



# YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

2020 IMPACT REPORT

**UNION  
HEALTH**  
Foundation

# Summary of Support

## Improving Community Health: \$33,398.<sup>80</sup>

Senior Community Outreach: Trauma Prevention Program  
\*Supplies for community curbside COVID-19 testing  
\*COVID-19 supplies for first responders  
Community food pantry supplies  
Winterization Clinic for high-risk COPD patients  
Community injury-prevention classes

## Supporting Service Lines/Programs: \$96,781.<sup>03</sup>

\*Childcare assistance for front-line COVID-19 healthcare workers  
Celebratory "birth" day cakes for new moms  
\* Meals for healthcare teams providing care for COVID-19 patients  
Facility improvements for Child Development Center

## Funding Education: \$46,911.<sup>51</sup>

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner training  
Behavioral health education for emergency nurses  
College scholarships  
Lactation consultant training  
Breast center conference for Clara Fairbanks Center for Women staff

## Caring for Patients: \$73,485.<sup>58</sup>

Financial assistance for pre-diabetes classes  
Gas gift cards for NICU families  
Car seats for low-income families  
Breast pump rental assistance  
Genetic Counseling Clinic patient financial support  
Hygiene products for community health center patients  
Mammograms & diagnostic procedures for under-insured patients  
Thermal totes for NICU moms to transport breast milk  
Care packages for patients receiving oncology treatments

## Providing Equipment: \$328,723.<sup>34</sup>

Extension handles for wheelchairs  
NICU development care positioning devices  
\*COVID-19 protective equipment and supplies  
Infant radiant warmers, isolettes & biliblankets for NICU  
\*Thermal thermometers for athletic trainers  
Lift chairs for oncology infusion center  
\*Construction of negative pressure room at Occupational Health  
\*Remote-monitoring patient management system  
\*High flow oxygen devices  
SRS MapCheck Quality Assurance tool for oncology treatment plans  
VeinViewers for oncology infusion  
Pediatric positioning devices for imaging services  
Patient lift belts for nursing staff  
\*iPads for hospitalized COVID-19 patients to virtually visit family

*\* Support specific to the COVID-19 pandemic totaling \$181,187.<sup>25</sup>.*

\$579,300.26

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS IN 2020

# Extraordinary Support in Unprecedented Times

When a community comes together – so much can be accomplished. In 2020, we certainly saw evidence of this. We witnessed an outpouring of kindness, compassion and encouragement for our healthcare workers and the patients we serve. We watched our frontline healthcare professionals and support staff coming together to work endless hours fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. And we are humbled by the generosity of donors who have made gifts despite the current economic challenges.



More than \$846,000 was donated by our community, employees and corporate partners, who support our mission to improve health and wellness in the Wabash Valley. Donor contributions enabled the Foundation to fulfill over 69 grant requests funding advancements in telehealth, protective gear for healthcare professionals and specialized equipment for newborns. We also awarded 29 higher education scholarships for our future leaders.

During these challenging times, we are reminded of the strength of our supporters' philanthropic spirit. None of our achievements are possible without your commitment to Union Health Foundation and the communities we serve. The healing power of kindness is present in every gift. It is our privilege to pass it on.

Thank you!



Joel Harbaugh, Executive Director

## Union Health Foundation by the Numbers

At Union Health Foundation, donors support our mission to help improve health and wellness in the Wabash Valley through a variety of ways. We are proud of the diversity represented by our fundraising efforts through individual and employee giving, community businesses and corporations, major and planned gifts, special events and third-party events.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$846,463.<sup>37</sup>

Number  
of Gifts

17,170

Number  
of Donors

1,297

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## Five Creative Ways to Give

### Sign up for monthly giving

**1** Your gift will automatically be charged each month, spreading out the impact of your gift in an easy, effortless way!

### Age 70 or older?

**2** Donate your IRA's required minimum distribution and reduce your taxable income. You can make a contribution of up to \$100,000 annually from your IRA account.

### Leave a lasting legacy

**3** Establish a planned gift through your will, estate plan or a charitable gift annuity to ensure that our impact and mission continues.

### Make a gift in memory of someone

**4** When you give a memorial gift, you're helping your community have access to the level of care they need and deserve.

### Celebrate your birthday with us

**5** Host a Facebook fundraiser for UHF on your next birthday and your friends' gifts will really add up and benefit the fund or program of your choice.

**Want to keep it simple?** You can give anytime at [unionhealthfoundation.org](http://unionhealthfoundation.org).



# Responding to a Public Health Crisis

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUNDING

In March 2020, the Wabash Valley experienced its first cases of COVID-19, a global health crisis that quickly swept across the world. Union Health quickly adapted clinical and operation protocols and set up an Incident Command Center.

At the same time, Union Health Foundation launched a COVID-19 Response Fund to support the health system's efforts in responding to the pandemic emergency. Contributions to the fund provide unrestricted, rapid

assistance to support the evolving needs of our healthcare workers and mitigate the extraordinary costs the health system incurs as a result of the fast-spreading and deadly disease.

