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TO OUR FRIENDS



In my 36 years with The Research Foundation, I have been fortunate to work alongside countless individuals whose leadership and dedication have had a transformative effect on our commitment to the Kansas City community. I feel deeply honored to have collaborated with people I not only respect, but who have also served as mentors throughout my career. One shining example of this dedication was Dr. James Flynn, whose board involvement and support made a lasting difference.

Dr. Flynn, a visionary pathologist, was a board member dedicated to helping our organization develop strong financial policies, ensuring we would always serve our community in perpetuity. When Jim passed in 2023, the Foundation lost one of its greatest champions. His belief in lifelong learning led his family to establish the Dr. James M. Flynn Symposium Endowment.

Beginning in 2026, we honor Jim's legacy by launching an annual symposium on advancing cancer care. We are certain Jim would be proud to bring physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals together to learn and improve patient outcomes.

Our Foundation's success over the years has been due to the involvement of so many individuals that have invested in our shared mission. This annual publication highlights the many ways your generous support helps us enhance health throughout greater Kansas City. Thank you for your continued investment in our work and for making 2025 another successful year serving our great community!

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DR. JAMES M. FLYNN SYMPOSIUM ENDOWMENT



Above Photo: Dr. Jim Flynn and Francie Flynn attended a Candlelight Ball hosted by The Research Foundation.

Nearly seventy years of marriage left a legacy impossible to summarize. But Francie carries forward her late husband, Dr. Jim Flynn's, wisdom and generosity.

"Everyone in the medical field needs continuing education. I have attended The Research Foundation's symposiums myself," she said. "Jim believed deeply in staying informed, and so do I."

She and her family established the Dr. James M. Flynn Symposium Endowment to honor Jim's dedication to education and lifelong learning.

**"THIS IS OUR WAY OF SAYING THANK YOU FOR OUR EDUCATION, FOR OUR CAREERS, FOR THE LIFE WE BUILT"
-FRANCIE FLYNN, RN**

Dr. James M. Flynn was a pathologist who served as Director of Laboratories and Medical Technology at Research Medical Center for more than 30 years. Dr. Flynn was actively engaged in community service and joined The Research Foundation Board of Directors in 1996. Dr. Flynn served in various leadership roles during his 22 years of service from 1996 to 2018. His leadership helped position The Research Foundation to make a real difference in its many health education and scholarship programs for the greater Kansas City community he loved. Dr. Flynn was appointed as an honorary board

member to The Research Foundation Board of Directors in 2019. He passed away in 2023 at the age of 94.

Francie remembers her husband, Jim, as a man of deep generosity and unwavering purpose. He dedicated himself to medicine, to his community, and to the people he loved.

Dr. Flynn earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa in 1951. He went on to complete medical school at Iowa in 1956 —the same campus where he and Francie built the foundation of their life together. They married while they were still in school. She finished nursing school; he finished medical school. Then babies arrived and their life took on many adventures.

When Jim accepted a position at Research Medical Center, he immersed himself in community engagement. His expertise and leadership shaped organizations across the region, including The Research Foundation. Jim strengthened the foundation's investment strategy, helping ensure long-term support for nursing and community health programs. His influence continues to shape the foundation's work years after his passing.

Establishing an endowment for The Research Foundation's symposium wasn't just appropriate; it was meaningful. For Francie, the \$300,000 donation is a way of expressing gratitude. She received a scholarship as a mother pursuing nursing. Jim, too, fought for his education.

"The fund seemed like the perfect way to remember Jim. This is our way of saying thank you for our education, for our careers, for the life we built," Francie says. "He spent so many years with Research. I know he would be happy."

The endowment supports medical professionals seeking to renew credentials and deepen their clinical knowledge. The inaugural symposium supported by the fund, the Dr. James M. Flynn Symposium on Advancing Cancer Care for Primary Care Providers, will take place in the spring of 2026. Through the symposium, generations of medical professionals will carry on too, strengthened by the same commitment to learning, humanity, and service that defined Jim and Francie's extraordinary life together.

NURSING STUDENT ASSISTANCE

The Research Foundation awarded scholarships to students accepted into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs at Research College of Nursing, Avila University, and William Jewell College. A total of \$349,393 was provided in 2025. Scholarships were awarded based on academic performance and/or financial need.

