



THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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To Our Friends

Establishing a family culture of philanthropy is not something that naturally happens – it must be intentional. Families that are successful are instilling important values in their children and grandchildren such as encouraging volunteerism, giving to causes that are meaningful to you, and most important - leaving our community a bit better for those who come after us.

The Research Foundation has been fortunate to have donors who have engaged their children and grandchildren in the work of our organization by passing the torch of philanthropy. One of these families is the Clarkson family.

Bill and Janice Clarkson began supporting The Research Foundation through their company, Clarkson Construction, in 1979. Forty-six years later, the foundation still receives annual donations from the company. During their lives, Bill and Janice modeled for their children what it meant to serve as a volunteer and the importance of getting involved in your local community.

The Clarkson family recently established an endowment fund with The Research Foundation in memory of their parents, Bill & Janice, which will carry on the philanthropic spirit they nurtured in their family. The fund will provide a scholarship to support a nursing student annually.

Our annual report highlights the many ways your donations helped us enhance health in Greater Kansas City. It is the collective support of all our donors and volunteers that made 2024 another successful year for The Research Foundation and those we serve. Thank you for your investment in our work!

Cynthia A. Randazzo, President and CEO



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William & Janice Clarkson Memorial Nursing Scholarship



The William & Janice Clarkson Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund was established through The Research Foundation with a \$50,000 donation from the Clarkson family.

The Clarkson family's connection to health care is personal. Bill and Janice have 11 children and 43 grandchildren. This meant the family relied on health care services, including the birth of 27 grandchildren delivered by the same obstetrician at Research Medical Center. From pediatric checkups to emergency room visits, their family learned firsthand the value of accessible, high-quality medical care.

Throughout their lives, Bill and Janice demonstrated generosity, without expectation of recognition. Their commitment to improving health care shone brightly through Bill's service on the Research Medical Center Board of Directors. They inspired a legacy of giving that would extend beyond their own lives and be passed on to members of their family including their son Don and daughter Linda who served in leadership roles within Research Medical Center and Research College of Nursing and many other children and grandchildren who are also active in community service.

Their dedication to health care reached a new milestone with the establishment of the William & Janice Clarkson Memorial Nursing Scholarship. This annual award supports nursing students and serves as a celebration of Bill and Janice's commitment to bettering Kansas City. The scholarship also reflects the family's admiration for the nursing profession, a tribute amplified by the achievements of Clarkson family members who pursued careers as registered nurses.

"Bill and Janice were proud to witness three granddaughters, and one great granddaughter receive their nursing degree. We are hopeful there will be more graduates from our family in the future," Linda said.

The Clarkson family recognized the financial burdens of nursing education as one of the primary barriers for aspiring students. The scholarship aims to remove these obstacles, empowering future nurses to dedicate themselves to their education and their profession.

"We hope future recipients of this scholarship will carry out their mission and duties of nursing with care, compassion and respect for all they serve," Linda said.

Through this enduring gift the Clarkson family honor the lives of Bill and Janice Clarkson and continue their work in making Kansas City a healthier place to live.



Above Photos:
William and Janice Clarkson

"THERE IS AN ALARMING SHORTAGE OF NURSES THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY. WE WANT TO SUPPORT FUTURE NURSES IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY FINANCIALLY, AS THE COSTS OF NURSING PROGRAMS ARE KNOWN TO BE A TOP HINDRANCE FOR SO MANY."

Linda Clarkson

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 \$337,538 was provided in 2024.



Nevaeh Elkhatib,
scholarship recipient



Lauren Flickinger,
scholarship recipient



Chimsom Obi,
scholarship recipient

Nursing Student Assistance

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE IN MY POTENTIAL AND FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT. I AM INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION AND ALL THAT IT REPRESENTS. YOUR KINDNESS AND BELIEF IN STUDENTS LIKE ME MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES."

