2018 IMPACT REPORT

Your Generous Support at a Glance

100 percent of all donations made to the WakeMed Foundation are used to fund critical WakeMed programs and services. This report features a highlight of those funded in 2018.

Building Healing Environments

Health Lives Here Vehicle & Outreach Programs

- A 37-foot mobile health truck for corporate wellness, on-site clinic services, health screenings and educational outreach programming.
- Improves access to WakeMed care and services – supported 42 health events for more than 2,000 community members in just six months.

“Our Health Lives Here program allows us to address health disparities and barriers to care, promoting early detection and prevention, and even saving lives.”

Linda Barrett, Director
WakeMed Corporate & Community Health
Supporting Innovative Programs

Enhanced Behavioral Health Care
- Continued expansion of psychologists in our emergency departments ensures timely care.
- 26% decrease in involuntary commitments.
- 44% decrease in length of stay for behavioral health patients.
- 71.4% decrease in State Mental Hospital referrals.
- $6.3 million in hospital costs avoided.

Chasing Zero – Reducing Hospital-Acquired Infections
- Establishment of a dedicated infectious disease Pharmacy resident.
- Daily interdisciplinary rounding program helps minimize risk of infection.

Child & Infant Protection Seat Installation Program
- Nationally accredited training program for 28 WakeMed staff.
- Helps ensure safety of nearly 8,000 babies born annually at WakeMed.
- Community car seat clinics to enhance safety throughout Wake County.

Parent Liaison Program for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
- New role supports families with critically-ill newborns, helping them navigate the hospital and access support services.
- Facilitates enhanced patient and family experience, allows for prompt, effective intervention.

EksoGT for Rehabilitation
- Funded robotic eksoskeleton technology, which offers specialized therapy for spinal cord injury, brain injury and stroke patients.

OMRON Home Blood Pressure Monitors
- Acquired 60 home monitors that allow the Stroke Team to support patients after discharge to prevent recurrent stroke.

Growing Skilled Caregivers

Employee Scholarships Supporting Clinical Care & Patient Support
- 138 WakeMed staff received support for higher education, clinical training and medical certifications.
- Customized simulation training programs for NICU staff.
- Ongoing training for (5) child life specialists to attend specialized conferences and training to better serve Children's Hospital patients and families.
- Certification for (12) Certified Brain Injury Specialists to enhance clinical skills and patient outcomes.

“Specialty training and certification for our Brain Injury care team allows us to provide the highest level of care in the region for some of our most vulnerable patients.”
Beth Rudisill, Director
WakeMed Rehabilitation Hospital

“WakeMed’s NICU liaison helped us navigate the hardest journey we will ever face – listening to us, connecting us with other parents, planning meals, coordinating resources and even supporting us through making difficult medical decisions.”
Shannon Sutherland
Mother of Former NICU Patient

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