Union Health's ability to respond to the pandemic was dramatically accelerated through the support of our donors, who gave a total \$181,187 specifically to fight the public health crisis in Wabash Valley communities.

## Innovation in Action

Donations to Union Health Foundation brought groundbreaking technology to the Wabash Valley in December 2020. The Foundation awarded a \$97,500 grant to Union Hospital to purchase a Masimo SafetyNet patient management system.

The system allows clinicians to remotely care for patients via a telemedicine device so they can recover in the comfort of their homes while under round-the-clock supervision of a hospital clinical team.

Jimmy McKanna, Union's Manager of Respiratory Therapy, said this technology is a "giant leap into the future of healthcare" and allows hospital-based clinicians more resources to provide care for critical patients. Union Hospital was the first hospital in the state of Indiana to provide 24-hour remote monitoring. Additionally, this technology transcends COVID-19 and will have multiple applications in chronic disease management for the Wabash Valley community in the future.

In its first month of use, approximately 25 patients were able to receive their care at home.

"One of our big success stories was a patient that was weaned from five liters per minute of oxygen down to room air while being monitored on the unit," McKanna said.



*A hospital-based clinician remotely monitors a patient's health data.*



*The pulse oximeter, worn by patients, wirelessly connects to a smart device to transmit important health information.*

## Funding Emerging Needs

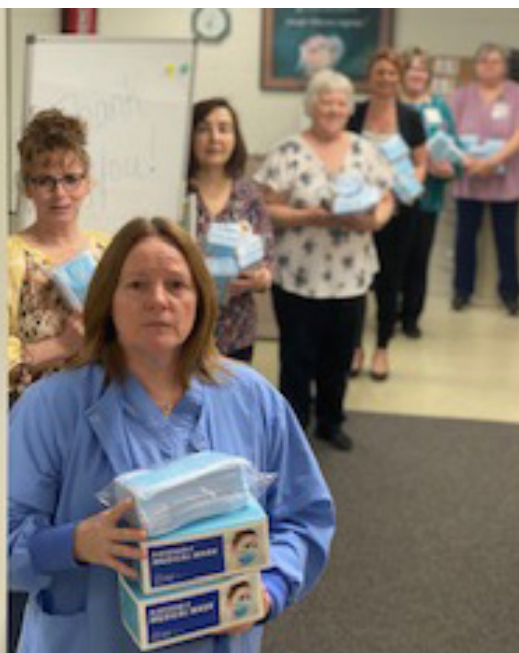
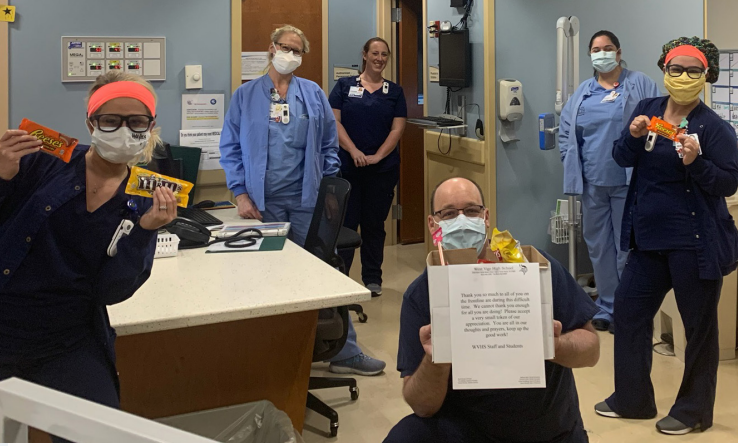
### Airvo Heated High Flow Oxygen Devices

Due to a surge of COVID-positive patients, Union Hospital's supply of specialized oxygen devices were being depleted. The equipment delivers high flow warmed humidified respiratory gases to improve oxygen saturation and patient outcomes. The Foundation awarded a \$51,889 grant to purchase an additional 15 devices to meet patient needs.

### Construction of negative pressure room

To reduce their risk of COVID exposure, caregivers at the Center for Occupational Health were administering patients' pulmonary function tests outside. Due to weather and temperature changes, outside testing wasn't a sustainable plan. The Foundation's \$7,500 grant financed the construction of a negative pressure room allowing caregivers to test patients in a safe indoor environment.





## Kindness in Action

Multiple individuals and businesses stepped forward to support Union Health during the ongoing pandemic. They donated vital personal protective equipment, disinfecting products and meals for caregivers working tirelessly on the front lines.

Community members also sent notes of thankfulness and encouragement as Union Health team members provided care to as many as 75-80 hospitalized COVID patients a day and administered testing to thousands of community members.