To learn more about establishing a scholarship fund, please call The Research Foundation at 816-276-4218.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Robert E. Adams Nursing Scholarship
- Advisory Directors Nursing Scholarship
- Helen Buchanan Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Cheri Burchett Memorial Scholarship
- William & Janice Clarkson Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Class of 1959 Scholarship
- Class of 1975 Scholarship
- Class of 1984 Scholarship
- Bea Colson-King 1932 Memorial Scholarship
- Roy Dietrich Scholarship
- Virginia Dodson Bernt Scholarship
- Pamela Fleming 1976 Nursing Scholarship
- Judy D. Cordell Frueh 1986 Scholarship
- Al Hancock Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Tom Harmon Presidential Scholarship
- Teresa Hiestand Hofbauer Scholarship
- Edward F. Higgins, MD Scholarship
- Dr. Willie E. Lawrence Nursing Scholarship
- Christine S. Lewis Scholarship
- Pat A. Lord 1944 Nursing Scholarship
- Clara Mart Nursing Scholarship
- Marie E. Middleton Scholarship
- Holly Moore Memorial Oncology Scholarship
- Richard S. O'Brien Nursing Scholarship
- Research Medical Center Medical Staff Scholarship
- Research Royal Nursing Scholarship
- Dr. Donald M. Spencer Nursing Scholarship
- Florence Elizabeth Ball Stillman 1953 Nursing Scholarship
- Virginia G. Stowers 1952 Nursing Scholarship
- Dr. Kay Sullivan Memorial Scholarship
- The Research Foundation Nursing Scholarship
- Samantha Zech Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Mary Zeskey Scholarship



2025-2026
Research
College of
Nursing
scholarship
recipients



Rayleigh Shockley,
William Jewell
scholarship recipient



Eleanor Larson, Avila
scholarship recipient



Olivia McCarroll,
Research College of
Nursing scholarship
recipient

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

NURSING CAMPS

The Research Foundation supported high schoolers interested in nursing through funding for Explore RCoN, Research College of Nursing's summer nursing camp. Through a grant from the R.A. Long Foundation, The Research Foundation provided scholarships to students attending the camp and purchased t-shirts for all the students who attended. The Research Foundation also supported William Jewell College Department of Nursing's summer camp by providing t-shirts.

WHITE COATS

The Research Foundation participated in White Coat Ceremonies by funding white coats for nursing students at Research College of Nursing and William Jewell College and commitment jackets at Avila University.

EMERGENCY FUND

The Research Foundation assisted nursing students in emergency situations like housing insecurity, lack of transportation, utilities, food insufficiency, and other needs. The fund is available for nursing students at Research College of Nursing, Avila University, and William Jewell.

LICENSE IN
PRACTICAL
NURSING (LPN)
SCHOLARSHIPS

The Research Foundation awarded \$48,000 in scholarships to Kansas City metro area residents enrolled in licensed practical nurse programs.



*Huda Serdah,
scholarship recipient*

The Research Foundation launched a new scholarship opportunity for licensed practical nursing students in January 2025. The foundation is offering these new scholarships to alleviate barriers and support training for quality nurses in the Kansas City community. Awards range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$3,500. Applicants must be currently enrolled as students in the LPN programs at:

- Cass Career Center in Harrisonville, Missouri
- Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas
- Kansas City Kansas Community College in Kansas City, Kansas
- Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City, Missouri.

Applicants must be residents of Cass, Clay, Jackson, or Platte counties in Missouri or Johnson or Wyandotte counties in Kansas. Scholarships were awarded based on academic performance and/or financial need.

"THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP ME TO FOCUS ON MY STUDIES AND NOT HAVE TO BE CONCERNED WITH THE FINANCIAL BURDENS OF NURSING SCHOOL."
-OLIVIA MCCARROLL,
BSN Scholarship Recipient



Eymi Lopez Guardado gains experience in the nursing simulation center at Explore RCoN.



Jaime Thorpe accepts her white coat from Dr. Glenna Mahoney, Provost and Chief Academic Officer at Research College of Nursing, and Dr. Amy Townsend, Research College of Nursing President.

ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Research Foundation awarded \$56,000 in scholarships to allied health students in 2025. The Research Foundation invested in allied health students pursuing the specialties at the institutions listed below. Funding for allied health scholarships comes from the Sarah Wilson Thompson Memorial Fund, The Research Foundation Endowment Fund, Therapeutic Radiologists Endowment Fund, and Medical Laboratory Science Education Fund.

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

- Rockhurst University
- University of Kansas
- University of Missouri-Columbia

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

- University of Kansas Medical Center-School of Health Professions
- University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Rockhurst University
- NKC Health School of Medical Laboratory Science
- University Health Truman Medical Center Medical Laboratory Science Program
- Saint Luke's School of Medical Laboratory Science

NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY

- Research Medical Center School of Nuclear Medicine Technology
- University of Kansas Medical Center School of Nuclear Medicine Technology

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

- Penn Valley Community College School of Radiologic Technology
- Research Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology

RADIATION THERAPY

- Washburn University



Christina Elliott, Doctor of Physical Therapy Scholarship recipient



Gabrielle Hodges, recipient of the Sarah Wilson Thompson Radiologic Technology Scholarship



Elizabeth Liu, Nuclear Medicine Technology Scholarship recipient



Katherine Kaufman, Radiation Therapy Scholarship recipient

— NURSING FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

The Research Foundation provided scholarships, awards, and grants to nurse educators on faculty at Research College of Nursing, Avila University, and William Jewell College in 2025.

— DOCTORAL STUDY

Enhancing the recruitment and retention of doctorally prepared nurse educators in Kansas City by funding individuals pursuing a PhD, EdD, DNP, or DNE.

Megan Ashcraft, MSN, RN, CNE, Avila University
Charla Clark, RN, Research College of Nursing
Pamelia Bertrand, MSN, RN, Research College of Nursing
Tracy Koehler, MSN, RN, Avila University
Nicole Kreimer MSN, RN, Research College of Nursing
Sarah Schlanker, MSN, RN, CNOR, Research College of Nursing
Ashlye Speer, RN, Research College of Nursing
Melissa Timmons, MSN, RNBC, William Jewell College

— CONTINUING EDUCATION

Encouraging continuing education opportunities for Kansas City nursing faculty.

Candace Lavery, MS, RN, CMSRN, Avila University

— TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Celebrating nursing faculty members who make an impact at their college or university.

Tracy Koehler, MSN, RN, Avila University
Jennifer Ryan, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, William Jewell College
Cindy Worthley, MSN, RN, Research College of Nursing

— OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Honoring faculty members who are involved in outstanding community service.

Rebecca Jones, MSN, RN, CPN, William Jewell College

— SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT

Recognizing nursing faculty members who are advancing the teaching, research, and practice of nursing.

Cheryl Carlin DNP, RN, CNE, Avila University
Cassie Pearson, EdD, MSN, RN, Research College of Nursing
Tiffany Condren, PhD, MSN, RN, William Jewell College

— DR. NANCY O. DEBASIO FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Honoring nursing faculty who exhibit the four pillars of heroic leadership: self-awareness, ingenuity, heroism, and love.

Lynn Warmbrodt, PsyD, MSN, RN, Research College of Nursing



— Dr. Lynn Warmbrodt, pictured with Dr. Nancy DeBasio, received the Dr. Nancy O. DeBasio Faculty Leadership Award.

