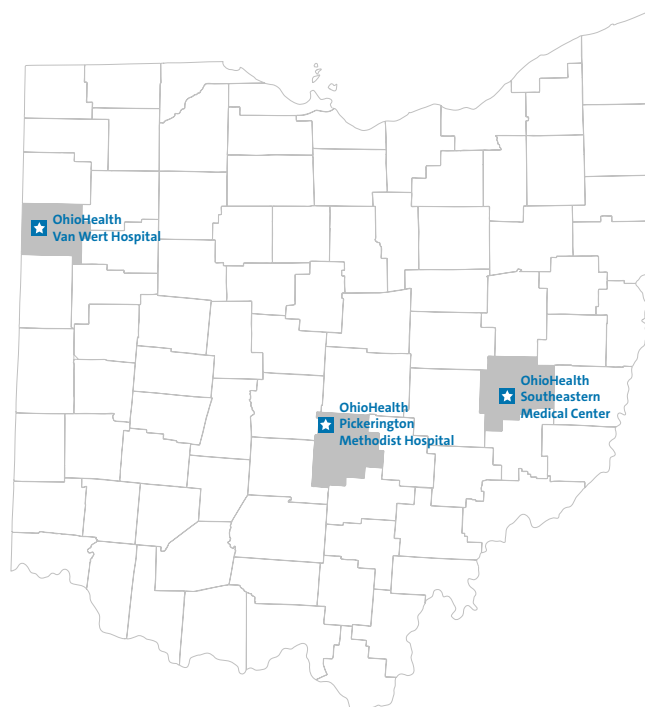
34,000 square foot building and its accompanying five-story, 520-space garage will expand primary care offerings in Columbus.

At Riverside Methodist, earth is being moved for the new OhioHealth Women's Center, a destination like no other designed to address the unique healthcare needs of all women over their lifespan. Concrete slabs are being poured for patient towers and medical office buildings which will ultimately house resources for maternal health, women's heart health, gynecologic surgery, high-risk obstetrics and specialty clinics for the fourth trimester and midlife, and an expanded community clinic. These specialty programs and services will be made possible thanks to philanthropic support.

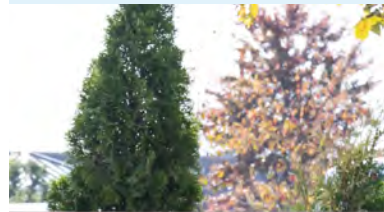


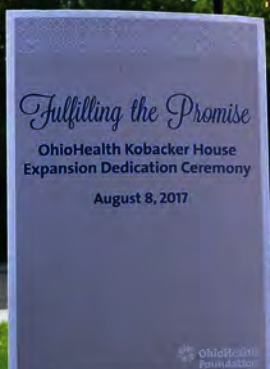
OhioHealth Southeastern Medical Center and OhioHealth Van Wert Hospital both celebrated their one- year anniversaries of becoming the 13th and 14th full member hospitals, respectively, in the OhioHealth System. Integration of these hospitals brings expanded care close to home now to 50 counties in the state, and also welcomes a new community of donors to the OhioHealth Foundation family.

In fiscal year 2024, OhioHealth Pickerington Methodist Hospital officially became OhioHealth's 15th hospital and with it, pushed the boundaries of healthcare innovation. Pickerington Methodist offers patient rooms equipped with smart room technology, allowing patients an enhanced and personalized care experience from ordering meals to watching educational videos and managing their own medication schedules.



The Doctors Hospital Healing Garden was dedicated, celebrating a gift from the Galbreath and Bradway families in memory of R. William Bradway, MD, a physician leader at OhioHealth Doctors Hospital.





Leaving a Legacy

“Ruth’s visionary gift allows us to offer the best end-of-life care available in the peaceful beauty of OhioHealth Kobacker House, providing comfort around the clock, and peace of mind for families. We are grateful for flexible resources that allow us to meet patient and family needs in unique and meaningful ways.”

— Michelle Stulgis, Administrator,
HomeReach Hospice

A Visionary Gift



Ruth Girlando always had a passion for OhioHealth’s end-of-life care.

In 1975, Ruth launched what would become a 25-year career working at the Milhon Clinic for William D. Ingliss III, MD, a pulmonary specialist engaged in the development of a hospice program at OhioHealth. Ruth shared Dr. Ingliss’ interest for hospice care, regularly

walking through the original site of Kobacker House next to OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital as it was under construction in the late 1980s.

Fast forward to 2016, when Ruth’s dedication to OhioHealth Kobacker House continued with a financial gift to support the facility’s expansion following its move from the original nine-bed house to today’s 32-bed house located on ten peaceful wooded acres on McConnell Drive. Remarkable care takes place at Kobacker House every day thanks to the generosity of Ruth and donors from across the community.

