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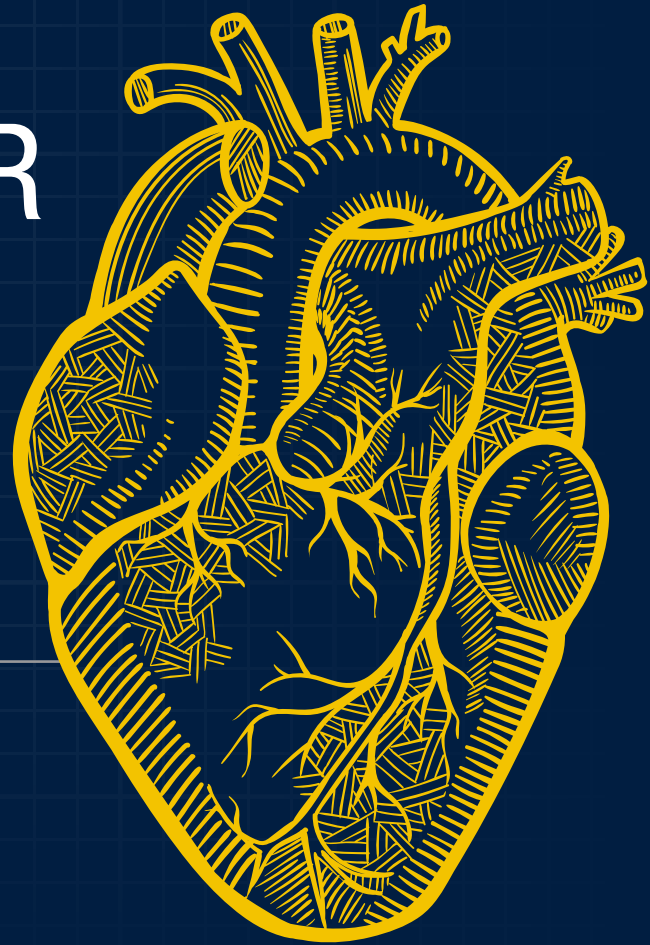
## Legacy Giving

What kind of impact do you hope to leave on your community? **With a legacy gift to the Foundation, you can affect future generations of patients for years to come.**

Your generosity will secure access to future trainings, innovative new technologies and program expansions, ensuring people in West Michigan have access to high-quality healthcare when and where they need it most.

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# CARDIOVASCULAR NETWORK OF WEST MICHIGAN



## CARDIOVASCULAR SERVICES

### Here for Your Heart

A partnership to grow cardiovascular services in West Michigan has been given approval to start an open-heart surgery program at Metro Health – University of Michigan Health.

The services would be provided through the Cardiovascular Network of West Michigan, a proposed collaboration of Metro Health, Mercy Health Saint Mary's, and Mercy Health Muskegon. This innovative network is being designed to leverage the expertise of Michigan Medicine's Frankel Cardiovascular Center, one of the nation's highest-rated centers for cardiology and heart surgery and the No. 1-rated program in the state.

"This network will provide West Michigan patients with a connection to the world-renowned cardiovascular expertise here at Frankel Cardiovascular Center, Michigan Medicine," said Gorav Ailawadi, MD, MBA, chair of the Department of Cardiac Surgery at Michigan Medicine.

"We will be able to offer West Michigan patients access to the most sophisticated, least-invasive treatments and world-class care close to home. This is a key step in Michigan Medicine's mission to advance health care as a destination center for cardiovascular care," Ailawadi said.

The open-heart services will take place on Metro Health's campus in Wyoming and later phases of the plan call for a dedicated facility. Services will include coronary artery bypass surgery, cardiac valve repair or replacement, and repair for birth defects of the heart.

Grand Rapids is currently the largest market in the state with only a single open-heart program. Collaborators of the Cardiovascular Network of West Michigan have been working diligently to deepen clinical capabilities and broaden both patient access and choice for high-quality cardiovascular care.

"Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States," said Peter Hahn, MD, MBA, President and CEO of Metro Health – University of Michigan Health. "We owe it to our community to provide choice and options for the most advanced care, with access to the finest medical minds, sophisticated treatments and groundbreaking clinical trials."

# Metro Champions Team Up to Support Sports Medicine

## SPORTS MEDICINE

The Metro Health Sports Medicine program has been in the game for over 20 years helping patient athletes from pros to weekend warriors, stay on the move. With many nights and weekends dedicated to providing medical services for a variety of teams, events and organizations, it became apparent that Dr. Ed Kornoelje and his team needed more than just a tent to perform their medical care.

So when long-time foundation supporter Jim Veldheer approached the Foundation about securing a mobile van to help elevate Metro Health's Sports Medicine program, we knew just where to turn.

In 2010, three generous donors including Board Member Mike Damstra, donated a van to the Assisted Breathing Center for patient outings. After years of taking patients on outings to a variety of enrichment and entertainment excursions, the van was no longer being utilized.

**The van will be completely renovated with the help of Herman Miller and the Veldheer family. It will be updated to provide clinical care and will be ready for utilization in July 2021.**

When not in use by Sports Medicine, the van will continue to be on the move – providing community outreach, vaccine clinics, health screenings and other mobile healthcare opportunities.

The Foundation is grateful for the support of board members and generous donors who are truly invested in meeting the needs of Metro Health patients... when and where they need it most.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

### A Moment of Joy with Jaime



Metro Health Retirees,

As you peruse updates in this newsletter, you will notice it's filled with innovative new endeavors for Metro Health. You might wonder how this relates to us at the Foundation, and to you as donors.

**These are all examples of how, through your support, the Foundation is committed to funding projects that pave the way for healthcare equity, access and excellence in West Michigan.**

Thanks to you, the Foundation will support the remodel of two operating rooms in preparation for open-heart surgery as part of the Cardiovascular Network of West Michigan's initiative to provide choice and options when it comes to cardiovascular care.

We are also connecting board members and generous donors with a project they're passionate about: a mobile van to support the work of Metro Health's Sports Medicine program.

The Foundation is committed to providing patients with exceptional care... where and when they need it most.

This vision is not possible without the commitment of all of you – supporters who are true partners in our relentless quest to make West Michigan a better, healthier place for all.

With Gratitude,



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