

Healthy Giving Extra

Important News for Corewell Health Foundation Southeast Michigan Supporters

New \$20 million gift to support Corewell Health in Southeast Michigan

We're thrilled to announce that business leader and long-time Corewell Health supporter Stuart Blanck has made a new \$20 million commitment to support Corewell Health in Southeast Michigan, bringing his total giving to more than \$41 million.



To celebrate Stuart's extraordinary generosity, the new care center currently under construction across from the Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital in Royal Oak will be named the *Corewell Health Stuart, Lorraine and Martin Blanck Care Center*. The name honors Stuart's parents, Lorraine and Martin, who helped inspire his generosity and lifelong commitment to helping others.

This is Stuart's second game-changing gift to Corewell Health. In 2019, he gave \$21 million to support what's now known as the *Stuart H. Blanck Emergency Center* at the Royal Oak hospital. This new gift brings Stuart's total giving to more than \$41 million.

Stuart is a co-owner of Wallside Windows and a member of the Corewell Health Foundation Southeast Michigan Board of Directors. As a business leader and lifelong resident of metro Detroit, he is deeply invested in our health system and the work our teams do so well.

When making this new gift, Stuart said, "this is the most important thing I've ever done," which is a testament to his desire to give back for the benefit of others.

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He added, “This health system provides the best care for so many people each year. They cared for my mother and father, and it meant so much to my entire family. I want other people to experience that same compassion and level of excellence that we did.”

Tina Freese Decker, president and CEO of Corewell Health said, “Stuart is a remarkable person. When I asked him about why he gives, his answer was both genuine and inspiring, simply saying that he wants to give back to his community to make a difference for others. I deeply appreciate his strong desire to ensure we can serve our community well and deliver on all elements of our vision.”



Martin and Lorraine Blanck

Corewell Health East President Lamont M. Yoder, RN, said, “Stuart has been an incredible partner as we work together to improve health and change lives in our local communities. We are deeply grateful and profoundly honored to be the recipients of Stuart’s extraordinary gift. His investment will make a lasting difference for our patients and our region.”

The new 89,000-square-foot *Corewell Health Stuart, Lorraine and Martin Blanck Care Center* broke ground this past September and is slated for completion in 2027. The two-story ambulatory/outpatient surgery center and medical office building will provide care for an additional 20,000 patients each year. The building will bring key outpatient services under one roof, including primary care, behavioral health, digestive health services and more, and will be home to four operating rooms and one procedure room to accommodate same-day, lower-risk surgeries, including orthopedic procedures.

OUWB School of Medicine students awarded Corewell Health Foundation Southeast Michigan scholarships at 2026 Honors Convocation



Students, faculty and staff alike were celebrated at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Honors Convocation in May. Close to 300 people attended the event, which is held the day before graduation each year.

“We are incredibly proud of our students and their many accomplishments,” said Christopher Carpenter, M.D., Stephan Sharf dean of the OUWB School of Medicine. “Celebrating them alongside the exceptional contributions of our faculty and staff serves as a powerful reminder of our shared commitment to fulfilling the OUWB mission.

Students at the event were inducted into prestigious medical honor societies, recognized for outstanding clerkship performances, and awarded scholarships, including scholarships supported by Corewell Health and the Corewell Health Foundation Southeast Michigan.

All told, more than 20 scholarships from Corewell Health Foundation Southeast Michigan donors were presented at the event, underscoring the strong partnership between Corewell Health and the OUWB School of Medicine in training the next generation of exceptional physicians. It underscores also the generosity of donors who give each year to help OUWB medical students achieve their academic goals and dreams.

Said 2026 graduate Deepali Tailor, M.D., of the event, “It feels amazing. I’m grateful for the opportunities I’ve received at OUWB, and grateful for the opportunity to be recognized for my achievements.”

To make a gift to this program, scan the QR or code or visit: bit.ly/OUWBSchoolofMed



Liver and kidney transplant programs recognized as top programs in Michigan

For 133 patients and their families, 2025 truly was a life-changing year. That was when the team at Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital's Transplant Center performed a record 45 liver transplants and 88 kidney transplants. This number reflects the growing reach and impact of the transplant program, which provides highly specialized care to patients facing complex health challenges.

The Liver Transplant Program has been recognized as the top program in Michigan for one-year outcomes, while both the liver and kidney transplant programs ranked first in the state for three-year graft survival. Nationally, the Liver Transplant Program earned a second-place ranking for three-year outcomes, and the Kidney Transplant Program ranked among the nation's best at 25th.