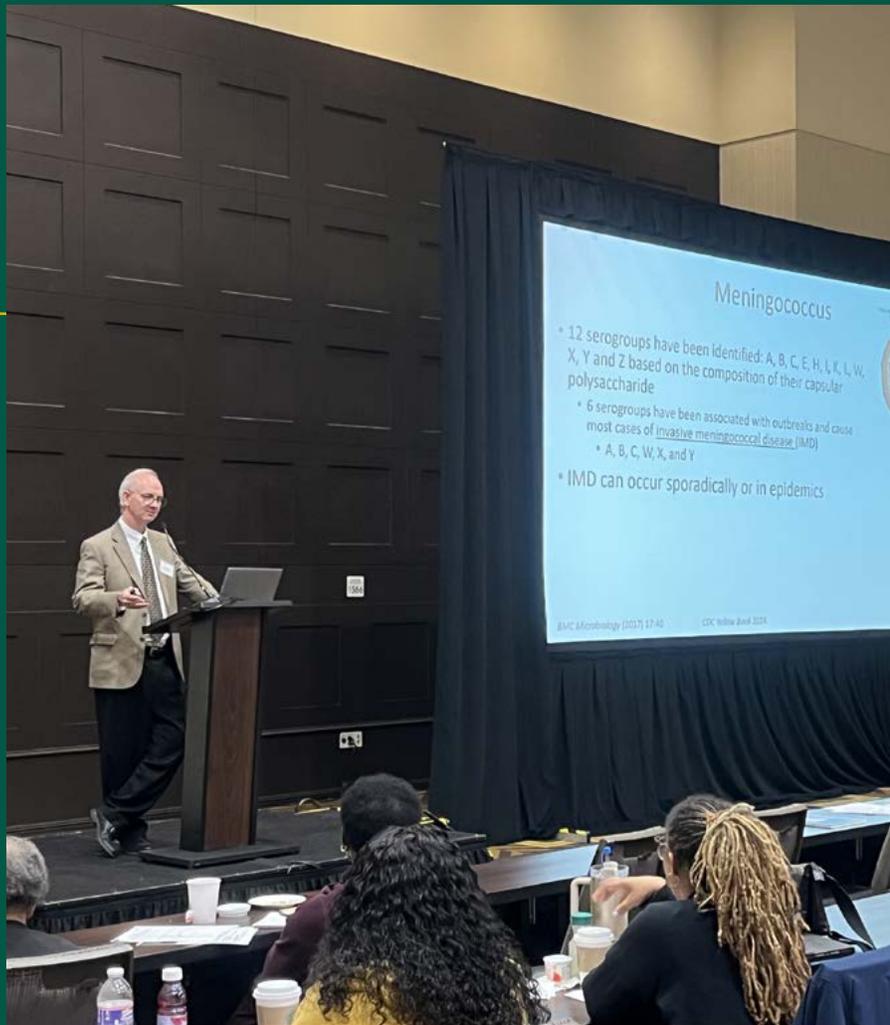
“I LEARNED SO MUCH FROM NANCY DEBASIO. SHE GAVE ME EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EVOLVE AS A LEADER, AND AS A PERSON. I’M EXTREMELY GRATEFUL AND SO TOUCHED TO BE RECOGNIZED BY MY PEERS FOR THIS MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. THANK YOU TO ALL AT THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION.”

— **DR. LYNN WARBRODT**,
Dr. Nancy O. DeBasio Faculty Leadership Award recipient

CONTINUING EDUCATION SYMPOSIUMS

The Research Foundation hosted the Infectious Disease Symposium and Hooper Primary Care Symposium in 2025. The Infectious Disease Symposium was planned by Dr. David McKinsey and Dr. Joel McKinsey. The Hooper Primary Care Symposium was planned by Dr. Sam Hooper, Jr. and Dr. Anne Sly.

The Research Foundation partners with the Ed Bixby Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education and Kansas City Southwest Clinical Society to provide symposiums for area health care professionals. Funding to support these symposiums is made possible through support from the J.B. Reynolds Foundation and the Research Medical Center Medical Staff.



Attendees of the 2025 Infectious Disease Symposium listened to Dr. Joel McKinsey's presentation on Invasive Meningococcal Disease.



Dr. Sam Hooper, Jr. introduced physician speakers at the Hooper Primary Care Symposium.



Dr. Susheel Govindan presented on Pain Management in Primary Care at the Hooper Primary Care Symposium.

VERDA'S PLACE

Verda's Place is an appearance center for uninsured and underinsured cancer patients in the Kansas City community. In 2025, 42 cancer patients received assistance through Verda's Place.

The Research Foundation partners with Bra Couture KC to provide Verda's Place, which is named in memory of Verda Salberg, a longtime KC advocate for cancer survivors. Located in at Research Medical Center, Verda's Place offers wigs, hats, scarves, bras, and other items for cancer patients. Support is also available for rent/utilities, food cards, medications, and nutritional supplements for these patients as well as lymphedema services and prosthetics.



