



# Your Impact, Our Mission

## 2025 IMPACT REPORT

Your support helps further WakeMed's mission and vision to deliver transformative care and create a healthier community. 2025 marked the strongest year in the WakeMed Foundation's 32-year history, with a record **\$18.5 MILLION** in philanthropic support for both annual funding and the Courage to Confront Crisis campaign.

Through generous contributions and the collective impact of nearly **1,700 DONORS**, we cared for more members of our community than ever before.

You make this work possible—allowing us to heal, innovate and grow.

WakeMed   
Foundation

# Funding Highlights: Your Gifts at Work

Your gift to the WakeMed Foundation directly benefits the programs and services that continue to make a meaningful impact on our community.

For the 2025 fiscal year, the Foundation committed to funding

## \$4.675 Million

in support of WakeMed's mission. This report highlights a few key initiatives.



**Extraordinary Teams**  
15.6%

\$728K



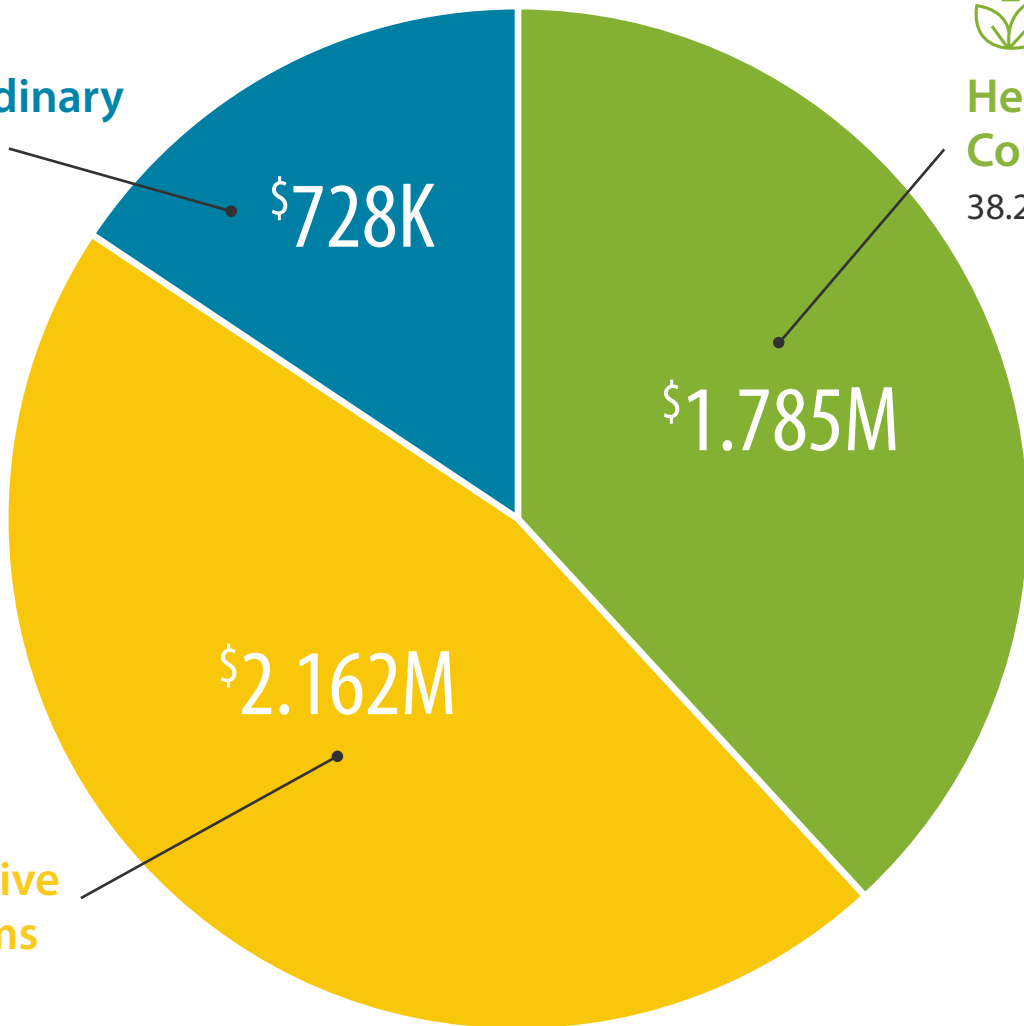
**Healthy Community**  
38.2%

\$1.785M



**Innovative Programs**  
46.2%

\$2.162M





# HEALTHY COMMUNITY



## Your Whole Health

Supported continued integration of our health screening program across the WakeMed system. The program focuses on the whole health of our patients, addressing the impact of social drivers like access to food, reliable transportation and a safe place to live with additional assistance to help address individual needs.

## Center for Community Health

\$1.2 million in new funding, supported by The Duke Endowment, for the WakeMed Center for Community Health has expanded services to engage and improve health outcomes for vulnerable and underserved populations.

## Expanding Cancer Care & Comfort

Funding for the new comprehensive WakeMed Breast Surgery Center in Cary, education for patient care navigators and resources for patients and their families.

*Funds gave 6,000 patients receiving infusion therapy access to thoughtfully-curated comfort care items—puzzles, adult coloring books, pillows, blankets, lip balm, hand warmers, phone chargers, mints, disposable ear buds and more.*

## ENERGIZE! 20 Years of Better Health

For 20 years, WakeMed’s ENERGIZE! program has helped thousands of children make healthy lifestyle changes to improve long-term health.

*220 children and teens across Wake County received nearly 400 hours of free family-centered education including group fitness, nutrition and cooking classes in 2025.*

## Building Healing Environments

Funding support for WakeMed’s first dedicated outpatient CT scanner at Raleigh Medical Park, expanding access to non-invasive testing to diagnose coronary artery disease.

Your Whole Health...

133,010  
patients screened

1,810  