-Chimsom Obi
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Traditional and transfer nursing students preparing for their junior and senior years as well as accelerated nursing students at Research College of Nursing, Avila University, and William Jewell College were eligible to apply. Scholarships were awarded based on academic performance 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 '32 Memorial Scholarship
- Roy Dietrich Scholarship
- Virginia Dodson Bernt Scholarship
- Pamela Fleming '76 Nursing Scholarship
- Judy D. Cordell Frueh 1986 Scholarship
- Al Hancock Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Tom Harmon Presidential Scholarship
- Teresa Hiestand Hofbauer Scholarship
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- Clara Mart Nursing Scholarship
- Mary Elizabeth Martin 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. Singh Oncology Nursing Scholarship
- Dr. Donald M. Spencer Nursing Scholarship
- Florence Elizabeth Ball Stillman 1953 Nursing Scholarship
- Virginia G. Stowers '52 Nursing Scholarship
- Dr. Kay Sullivan Memorial Scholarship
- The Research Foundation Nursing Scholarship
- Samantha Zech Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Mary Zeskey Scholarship



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. **Bottom Left Photo:** Fatima Reynoso places a blood pressure cuff on a fellow Explore RCoN student.

EMERGENCY FUND

The Research Foundation assists 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 College.

WHITE COATS

The Research Foundation participates 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. **Bottom Right Photo:** Walter Moore accepting his white coat from Julie Filbeck, Chief Nursing Officer at Research Medical Center and Dr. Glenna Mahoney, Provost and Chief Academic Officer at Research College of Nursing.

The Class of 1975 Scholarship Fund was established through The Research Foundation with a \$25,000 donation from Rose Marie McColpin and support from other 1975 classmates.

Rose Marie McColpin's lifelong devotion to nursing is rooted in a childhood experience that left a lasting impression on her heart. From the moment she was a young girl, Rose Marie dreamed of becoming a nurse. It was an experience at the age of 12 that solidified her calling. She faced a health scare that could have led to leukemia, requiring her to undergo a bone marrow procedure. During that challenging time, the compassion of the nurses who cared for her left a deep mark. "I still remember the nurses holding my hand," Rose Marie shared. "That was my calling."

With a career that spanned 43 years, Rose Marie worked tirelessly to embody the same compassion and care that had so profoundly impacted her as a child. Working in the operating room, she always made sure to treat each patient with the same love and respect she would give a family member. Her dedication to her patients was unwavering, even through the most heartbreaking moments.

As a nursing student at Research School of Nursing, Rose Marie faced challenges but never lost sight of her goal. At 23, she was older than many of her classmates, and she had to work harder to keep up. "It didn't come easy to me," she said. "I put everything into it, stayed up late nights. Only through many prayers did I accomplish my goal of nursing." But the struggle paid off, and she graduated with a sense of camaraderie. While she didn't have the traditional college experience, Rose Marie found friendship with her classmates. She shared study sessions, made lifelong friends, and, to this day, remains close with many from her cohort.

Inspired by her own experiences and her desire to support the future of nursing, Rose Marie established the Class of 1975 Scholarship Fund at The Research Foundation. Her goal is simple: to ensure that the next generation of nurses receives the training and support they need to care for others with the same compassion that shaped her and her classmates' careers. Through the scholarship, Rose Marie wants students to remember that being a nurse is about more than earning accolades—it's about being present, being kind, and persevering through challenges. "I want scholarship recipients to remember that the patient comes first." To her, nursing is not just a profession—it's a calling to serve others with heart and soul. And with the Class of 1975 Scholarship Fund, she is ensuring that future nurses will have the opportunity to do the same.



Above Photos: Rose Marie McColpin established a scholarship through The Research Foundation to honor her Research School of Nursing class of 1975.

"I AM PROUD TO BE A NURSE AND HAVE NEVER REGRETTED CHOOSING NURSING AS A CAREER. I TREATED EVERY PATIENT WITH RESPECT, DIGNITY AND KINDNESS."

-Rose Marie McColpin
-ESTABLISHED THE CLASS OF 1975 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SUPPORTED ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

- DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**
- Rockhurst University
 - University of Kansas
 - University of Missouri-Columbia

- MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE**
- Texas Tech University
 - University of Kansas
 - Valparaiso University
 - Wichita State University

- 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

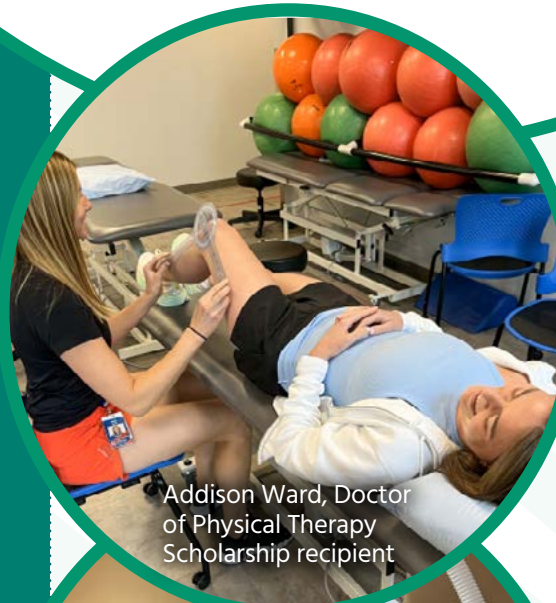
- RADIATION THERAPY**
- Washburn University