“This extraordinary achievement reflects the skill, compassion and collaboration of our transplant team, which is committed to delivering the very best care to every patient they serve,” said Debbie Guido-Allen, president, Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital. “It also highlights the power of partnership – from everyone on the team to the generosity of organ donors and their families to the support of our philanthropic community.”



The transplant team serves as a multidisciplinary support system for patients and includes surgeons, physicians, nurses, transplant coordinators, pharmacists, social workers, dietitians, financial counselors, operating room and intensive care teams, and others who guide patients through every step of the transplant journey.

Philanthropy can help advance programs like transplant even further. Philanthropic gifts support clinical innovation, education, advanced technology and the specialized resources required to deliver leading-edge care. They help ensure that patients across Southeast Michigan have access to nationally recognized expertise when they need it most.

As the Transplant Center celebrates its achievements, the team also honors and celebrates the organ donors and donor families whose life-changing generosity makes every transplant possible. Their gifts of life, combined with the dedication of care teams and the support of donors, continue to create hope and transform lives every day.

To learn how your philanthropic support can help advance life-saving programs and services across Corewell Health, scan the QR code, or visit: corewellhealth.org/foundation/southeast.



Variety the Children's Charity of Detroit helps expand life-saving School Blue Envelope Program

When a young person is struggling with mental health, knowing how to respond can make all the difference. Across Southeast Michigan, more educators will be able to gain that confidence and help support their students when they need it most, thanks to generous new funding from Variety – the Children's Charity of Detroit.

Variety is a longtime partner of Corewell Health's myoelectric program, which provides kids with myoelectric limbs and the therapy they need to adapt to them. Their recent gift will help expand Corewell Health Children's School Blue Envelope Program, which provides educators and school staff with the tools they need to recognize and respond to students experiencing mental health crises, ensuring that young people receive the right care at the right time.

Originally developed for health care settings and adapted for schools in 2018, the program is now embedded in 230 schools across 65 districts, primarily in western and northern Michigan. With Variety's support, the program will be able to expand across Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, reaching students in elementary, middle and high schools – including those in medically underserved communities.

Across the country, youth mental health challenges continue to rise, with suicide remaining one of the leading causes of death among young people. Schools are often the first place where warning signs appear, making preparedness essential.



“We’ve observed a noticeable increase in suicidal ideation among K-12 students, which underscores just how crucial it is to have training that empowers educators and staff to respond swiftly and effectively,” said Natalia Szczgiel, director of operations for psychiatry and behavioral medicine at Corewell Health. “The School Blue Envelope Program is designed to provide exactly this type of support and guidance.”

At the heart of the program is a clear, actionable framework known as **S.A.F.E. steps**: Stay with the student, Access help, acknowledge and validate Feelings, and Eliminate access to lethal means. This approach gives educators the confidence to act quickly and appropriately while connecting students to the right level of care.

The impact has already been seen across the state. In the 2023–2024 school year alone, the protocol was used in 1,418 student situations involving suicide-related concerns. After the S.A.F.E. steps were followed, only 20 percent of those cases required emergency department care, meaning more than 1,100 students were supported through alternative, community-based resources and safety planning.

This life-saving program is offered to schools at no cost.

“To make this possible, we depend on philanthropic gifts to fund the social worker trainers and cover the operational costs associated with delivering the program,” Szczgiel said. “This support is vital in sustaining our commitment to children’s well-being and expanding access to life-saving resources. We are so grateful to our partners like Variety.”

To make a gift to this program, scan the QR code or visit: bit.ly/CorewellBlueEnvelope



Corewell Health Feldman Automotive Children's Miracle Celebrity Invitational raises more than \$1.3 million for children's programs

More than 250 golfers and 50 celebrities from the world of sports and entertainment joined forces on a beautiful sunny day in June to raise funds to support Children's Miracle Network programming at Corewell Health Children's in partnership with the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation.

"We are delighted with the incredible success of this event and the impact it has on our patients and the community," said Ryan Daly, president, Corewell Health Foundation Southeast Michigan. "Our gratitude goes out to the many sponsors, celebrities and guests who are the backbone of this one-of-a kind golf invitational."

The Feldman Automotive Children's Miracle Celebrity Invitational is Metro Detroit's largest celebrity golf event, where every foursome enjoys an up-close and personal celebrity pairing. This year's event featured more than 50 national and local celebrities, including comedians Kevin James and Anthony Anderson and actors Kevin Chapman, Bailey Chase, Marion "Pooch" Hall, Eric Laden, Hisham Tawfiq, and Brandon Wahlberg. From the world of sports, Bruce Bowen, Marshall Faulk, AJ Francis, Jonny Gomes, Santonio Holmes, Jr., Bronco McKart, Bode Miller, Gary Sheffield, and dozens of others took part in the day's activities.