patients connected to trusted community-based resources for support services

# INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS



# 22,000

patients have enrolled in PreciselyYou with 13,000+ screenings completed



## **PreciselyYou**

WakeMed's precision medicine community research program to improve disease detection and prevention and access to individualized care through no-cost genetic screening. A two-year, \$1M commitment from the Foundation will further expand access and testing for all community members who want to participate.

## **Neurosciences: Brain & Spine Health**

Bringing innovative approaches to brain and spine care. As one of the few community hospitals with an Epilepsy Monitoring Unit, funds will advance a multi-year plan to gain accreditation as a Comprehensive Epilepsy Center in partnership with Raleigh Neurology Associates and Raleigh Neurosurgery Clinic.

## **Pet-Assisted Therapy**

Pistachio, our certified facility dog who helps Rehab Hospital patients regain their health and independence, logged 800 patient interactions in 2025. The Hospitality Pets Volunteer Program, comprised of 26 volunteer pet teams, visited 6,700 patients.

## **Project LAUNCH**

A groundbreaking intervention to help break intergenerational cycles of stress, trauma and poverty that lead to poor health. Project LAUNCH has evolved over 10 years, supporting caregivers and children's social and emotional development.

## **Enhancing Care Delivery with Technology**

We're using data-driven improvements and AI tools to reduce care variation, engage patients in their care and improve outcomes across our health system—making health care better, faster and more cost-effective.

### **Leveraging Our "Digital Front Door"**

*A two-year, \$300,000 investment in the WakeMed All Access App connects patients with the right care at the right time. By adding tools like two-way text messaging, patient no-show rates reduced from 8% to 4%, saving \$4 million in resources while elevating service for patients and families.*

### **3D Printing**

*Support to expand WakeMed Innovation's 3D, resin-based capabilities to create on-demand solutions and tools for patient education, clinical operations and meaningful keepsakes for grieving families.*

### **AI Solutions**

*Foundation funds launched a pilot program of an AI-based tool to support patient documentation. 300+ clinical providers now use the AI solution, reporting improved focus on patient interactions with less time needed after hours to catch up on documentation.*



## EXTRAORDINARY TEAM



### **Beyond Our Walls**

140 Health Equity Scholars engaged in WakeMed's nationally-recognized Beyond Our Walls curriculum, providing real-life opportunities for participants to work together to identify strategies to address health inequities within our community.

