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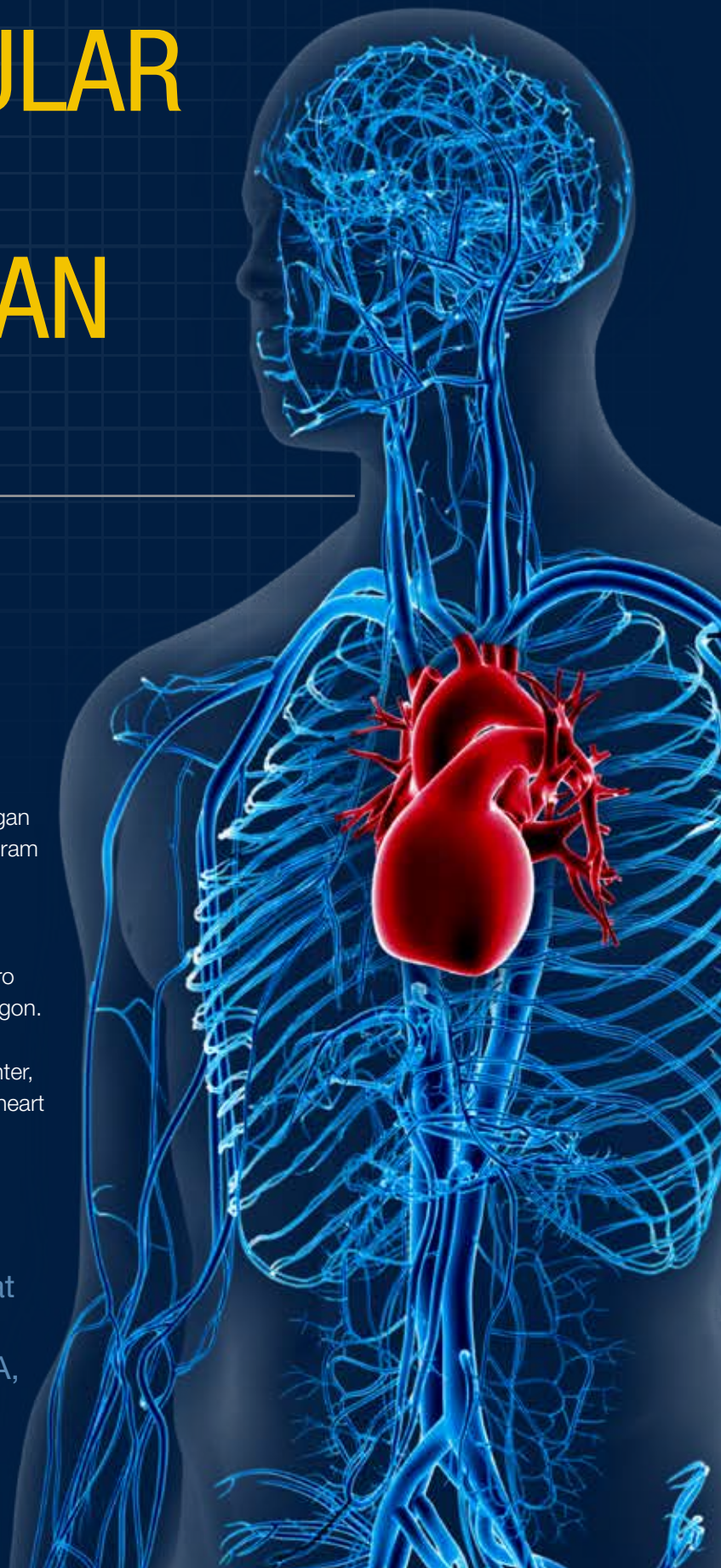
## CARDIOVASCULAR SERVICES