Following her passing in 2023, HomeReach Hospice was honored to learn that Ruth had an estate provision to make certain that the exceptional care both she and her late husband, Al, experienced at Kobacker House would be available for patients and their families in the future. **Ruth’s \$1 million gift** has established the Ruth Girlando Kobacker House Patient Experience Fund to support opportunities to enhance patient care and comfort, and to meet family and visitor needs.

Ruth provided significant philanthropic support to OhioHealth in her lifetime and consistently gave to support hospice services for 38 years, starting with her first gift of \$50 in 1985.



Transforming Cancer Care

At the beginning of 2024, Hope and Tom Ashby of Centerburg, Ohio **committed \$2.8 million** to OhioHealth through their estate plans to establish the Ashby Cancer Care Endowment Fund.

The Ashby Cancer Care Endowment Fund will allow for unmet needs of cancer patients to be covered such as access to transportation for healthcare appointments, nutritious meals, medical equipment, and comfort care programs to alleviate the symptoms, pain and stress associated with cancer treatment.

Hope and Tom Ashby have been volunteers for the “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” Horse Show, a third-party fundraising event that also benefits OhioHealth Cancer Services. They are steadfast in their commitment to impact others grappling with the challenges they confront outside of the clinical care received during their cancer treatment journey.



Learn more about the Ashby's incredible commitment to cancer patients.



If, like Ruth Girlando and Hope and Tom Ashby, you are interested in leaving a legacy through a planned gift, visit **OhioHealthLegacy.org** or call **(614) 788-3883**.



Workplace Giving

WE Give is OhioHealth's associate giving campaign designed to support colleagues and the community through philanthropy.

Amazing THINGS HAPPEN WHEN **WE GIVE** 2023

2023
CAMPAIGN TOTAL
\$915,000+

**TOTAL ASSOCIATE
PARTICIPATION**



3,110



300 OHIOHEALTH
FOUNDATION FUNDS,
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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
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Total raised in FY24 **\$21.1M**

6,411
DONORS

5,915
INDIVIDUALS

2,999
OHIOHEALTH ASSOCIATES

224
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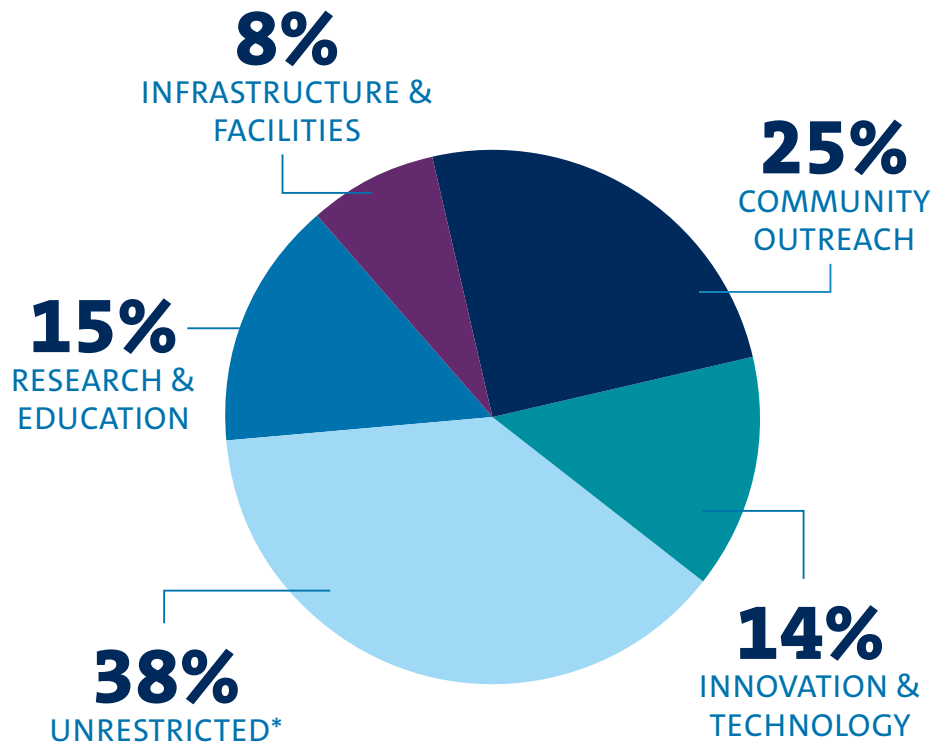
202
ORGANIZATIONS

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FOUNDATIONS

9
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Number of gifts: 36,485

What your giving supports



**"Unrestricted" were dollars allocated to greatest needs initiatives at OhioHealth's 15 care sites, in FY24, as well as associate support such as the Provider and Associate Well-being Fund.*

Thank you.



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