Top: Matthew Denenberg, M.D., Kevin James, Ryan Majewski, Jim Wahlberg, Liz Majewski, Bob Wahlberg, Paul Wahlberg, Brandon Wahlberg, (Front) Alex Majewski, Max Majewski, Maddie Majewski; **Above:** Sam Yamin, Tom Celani, Lamont M. Yoder, RN, Nino Cutraro, Bob Skandalakis, Ken Noonan, Jay Feldman, Ryan Daly



Over the past six years, this event has continued to grow in popularity, with golfers and guests, sponsors and donors all joining together to support life-changing and life-saving care at Corewell Health Children's in Southeastern Michigan and to improve quality of life for young people across the country through the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation. Said Daly, "It's a powerful and meaningful way to gather together to make a difference."

The day included visits by four Corewell Health Children's "Miracle" children, who represented the more than 325,000 children treated at Corewell Health Children's each year, as well as the national anthem sung by Detroit's own Karen Newman, the arrival of therapy dogs, course contests, and a spirited live auction to cap off the evening.

"Each year, this event serves as a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when a community comes together for a meaningful cause," said Jay Feldman, chairman and CEO of Feldman Automotive and Mark Wahlberg Automotive Group and title sponsor of this year's event.

This fundraising event is only possible with the exceptional support of title sponsor Feldman Automotive Group; lead presenting sponsor Quantum Ventures, presenting sponsors including Aaron and Carolynn Frankel Family Foundation, Amazon, and TI Automotive, supporting sponsors including the Celani Family Foundation, CIBC, Corewell Health, and Mechanical Services, and more than 50 other generous sponsors.

A dedicated committee of community members worked for months to develop and guide the event as well, and included event co-chairs Tom Celani, Nino Cutraro, Jay Feldman, Ken Noonan, Bob Skandalakis, and Sam Yamin.

Children's Miracle Network grants expand support for kids and families

Every day, Children's Miracle Network (CMN) helps make extraordinary care possible at Corewell Health Children's. Through the generosity of donors, corporate partners, fundraisers and community supporters, CMN funds grants each year for Corewell Health Children's to invest in programs and services that help young patients heal, grow, and thrive.

This winter, CMN grants provided more than \$1 million in grant funding to support more than 50 pediatric programs across Corewell Health Children's. Among the largest investments were grants for Child Life Services and Bike Day, two programs that have a profound impact on children and families navigating medical challenges.

A \$620,000 grant will provide critical support for the Child Life Services program, which helps children and families cope with the stress, fear, and uncertainty that can accompany illness, injury, and hospitalization.

Child life specialists are trained to use age-appropriate education, therapeutic play, and emotional support to help children better understand medical experiences and build healthy coping skills. Their work can make a frightening hospital stay feel more manageable for both patients and their families.

CMN also awarded grant funding to support Bike Day, the largest adaptive bicycle program for children with special needs in Michigan. Established in 2004, Bike Day provides custom-fitted adaptive bicycles to approximately 100 pediatric rehabilitation patients each year. Adaptive bikes are an important way to promote physical activity, independence, confidence and participation in family and community life.

Additional grants will strengthen pediatric care in other meaningful ways, including support for pediatric advanced life support training, assistance for the Child Advocacy and Protection program, a neonatal intensive care fellowship program, and school-based food pantry and hygiene initiatives serving more than 40 schools in southeast Michigan to address social needs affecting children's health.

Together, these investments reflect the importance of the partnership between Corewell Health Children's and Children's Miracle Network as they work together to support the physical, emotional and developmental needs of children across southeast Michigan.



Join us for events that make a difference!

Corewell Health is bringing our community together through a series of special events that offer meaningful ways to give back across southeastern Michigan. From golf outings to intimate dinners and waterfront gatherings, each experience provides an opportunity to support programs and services that improve lives every day. Your participation helps turn moments of connection into real impact for patients and families who need it most.

To find out more about upcoming events, scan the QR code, or visit: corewellhealth.org/foundation/southeast/events



Drive for Life Invitational Monday, July 27 Franklin Hills Country Club

Franklin Hills Country Club will serve as the exciting new venue for this year's event. As always, all proceeds will benefit oncology programs and services at the *Walter & Mary Wolpin Comprehensive Breast Care Center* at Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital and the *Wilson Cancer Resource Center* at Corewell Health Beaumont Troy Hospital.