▣ *Laleh Khanebez, Verda's Place recipient*

"I AM SO GRATEFUL AND HAPPY TO HAVE HAIR AGAIN. PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR HAIR, YOU LOSE A LOT OF YOURSELF AND IT FEELS WONDERFUL TO HAVE HAIR AGAIN! THANK YOU SO MUCH AND I HOPE VERDA'S PLACE CAN HELP MANY MORE PEOPLE LIKE ME."

- **LALEH KHANEBEZ,**
Verda's Place recipient

DR. KELLEY YOUNG MEMORIAL FUND

Family and friends of oncologist Dr. Kelley Young established the Dr. Kelley Young Memorial Fund through The Research Foundation to expand support for cancer patients in need. In 2025, 48 cancer patients received assistance through the fund.

The Dr. Kelley Young Memorial Fund offers support to patients receiving care at Sarah Cannon Cancer Centers in Greater Kansas City. The fund provides support for rent/utilities, food cards, medications, wigs, lymphedema services and prosthetics.



▣ *Marc Howard, Dr. Kelley Young Memorial Fund recipient*

"I CRIED WHEN I FOUND OUT I HAD CANCER. THE DIAGNOSIS TOOK ALL NORMALCY OUT OF MY LIFE FOR A WHILE. BUT THE SUPPORT I RECEIVED FROM THE DR. KELLEY YOUNG FUND TOOK CARE OF SOME VERY NEEDED EXPENSES."

- **MARC HOWARD,**
Dr. Kelley Young Memorial Fund recipient

HAPPYBOTTOMS

The Research Foundation entered into a new partnership with HappyBottoms to address the need for diapers among underserved families in Kansas City. The sponsorship established a diaper distribution site at Research Medical Center. A total of 85 families received diapers each month during 2025.



▣ *Jaszlyn Mudd and her child received diapers from a HappyBottoms volunteer at The Research Foundation's diaper distribution site.*

THINKFIRST OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

The Research Foundation's injury prevention program, ThinkFirst of Greater Kansas City, educated nearly 16,000 students in 48 different schools during the 2024-2025 school year.

The program covers topics like seat belt and helmet usage, speeding, distracted and impaired driving, pedestrian and bicycle safety, water safety, and avoiding violence. ThinkFirst speakers are survivors of traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries who teach students the consequences of careless decisions while urging them to make safe choices.

Funding for the program comes from the Missouri Department of Transportation, KC-Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, and Kansas Department of Transportation. This support allows The Research Foundation to offer ThinkFirst programs free of charge to schools across six counties including Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.



Lee's Summit West High School students learn from car crash survivor and ThinkFirst speaker, Sarah Smith, about how to make safe decisions behind the wheel.



Renee Didier, ThinkFirst speaker, talks with students at Rosehill Elementary about preventing brain injuries by properly wearing a helmet.

"THINKFIRST USES POWERFUL, PERSONAL STORIES TO TRANSFORM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PERSPECTIVES ON ROAD SAFETY AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY."
-KANSAS CITY

Students at Allen Village School listen to Kelly Narowski, ThinkFirst speaker and car crash survivor, talk about safe choices.

YOUNG TRAFFIC OFFENDERS PROGRAM

The Research Foundation educated 897 high risk, young drivers at court-ordered YTOP classes during 2025.

The goal of the program is to raise awareness among young drivers of the consequences of careless driving. Participants begin the class by following the path of a car crash victim at a trauma center. Hospital staff share their experiences with crash victims in the emergency room, radiology, intensive care, and physical/occupational therapy. Students meet young people who have suffered from permanent brain or spinal cord injuries as a result of a motor vehicle crash. Missouri State Highway Patrol Troopers talk about working crash sites and making death notifications to families. At the end of the program, attendees are required to write a one-page essay describing what they learned and how their driving habits will change.



Mark Reynolds speaks to Young Traffic Offenders Program attendees about a car crash victim's journey through the radiology unit.



Corporal Justin Ewing discusses the Missouri State Highway Patrol's role in car crashes with Young Traffic Offenders Program attendees.



Carl Van Winkle speaks to Young Traffic Offenders Program attendees about his traumatic brain injury sustained in a car crash.

