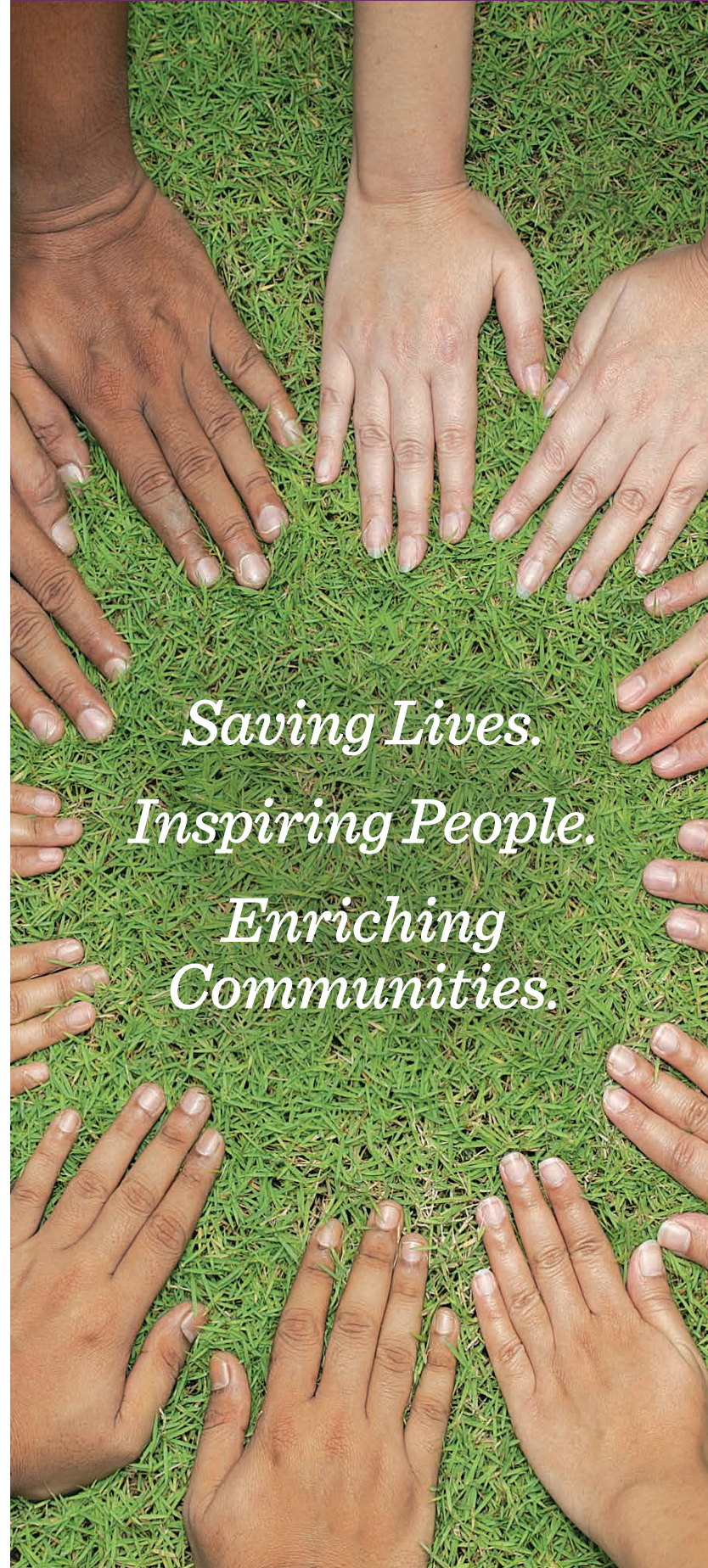




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2020 COMMUNITY REPORT

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Enhancing
the quality
of life in
our region

Welcome to the UPMC Altoona Foundation report to the community for calendar year 2020.

First, a note of sincerest thanks for the outpouring of community support for UPMC Altoona during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was truly extraordinary. Numerous individuals and businesses donated funds and food for hospital staff. These were a source of great comfort and inspiration for our dedicated people during a most challenging time.

Despite those same challenges, the Foundation was able to continue its mission of supporting programs and services that save lives, inspire health care careers, and enrich the quality of life in our communities.

This report mentions only some of last year's grants and describes their significant, positive impact on the people in our region. In total, the Foundation presented more than 40 grants exceeding \$1 million, which provided:

- Patients with convenient, state-of-the-art treatments and services
- Our hospital, UPMC Altoona, with some of the most advanced medical technology available
- Educational institutions with the means to improve and expand vital programs for students and the public
- Scholarships for those pursuing a medical career and for medical professionals who want to further their education

As a nonprofit, the Foundation's accomplishments are always a tribute to the generosity of our donors, without whom we could not exist, let alone succeed.

We thank them and everyone who had a role in a very productive year despite extremely difficult conditions!