Press “start” to heal: how gamers are helping local kids

For many people, video games are a way to unwind after a long week. But through Extra Life, gamers turn play into purpose – raising critical funds that help children receive life-changing care, advanced treatments, and brighter futures. Extra Life harnesses the power of a shared passion for gaming and channels it into meaningful support for children’s health.

By bringing together gaming enthusiasts of all backgrounds, Extra Life has raised more than \$132 million for Children’s Miracle Network hospitals across the country, including Corewell Health Children’s.

In fact, Extra Life Detroit has raised more than \$210,000 for Corewell Health Children’s in Southeastern Michigan in recent years. In 2025, the group raised \$85,000 to purchase GoKarts, mobile gaming stations that allow hospitalized children to relax and play the latest video games, giving them a feeling of home and comfort.

The magic of Extra Life happens year-round. You might find its dedicated members hosting lively board game nights at local breweries and cafes or broadcasting marathon gaming sessions to thousands of viewers on Twitch. The true cornerstone of the movement arrives each November with Game Day. During this epic 24-hour streaming marathon, gamers across the country pledge to play through the night, maximizing donations and support for pediatric patients.

Every dollar raised helps local children’s hospitals fund critical life-saving treatments and essential health care services. This includes innovative medical research, vital pediatric medical equipment, and crucial child life services that make hospital stays less intimidating for families.

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Extra Life gamers, Corewell Health Children’s can offer patients and their families a genuine beacon of joy. By providing a fun and productive activity, the Extra Life community directly enhances the healing and health care experience. They prove that heroes don’t just exist in fantasy worlds; sometimes, they are the people holding the controllers, playing for a cause much larger than themselves.

Find out how you can join the fun, or donate at: cmn.org/program/extra-life/



Walk for Miracles Saturday, August 22 Detroit Zoo

Guests of all ages are invited to participate in this peer-to-peer charity walk benefiting the 325,000 children treated each year by Corewell Health Children’s across southeast Michigan. All proceeds will help fund exceptional pediatric programs, services, equipment and treatment scholarships for children and families throughout our community.

A Night of Giving Monday, August 31 Bella Piatti

Nino and Liz Curtaro will host an inspiring evening where guests can come together to create lasting change in the lives of children facing medical and social challenges. In addition to a delightful dinner, guests will enjoy heartwarming stories and an exciting live auction – all aimed at raising funds for vital pediatric programs.

Grosse Pointe Gathering Wednesday, September 16 The War Memorial

This evening fundraiser will benefit important heart and vascular and breast care initiatives at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. Guests are welcomed to enjoy a cocktail reception, strolling dinner, live entertainment and a breathtaking view of Lake St. Clair.

Honoring our physicians through Doctors' Day 2026

Each year on March 30, Corewell Health joins health care organizations across the country in celebrating National Doctors' Day – a special opportunity to recognize the physicians who care for our patients, support families through difficult moments and help strengthen the health of our communities every day.

This year at Corewell Health, gifts made through the Doctors' Day appeal supported the health system's Greatest Needs Fund, helping ensure our hospitals and care teams have the resources needed to respond to both immediate priorities and future challenges.

The Greatest Needs Fund provides vital flexibility across the health system, providing support where it is needed most – whether that is advancing patient care, expanding educational opportunities, or investing in innovative technology and critical facility improvements.

Gifts given in honor of Doctors' Day 2026 will help ensure that patients across Southeast Michigan continue to receive the highest quality care for many years to come. Additionally, these gifts show our clinicians just how deeply they are appreciated. Every day, Corewell Health physicians are advancing medicine, mentoring future caregivers and helping patients navigate some of life's most important moments with expertise and empathy. Doctors' Day is one way to thank these clinicians for all they do.



You can still honor your physician and support greatest needs across Corewell Health. For more information, please scan the QR code, or visit: corewellhealth.org/foundation/southeast.



**Thank you for lifting up Corewell Health doctors with your words.
Here are a few messages we've received from grateful patients.**

"Dr. John Calado
is one of the best doctors.
[He is] up to date on all
medical issues, caring,
sympathetic, and always
there when you need help."

"I have been dealing with
prostate cancer for over five years
now. My urologist, **Dr. Kenneth
Kernen**, has been helping me so
much in coping with this traumatic
bombshell in my life. He has been
on top of this ordeal since day
one and I can't thank him enough!
God bless you Dr. Kernen for
everything you do for me and
for all your patients. You are a
wonderful doctor!"

"I can't say enough
great things about **Dr. Ping
Wang**. She is incredibly
knowledgeable, kind and
truly takes the time to listen
and care for her patients.
You never feel rushed, and
she makes everything
easy to understand."