*“I am very thankful they do not give up and keep going when they have to wear very hot masks and gowns. The job they do is not easy, but it is very important and appreciated.”*

—Avery Huff,

Central Elementary School, Clinton, IN

\*Excerpt from his winning entry in the Giving Thanks to Our Healthcare Heroes Fifth Grade Essay Contest





# Gratitude in Action

For the past two years, Ravyn and Alec Enstrom have organized a softball tournament to raise money for Union Health Foundation's Bereavement Services Fund.

The tournament, "Batting for Barrett" is in honor of their son Barrett Richard Antone Enstrom who was stillborn on December 7, 2018.

Rayvn said Sue Hoopengartner, Union Hospital's RTS Bereavement Service Program coordinator, was a saving grace for her family during the darkest time of their lives.

"She did everything for us. Sue spent the first 24 hours with us answering every question and calling funeral homes," Rayvn said. "She made Christmas ornaments with Barrett's footprints, gave him a bath, took newborn photos and sent us home with a huge packet of grieving tips and where to go from there, how to move forward. She called us every single week."

Union's RTS Bereavement Services program provides support to approximately 140 new families each year who have lost their baby during pregnancy or shortly after birth.

The Enstrom family felt strongly about wanting to give back to the program that helped them so others could also benefit.



"We wanted to be able to do something to keep his memory alive and help what helped us the most," Rayvn said. "I attended the support groups for the first year. Without Sue's help, I know 100 percent we wouldn't be in the mindset we are now. We're not bitter. She really helped, and she went above and beyond."

In addition to assisting them with the loss of Barrett, Sue provided encouragement and

support to the Enstroms when they welcomed their baby girl, Vayda, to the family.

"Sue played a big part in helping us work through our fears and anxiety when we found out we were pregnant again," Ravyn said.

The 2020 tournament included 13 coed softball teams and raised \$7,400. Batting for Barrett has raised a total of \$15,200 since the inaugural tournament in 2019.

## Living the Mission

In the midst of a growing crisis, Union Health team members went beyond their daily endeavors and invested in their workplace by providing healthcare through their giving.

During the Foundation's Annual Employee Giving Campaign, 686 employees donated a total of \$113,952. Beyond the campaign, another 31 employees donated \$24,483 for total employee giving of almost \$140,000. Their involvement demonstrates the true commitment they have to the Foundation's mission of improving health and wellness in the Wabash Valley.





# Generosity in Action

An anonymous community member with a desire to help of our tiniest patients gave a generous donation to fund Union Hospital's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) with much-needed additional medical equipment. The \$69,644 gift financed the purchase of two isolettes, two infant radiant warmers and three biliblankets for the NICU.

The isolettes are self-contained incubator units providing infants with controlled, heat, humidity and oxygen microenvironments. Drager Resuscitaire warmers are used to maintain the body temperature of newborn infants and reduce cold stress, which can lead to hypoglycemia, respiratory distress, hypoxia, acidosis and other problems. Biliblankets provide photo-therapy to treat babies with jaundice.

In 2020,  
Union Hospital  
delivered 1,692  
babies and provided  
specialized care  
to 316 newborns  
in the NICU.

"Providing critical care to newborns with a variety of conditions is a vital part of Union's NICU," said Jennifer Harrah, Union Hospital NICU Nursing Care Manager. "Having this equipment will greatly benefit families in our community."

NICU Asst. Nursing Care Manager  
Megan Swart demonstrates one of  
the new warmers and biliblankets.

## Improving Patient Experience

As visitor access was limited to mitigate the coronavirus' spread, alternative communication methods became a priority for patients to connect with their loved ones. Fortunately, in 2019, donors funded the purchase of a NICView video monitor system for the Union Hospital NICU, which allows family members near and far to watch their newborn remotely through a private live-streaming video service.

In addition to visitor guidelines, which restricted NICU visitors to only the newborns' two parents, the system has been greatly appreciated by parents with medical issues that prevented them being able to be at their child's bedside.

“Due to unfortunate circumstances, my daughter and I had to be separated. I was experiencing high blood pressure and her temperature was not staying up. We were both in the hospital for six days, and due to my medical situation, I was only allowed to visit the NICU a few times.

The cameras were a real life saver, because I was so torn and emotional without her. The peace knowing I could see her and she was doing good with a wonderful team of nurses helped tremendously. I am so grateful for the Foundation providing the equipment.”

— Ashley, mother of NICU graduate, Aaliyah, pictured at right

In 2020, the NICView system averaged 3,468 monthly user log-ins with peak use of 7,289 log-ins during May. Users represented family and friends from across the United States and abroad including Austria, Saudia Arabia, Ireland, Chile and Canada.





## About Union Health Foundation

Established in 1985 as a 501(c)3, Union Health Foundation was created to engage the community in the support of improving healthcare and wellness in the Wabash Valley. Thanks to the generosity and kindness of our donors, we've been able to invest nearly \$40 million in new medical equipment, patient assistance programs, advanced healthcare services, continuing education and community health initiatives.

**Thank you for your support!**

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