Allied Health Scholarships

The Research Foundation awarded \$58,750 in scholarships to allied health students in 2024. The Research Foundation invested in allied health students pursuing the specialties at the institutions listed to the left. 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.

"THIS SCHOLARSHIP BRINGS ME ONE STEP CLOSER TO MY ULTIMATE GOAL OF SUPPORTING MY COMMUNITY AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST. THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN MY EDUCATION AND EMPOWERING ME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS!"

-Addison Ward
-DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Addison Ward, Doctor of Physical Therapy Scholarship recipient



Henry Tran, Nuclear Medicine Technology Scholarship recipient



Rachel Morris, Radiologic Technology Scholarship recipient



Samantha Davidson, Radiation Therapy Scholarship recipient

Class of 1975 Scholarship

Programs and Partnerships
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

The Research Foundation provided scholarships, awards, and grants to nurse educators on faculty at Research College of Nursing, Avila University, and William Jewell College. **Top Photo:** Nicole Kreimer works with a Research College of Nursing student during health screenings conducted at the Welcome Wellness Center in Belton, Missouri. **Bottom Photo:** Nicole Kreimer debriefs Research College of Nursing students after a poverty simulation.

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
- Pamelia Bertrand, MSN, RN**, Research College of Nursing
- Tiffany Condren, MSN, RNC, CHSE**, William Jewell College
- Tracy Koehler, MSN, RN**, Avila University
- Nicole Kreimer, MSN, RN, APHN-BC**, Research College of Nursing
- Julia Payne, MSN, RN, RNC-OB, CE**, Research College of Nursing
- Cassie Pearson, MSN, RN, CNE**, Research College of Nursing
- Sarah Schlanker, MSN, RN, CNOR**, Research College of Nursing
- Melissa Timmons, MSN, RNBC**, William Jewell College

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

Facilitating faculty development by funding short-term research study projects.

- Pamelia Bertrand, MSN, RN**, Research College of Nursing

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Encouraging continuing education opportunities for Kansas City nursing faculty.

- Tiffany Condren, MSN, RNC, CHSE**, William Jewell College
- Becky Jones, MSN, RN, CPN**, William Jewell College

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

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

- Raechel Blades, MSN, RN, RNC – OB, CNE**, William Jewell College
- Nicole Kreimer, MSN, RN, APHN-BC**, Research College of Nursing
- Kellie Quesada, MSN, RN**, Avila University

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Honoring faculty members who are involved in outstanding community service.

- Jo Collette, DNP, APRN-BC**, Research College of Nursing
- Caryl Goodyear, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CCRN-K, FAAN**, Avila University

SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT

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

- Madelyn Marshall, RN**, Avila University
- Rosalia Molina, PhD, MSN, RN**, Research College of Nursing
- Melissa Timmons, MSN, BSN**, 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.

- Lonna Boen, MSN, RN**, Avila University



*Continuing
Education
Symposiums*

Programs and Partnerships
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

The Research Foundation hosted the Time Critical Diagnosis Symposium and Hoyer Primary Care Symposium in 2024. The Time Critical Diagnosis Symposium was planned by Dr. Aaron Doonan, Dr. Anthony Harrington, and Dr. John Chipko. The Hoyer Primary Care Symposium is planned annually by Dr. Sam Hoyer, 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 from the J.B. Reynolds Foundation and the Research Medical Center Medical Staff.

Top Photo: Dr. Anthony Harrington was a presenter for the 2024 Time Critical Diagnosis Symposium. **Left Photo:** Dr. Sam Hoyer, Jr. moderated the 2024 Hoyer Primary Care Symposium. **Bottom Photo:** Hoyer Primary Care Symposium attendees listen to Dr. Nichole VanDuyne's presentation on asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).



*Nursing
Faculty
Development*

"I AM VERY THANKFUL TO THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR HONORING ME WITH THE TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD. I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT TEACHING STUDENTS AND THE NURSE'S ROLE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. THIS AWARD ELEVATES THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WORK. I LOOK FORWARD TO TEACHING AND LEARNING WITH STUDENTS FOR YEARS TO COME!"