"THIS CLASS MADE ME THINK ABOUT OTHER DRIVERS ON THE ROAD, THE FAMILIES IN THEIR CARS, AND THE POTENTIAL FOR A TRAGIC ACCIDENT. I'VE BECOME MORE AWARE OF MY SPEED, MORE PATIENT BEHIND THE WHEEL, AND MORE RESPECTFUL OF THE RULES OF THE ROAD."

-YTOP ATTENDEE

ROADWISE

Two free RoadWise classes were hosted for Kansas City area young drivers at Research Medical Center and North Kansas City Hospital in 2025. The class focused on the importance of making good, safe decisions behind the wheel.

RoadWise attendees learn about seat belt use, impaired and distracted driving, and the dangers of speeding. The class is modeled after our court-ordered initiative, the Young Traffic Offenders Program. RoadWise allows parents and guardians to expose their young driver to similar lessons taught in YTOP free of charge before they commit a moving violation or receive a ticket.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The Research Foundation announced the following organizations who were approved to receive funding through its community grants initiative. The grants will support programs that expand access to care and promote health equity. The Research Foundation focused its grants on organizations with health-centered missions that primarily serve residents in Jackson County, Missouri, prioritizing urban Kansas City.

ORGANIZATION	AWARD AMOUNT
Ability KC	\$50,000
Alphapointe	\$50,000
Amethyst Place	\$45,000
BlaqOut	\$25,000
Care Beyond the Boulevard	\$50,000
Charlie's House	\$20,000
Child Abuse Prevention Association	\$50,000
Child Protection Center	\$50,000
Children's Center for the Visually Impaired	\$50,000
Community LINC	\$50,000
Developing Potential	\$50,000
Down Syndrome Innovations	\$25,000
El Centro, Inc.	\$30,000
First Call Alcohol/Drug Prevention & Recovery	\$35,000
Front Porch Alliance Kansas City	\$35,000
Gilda's Club Kansas City	\$50,000
Giving the Basics, Inc.	\$15,000
Healing House	\$25,000
HopeBUILDERS	\$25,000
Hope Family Care Center	\$50,000
Jewish Vocational Service Bureau of Kansas City	\$50,000
Journey to New Life	\$50,000
Kansas City CARE Clinic	\$50,000
Kansas City Free Eye Clinic	\$10,000
LevelUp Kids	\$40,000
Life Unlimited, Inc.	\$25,000
Mattie Rhodes Center	\$25,000
Metro Lutheran Ministry	\$50,000
Mission Vision Project KC	\$50,000
MOCSA	\$35,000
Mother's Refuge	\$50,000
Newhouse	\$50,000
Operation Breakthrough	\$50,000
Reconciliation Services	\$25,000
ReDiscover	\$35,000
reStart, Inc.	\$25,000
Rose Brooks Center	\$50,000
Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center	\$50,000
Save, Inc.	\$25,000
Swope Health Services	\$50,000
Seton Center	\$50,000
The Children's Place	\$50,000
Uzazi Village	\$50,000
Veterans Community Project	\$50,000

The foundation remains committed to its current programs that invest in nursing and allied health students and professionals, patients, and youth injury prevention. To maximize impact, the board of directors determined additional foundation funds could be used to support community health partnerships.



Ability
 KC, 2025
 grantee



Kansas City
 Free Eye
 Clinic, 2025
 grantee



Down
 Syndrome
 Innovations,
 2025
 grantee

RESEARCH GOLF CLASSIC

The 36th Annual Research Golf Classic raised nearly \$160,500, a new record, for The Research Foundation's health-centered programs and partnerships.

The annual Golf Classic was hosted at Milburn Country Club in Overland Park, Kansas on Monday, August 18. Major sponsors included Research Medical Center, LabCorp, AT Abatement Services, C&C Group, JE Dunn Construction Company, Electrical Corporation of America, Integrated Openings Solutions, LLC, Lexington Plumbing, Medical Technology Associates, Progressive Electronics, Inc., Stanger Industries, Western Specialty Contractors, and Wilkerson Crane Rental.