### **Employee Well-Being & Development**

Ongoing funding in support of the well-being and professional development of WakeMed team members.

#### **Emergency Assistance Fund**

350 team members received one-time financial support for significant life challenges.

#### **Schwartz Rounds**

307 front line care team members gathered to reflect on the social and emotional issues around caring for patients and families.

#### **Tea for the Soul**

414 Tea for the Soul sessions for team members to decompress with WakeMed Spiritual Care staff while enjoying a cup of tea and a snack and a peaceful setting—a brief respite for busy, stressful days.

#### **Workforce Development**

500+ employees benefited from Foundation-backed education funds to deliver presentations, attend state and national conferences, learn from experts in hospital settings and access specialty platforms.

#### **Mental Health Buddies**

Program brings WakeMed Campus Police and Spiritual Care team members together to create connections and reduce stress, especially after critical incidents.

## WakeMed Foundation Education Scholarships & Grants

### **Helton Awardee**

# \$26,000

for seven certification teams seeking education or training to prepare for a certification exam

### **Helton Scholar**

# \$70,400

for 18 staff members pursuing a career-enhancing degree

### **Megan Champ Morgan**

# \$50,000

for seven dependents of employees who plan to pursue post-secondary education or certification in health sciences, education or technology

### **Enterprise Led Education and Emergent Needs**

# \$100,000

was awarded to support individuals and departments to advance knowledge and skills



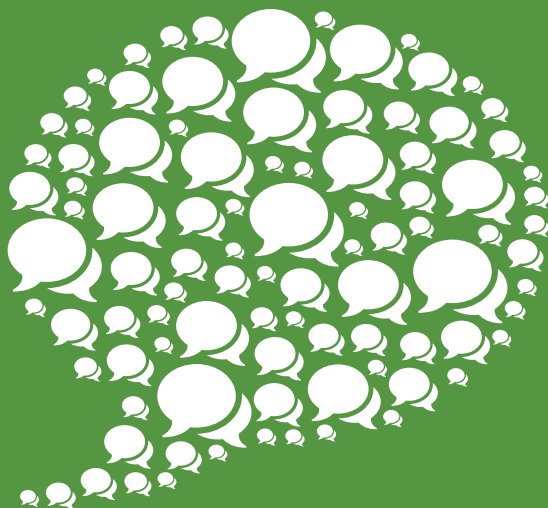
# THE COURAGE TO CONFRONT CRISIS

## Setting a New Standard for Whole Health Care

More than 400 people celebrated the groundbreaking of the new 150-bed WakeMed Mental Health & Well-Being Hospital under construction in Garner, as part of a new Whole Health Campus development.

To date, generous donors have committed \$36 million toward the \$50 million Courage to Confront Crisis Campaign goal. Your support will help bring this transformative vision to life, expanding access to specialized care for people at every stage of life.

Join WakeMed and the WakeMed Foundation as we take this courageous step to transform mental health care and caring for our community. [Visit the Courage to Confront Crisis page here.](#)



## Join the Conversation

### #WakeMedConversations

Every conversation—big or small—creates a stronger, healthier community. Let's support one another, listen without judgment and make mental health a normal part of everyday life.

**Together, we can end the stigma.  
Start the conversation today.**

To become more involved with the WakeMed Foundation and help us continue the conversation, visit [www.wakemed.org/lets-talk-mental-health](http://www.wakemed.org/lets-talk-mental-health) or email [foundation@wakemed.org](mailto:foundation@wakemed.org).