Sincerely,

Jay Drenning
Chairman

Tim Balconi
President

Mission

To develop resources and build partnerships in support of the exceptional health care provided by UPMC Altoona.

SUPPORT FOR Cancer Services

The Foundation allocated funds to help cancer patients during and after treatment.

UPMC Altoona Radiation Oncology Department

Several donors generously provided funds to remodel the patient treatment areas. Also, Foundation funding purchased kits for patients to participate in Look Good, Feel Better. This free workshop teaches a 12-step skin care and makeup program and gives each participant a free cosmetics kit. The Foundation also provided funds for wigs for patients with hair loss, as well as gift cards for nutrition assistance.

Look Good Feel Better

Helping Women with Cancer



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St. Francis University

Funding has helped the university's Center for Rural Cancer Survivorship continue and expand rehabilitation services for rural cancer survivors through the convenience of in-home rehab equipment. The funds will be used for training kits that will include heart monitors, exercise mats, resistance bands, ankle weights, and stability balls.

Saint Francis University is using its grant to expand in-home rehab for rural cancer survivors.

Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund

The Foundation is proud to support this nonprofit that provides short-term financial assistance to cancer patients unable to pay for basic necessities like rent, utilities, and food, while having treatment. Bolstered by Foundation funds, this allows patients to focus on treatment and recovery.



Black Lung Clinic

The Foundation applied for and received grant money to benefit the region's coal miners. The grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to the Pennsylvania Black Lung COALition's UPMC Altoona Black Lung Clinic assures former and current coal miners continued medical support. The coalition is an independent, federally funded partnership helping black lung or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients gain medical attention and compensation necessary for a better quality of life.

SUPPORT FOR Health Services

The Foundation allotted funds to enhance and expand medical and dental care for the people of the area.



The MONARCH® Platform, the first robotic platform for diagnostic and therapeutic bronchoscopic procedures, is designed to allow physicians to access small, hard-to-reach peripheral lung nodules with greater precision than ever before.

Thoracic Surgery

Funding was allotted for the purchase of revolutionary flexible endoscopic robotics technology for bronchoscopy procedures that can detect cancer in the lungs at a much earlier stage than less advanced equipment. This is particularly important when a physician is looking for metastatic diseases, such as breast cancer, that can move to the lungs.

The hospital is acquiring revolutionary robotics technology for bronchoscopy procedures that will detect lung cancer much earlier than less advanced methods.

Cardiology

A generous donor gifted funds to secure additional electrophysiology ablation equipment for the opening of a second procedure room to meet the community's growing need for this service. The funds also supported bringing another specialist to the community.

An electrophysiology study measures the electrical activity of the heart and diagnoses an abnormal heart rhythm. A catheter ablation procedure treats some types of abnormal rhythms.

Behavioral Health

The Foundation granted funds to UPMC Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies for program support and patient assistance. The Altoona-based behavioral health center provides community-based mental health, special needs, substance abuse, and behavioral health services.

UPMC Altoona Partnership for a Healthy Community



A grant to the dental clinic will ensure that its equipment remains state-of-the-art and that it can continue to provide reliable, uninterrupted care to all patients regardless of their ability to pay.

SUPPORT FOR Education

The Foundation provided funding for education for all ages—from high school to college students to adult learners.

Mount Aloysius College

Funding supported teaching sign language to high school students and parents of deaf children and preparing college students to teach sign language.

The college also received funding to teach advanced cardiac life support to high school students and to help it purchase a mobile interactive telemedicine cart.

Saint Francis University



Funding was provided to purchase point-of-care ultrasound equipment for its Physician Assistant Science program. The technology is used at a patient's bedside for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

Altoona Area High School

Funds were granted for vaping education and prevention, as well as detection. Vaping is highly addictive. Nationally in 2020, the percentage of 10th and 12th graders who said they vaped nicotine in the past 12 months was 30.7 and 34.5 percent respectively.

Bishop Guilfoyle High School

The school received a grant for EKG equipment for students in its anatomy and physiology courses who are pursuing careers in the medical field.



Bishop Guilfoyle students enjoy learning in anatomy and physiology courses with EKG equipment purchased with funds from the Foundation.

AAHS is using grant money to educate students on the addictive and very harmful habit of vaping and to purchase vaping sensors.



SUPPORT FOR Medical Careers

Scholarship funds aid students interested in a health care career and help those in the field further their education.

The Foundation provided support for students from:

- The Donald and Nancy Devorris Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Vijay Janakiraman and Dr. Manickam Sankaran Family Funds (cardiology technician students)
- The Donna Deichert Scholarship Fund (ICU nursing)
- The Benjamin and Thelma Luci Scholarship Fund (general nursing)
- A gift from Jane and Lee Hite to support patient care technicians
- The Foundation's general fund to support medical laboratory scientist students

Foundation scholarships aid students in all phases of nursing education.

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