-Nicole Kreimer
**TEACHING EXCELLENCE
AWARD RECIPIENT**



Verda's Place

Verda's Place is an appearance center for uninsured and underinsured cancer patients in the Kansas City community. In 2024, 54 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 the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center at Research Medical Center, Verda's Place offers wigs, hats, scarves, bras, and other items for cancer patients. Support is also available for utilities, food cards, medications, and nutritional supplements for these patients as well as lymphedema services and prosthetics. **Left Photo:** David Rolf, Verda's Place recipient

"THE ASSISTANCE WENT TOWARD MY RENT. IT WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL. BEING ON A SET INCOME AND MANAGING MY RENT AND UTILITIES IS VERY CHALLENGING."

-David Rolf
**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 2024, 39 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 utilities, food cards, medications, wigs, lymphedema services and prosthetics. **Left Photo:** Akiba Logan, Dr. Kelley Young Memorial Fund recipient

"THE FUND PUT ME AT EASE WHEN I DIDN'T KNOW HOW I WOULD MAKE IT TO MY WEEKLY TREATMENTS."

-Akiba Logan
**DR. KELLEY YOUNG
MEMORIAL FUND
RECIPIENT**



HAPPYBOTTOMS

The Research Foundation partners with HappyBottoms to alleviate diaper needs for underserved mothers and babies at Research Medical Center. The partnership is part of HappyBottoms' Bundles of Joy program that helps parents receive monthly diapers and other critical services to improve their financial stability once they leave the hospital. **A total of 27,150 diapers were provided to 362 mothers and their newborns at Research Medical Center in 2024.**

Left Photo: Allison Lewetzow and her child Glacier Parr received diapers from The Research Foundation through HappyBottoms.



Left Photo: Belton High School students learn from car crash survivor and ThinkFirst speaker, Kelly Narowski about how to make safe decisions and protect their brain and spinal cord.



ThinkFirst of Greater Kansas City

The Research Foundation's injury prevention program, ThinkFirst of Greater Kansas City, educated nearly 21,000 students in 61 different schools during the 2023-2024 school year.

The program stresses protecting the brain and spinal cord by covering 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 that teach students the consequences of careless decisions while urging them to make safe choices. The typical presentation format provides a free, school-based assembly to grades kindergarten through high school. Funding for the program comes from the Missouri Department of Transportation and Kansas Department of Transportation. This support allows The Research Foundation to offer ThinkFirst programs free of charge to school districts across six counties including Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.



Top Photo: Students at St. Pius X High School chat with Sarah Smith, ThinkFirst speaker, about her spinal cord injury and wheelchair use. **Bottom Photo:** Renee Didier, ThinkFirst speaker, talks about preventing brain injuries with students at McEwen Elementary.

Young Traffic Offenders Program



The Research Foundation educated 819 young drivers at court-ordered YTOP classes during 2024.

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.

Top Photo: Tyler O'Leary, RN speaks to Young Traffic Offenders Program attendees about a car crash victim's journey through the emergency room and intensive care unit. **Bottom Photo:** Renee Didier, ThinkFirst moderator, prepares Young Traffic Offenders Program participants to learn about the importance of safe driving.



"THE REASON I HAD TO COME TO THIS CLASS WAS BECAUSE I WAS PULLED OVER GOING 90 MILES PER HOUR IN A 55 MPH ZONE. IT WAS DUMB OF ME. BEFORE TODAY, I DIDN'T THINK OF HOW THAT COULD AFFECT ANYONE BUT MYSELF."

-YTOP ATTENDEE

ROADWISE

The Research Foundation hosted a free class for young drivers that focused on the importance of making good, safe decisions behind the wheel in 2024.

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, 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.



These organizations were among those awarded funding in the 2024 cycle of grantees. **Top Photo:** Hope Family Care Center **Middle Photo:** Veteran's Community Project **Bottom Photo:** Mother's Refuge

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, promote health equity, and engage students in health care careers.