Golfers enjoyed several activities throughout the day including a lunch sponsored by WSP USA, putting contest sponsored by ACI/Boland, Inc., driving range sponsored by Johnson Controls, and the Big Shot Golf Challenge sponsored by United Rentals. The round of play was followed by a cocktail hour sponsored by Clarkson Construction Company and awards dinner sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas City. Golfers received a gift compliments of UMB Financial Corporation and golf balls sponsored by Design Mechanical, Inc., and Sound Physicians. Beverage carts were sponsored by Ascentist Healthcare and BELFOR Property Restoration.

2025 RESEARCH GOLF CLASSIC COMMITTEE

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Volunteers at the 2025 Research Golf Classic.



Dr. Erik Stamper, Dr. Jason Eppler, Dr. Tucker Lienhop, and Dr. Andrew Cusser participated in the event.



Dr. Jeff Cameron, Joe Euston, Jeff Kanatzer, and Dr. Andy Armstrong participated in the event.

RESEARCH ROYAL DINNER

The Research Foundation’s supporters celebrated the champions of nursing on Saturday, November 1 at the 16th Research Royal Dinner. The event raised nearly \$200,000 for the foundation’s nursing scholarship programs — a new record!

The Research Royal Dinner included cocktails, dinner, and entertainment by Emcee Zeke Montana and DJ Kim-K. Dr. Joel McKinsey, The Research Foundation Board of Directors chair, started the evening by welcoming guests, along with Dr. Molly Black, who served as the chair for the event. Ian Morgan, a student at Research College of Nursing and recipient of a scholarship from the foundation, shared his journey to nursing and how scholarships are helping him during nursing school. Kirk McCarty, MSN, RN, Research Medical Center chief executive officer, provided the invocation. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in the Royal Raffle, wine and whiskey pulls, a silent auction, 50/50 jackpot, and fund-a-need.

The Research Foundation also announced the inaugural slate of Champions of Nursing awardees, which honored five outstanding nurses in the Kansas City community.

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| Rylie Chiselita, BSN, RN | Rising Star Award |
| Lauren Doerfler, ACNP-BC | Nursing Impact Award |
| Michaela Logan, BSN, RN | Nursing Impact Award |
| Reba Millam, BSN, RN | Nursing Impact Award |
| Nancy DeBasio, PhD | Lifetime Achievement Award |



Dr. Molly Black, Lauren Doerfler, Rylie Chiselita, Dr. Nancy DeBasio, Michaela Logan, Reba Millam, and Cynthia Randazzo

Top sponsors for the event included Research Medical Center and UMB Financial Corporation. LabCorp served as the dinner sponsor, Galen College of Nursing served as the cocktail sponsor, and Kevin and Sue Hicks with CABE Consulting served as the Premier Sponsor. Entertainment sponsors included JE Dunn Construction Co., Healthpeak OP, LLC and David E. Ross Construction Co.

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
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| Megan Hartwig Hayes | Denise Zeikle, RN |
| Amanda Jones, RN | |



Research Royal Dinner attendees enjoyed the dance floor.



Representatives from LabCorp

ADVISORY DIRECTORS

Our Advisory Directors are a community volunteer group dedicated to the mission of The Research Foundation. The group includes business and health care professionals, retired individuals, and community volunteers who gather to learn about issues in health care that affect our community and support our programs that address these issues. For more information about applying for membership, visit theresearchfoundationkc.org.

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Lucia Johnson
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ADP

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Community Volunteer

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Benjamin Witt, APRN
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of Kansas City*

Denise Zeikle, RN
Research Medical Center



□ The November Advisory Directors meeting featured Sarah Knopf-Amelung of Amethyst Place, a 2025 grantee. Knopf-Amelung shared updates about their work supporting women and children on their journey to stability, healing, and independence.



□ Matt Hoffman learned hands-on CPR and Heimlich skills at an Advisory Directors meeting.



□ Members of the Advisory Directors toured the Veterans Community Project campus and tiny homes village.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARY GIFTS

A meaningful way to remember your loved one who has passed away is by designating memorial contributions to The Research Foundation. Memorial contributions may be designated to support any of our health-centered programs and partnerships. A gift to The Research Foundation is also a wonderful way to honor a physician, nurse, or other professional who cared for you.

HONORARY GIFTS

Joy Carlson, NP

Dr. Kelly & Judson Alford

Class of 1959

Marjorie E. Hartzog

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Class of 1975

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