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	\$10,000
Amethyst Place	\$40,000
Care Beyond the Boulevard	\$50,000
Child Abuse Prevention Association	\$40,000
Child Protection Center	\$50,000
Community LINC	\$15,000
Cristo Rey Kansas City	\$25,000
Developing Potential	\$25,000
El Centro, Inc.	\$20,000
First Call Alcohol/Drug Prevention & Recovery	\$25,000
Front Porch Alliance Kansas City	\$25,000
Gilda's Club Kansas City	\$17,500
Hope Family Care Center	\$50,000
Jewish Vocational Service Bureau of Kansas City	\$50,000
Journey to New Life	\$25,000
Kansas City CARE Clinic	\$50,000
Kansas City University	\$12,600
LevelUp Kids	\$40,000
Metro Lutheran Ministry	\$50,000
MOCSA	\$25,000
Mother's Refuge	\$50,000
Newhouse	\$50,000
Operation Breakthrough	\$85,000
Prep-KC	\$50,000
reStart Inc.	\$25,000
Rose Brooks Center	\$50,000
Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center	\$50,000
Seton Center	\$30,000
The Children's Place	\$30,000
Veterans Community Project	\$50,000
Vivent Health	\$30,000

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.

Research Golf Classic

The 35th Annual Research Golf Classic raised more than \$142,000 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 19. Research Medical Center served as the Presenting Sponsor. LabCorp and Stanger Industries served as Club Sponsors. Classic Sponsors included AT Abatement, C&C Group, Electrical Corporation of America, Integrated Openings Solutions, JE Dunn Construction, Medical Technology Associates, and Western Specialty Contractors.

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



Above Photo: Dr. Michael Justice, Dr. Alan Cornett, Dr. James Kesl, and Dr. Kyle Barner participated in the event as representatives of OSI Orthopedics & Sports Medicine.

2024 RESEARCH GOLF CLASSIC COMMITTEE

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Brad Courtney
Aaron Harrison
Bill Iler
Dr. Jonathan Lamb
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Megan Melott, DNAP, CRNA
Dan Novovesky
Dr. David Rios
Dr. David Rudman
Ben Witt, NP, RN



Danny Brodie and Jeff Brodie represented Clarkson Construction Company, which has sponsored the event for 35 consecutive years.



Dr. Justin Van Meeteren, 2024 Research Golf Classic chair, presents the event proceeds to Dr. Joel McKinsey, foundation board chair, and Rose Simone and Cynthia Randazzo, foundation staff members.



Above Left Photo: Dr. Brad Seaman, 20th Candlelight Ball Chair, and Dr. Francis Dailey, 20th Candlelight Ball Co-Chair **Above Right Photo:** Chanz Hale, Research College of Nursing student and event featured student speaker **First Bottom Photo:** Jason King with Electrical Corporation of America won the Golden Ticket Basket valued at nearly \$11,000. **Second Bottom Photo:** Research Medical Center physicians and guests

Candlelight Ball

Friends and supporters of The Research Foundation celebrated their health-centered programs and partnerships on Saturday, November 2 at the 20th Candlelight Ball. The event raised more than \$165,000 for initiatives that invest in health care students, health care professionals, patients, and the Kansas City community.

The Candlelight Ball included cocktails, dinner, and music by Lost Wax. Dr. Joel McKinsey, The Research Foundation Board of Directors chair, started the evening by welcoming guests. Dr. Brad Seaman served as the chair for the event and Dr. Francis Dailey served as co-chair. Chanz Hale, a senior at Research College of Nursing and recipient of two undergraduate nursing student scholarships from the foundation, shared his journey to nursing and how each scholarship has helped him during nursing school. Dr. Frank Slovic, retired Research Medical Center physician, provided the invocation. Attendees also had the opportunity to participate in the Golden Ticket raffle that raised \$15,475.

Top sponsors included Research Medical Center and UMB Financial Corporation. LabCorp served as a dinner sponsor. Entertainment sponsors included Healthpeak OP, LLC and David E. Ross Construction Company.

2024 CANDLELIGHT BALL COMMITTEE

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Dr. Maxwell Almenoff
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Aaron Harrison
Dr. Nichole VanDuyne
Dr. Marjie Wongs
Cynthia Randazzo



Memorial and Honorary Gifts

A wonderful 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 that cared for you.

HONORARY GIFTS

Dr. Iftekhar Ahmed
Research Medical Center
Medical Staff

Jessy Cherukunnathu
Loveena Salcido

Class of 1959

Mrs. Marjorie E. Hartzog
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Class of 1968

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Foundations	\$162,773
Government	\$100,355
Management Fees	\$269,173
Investment Income Utilized	\$1,473,531
Total	\$3,112,567

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