### 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.

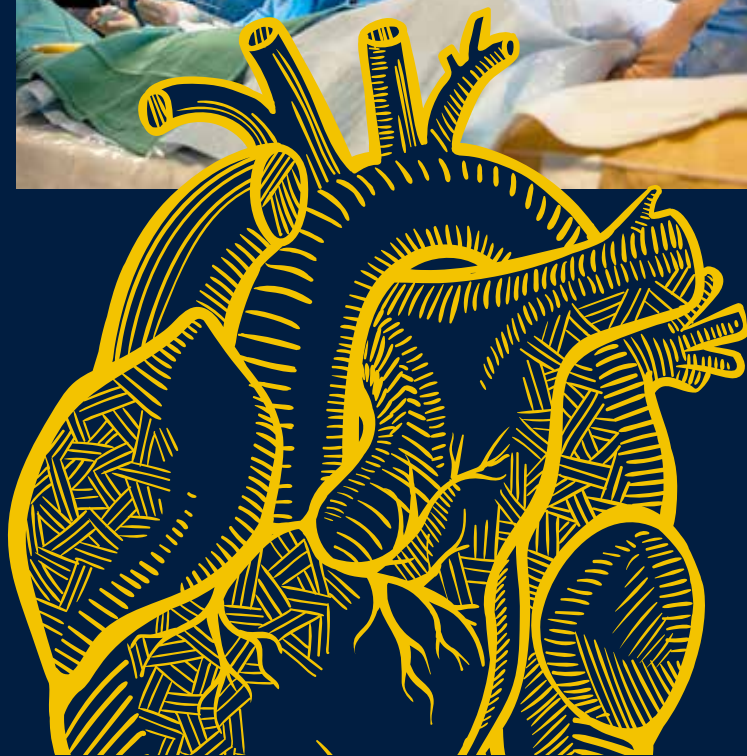


"We will be able to offer West Michigan patients access to the most sophisticated, least-invasive treatments and world-class care close to home. This is a key step in Michigan Medicine's mission to advance health care as a destination center for cardiovascular care," Ailawadi said.

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.

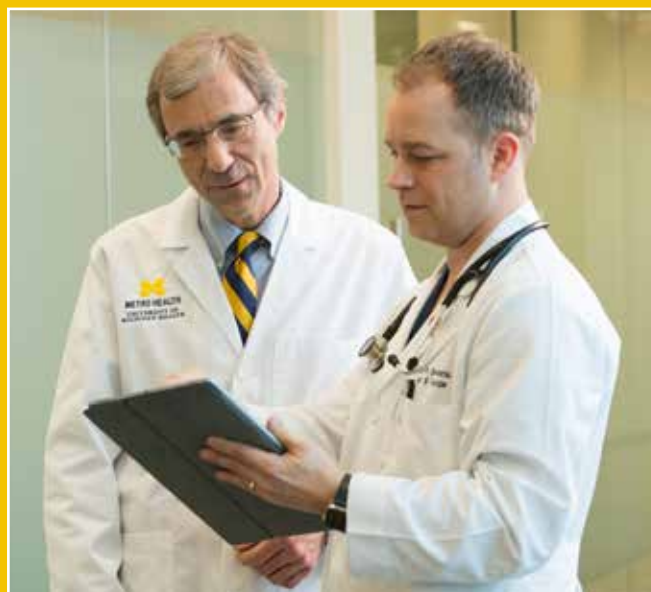
"Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States," said Peter Hahn, MD, MBA, President and CEO of Metro Health – University of Michigan Health. "We owe it to our community to provide choice and options for the most advanced care, with access to the finest medical minds,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



The Foundation will support this expansion of services by financing the remodel of two operating rooms in preparation for open-heart surgery.

This would not be possible without the support of generous donors like you.

Thank you!



# Foundation welcomes new team member



Delaney Faught

Delaney Faught is the Foundation's new Development and Events Assistant. She looks forward to bringing her background in event coordination and administrative work to the team. Prior to joining the Foundation, Delaney spent four years at Kids' Food Basket where she worked primarily in event planning and fundraising. She attended Grand Valley State University to study Communications and Nonprofit Administration, and she will be returning this fall for her Master's in Public Health. Outside of the office, Delaney enjoys hiking, kayaking and spending time with her husband and their dog. She likes to discover all the outdoor adventure Michigan has to offer.

## A Moment of Joy with Jaime



Friends & Supporters of the Metro Health Hospital Foundation,

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,

**Jaime Counterman**  
*Foundation Director*





## SPORTS MEDICINE

# Metro Champions Team Up to Support 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.



SAVE THE DATE

# Leading Hearts & Minds with the Metro Health Hospital Foundation in 2021

## METRO WAY 5K

JULY 15, 2021

METRO HEALTH VILLAGE

PRESENTED BY



The 2021 Metro Way 5K presented by Lake Michigan Credit Union and YMCA Kids Race is going hybrid! This family-friendly event welcomes people of all ages and abilities – walkers, competitive runners and everyone in between.

Safety is our top priority. This year's race offers an in-person event and course for a limited number of participants which will take place on July 15th at 6:30pm.

The remaining participants will complete their race virtually between July 11th – July 18th.

All proceeds from the 5K support free and low-cost educational health and wellness classes for our community.

To register, visit [metrohealth.net/5K](https://metrohealth.net/5K)





# VITALITY GALA

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

DEVOS PLACE

Join us for a glamorous, black-tie gala highlighting Women's Health Services. Metro Health has invested in every aspect of women's medicine. From preventative care, physical and mental wellness and gynecological care of acute sub-specialty treatment, Metro Health is there for patients through every stage of life.

## BID & BENEFIT AUCTION

JULY 20, 2021

THOUSAND OAKS GOLF CLUB

Metro Health Hospital Foundation invites you to enjoy appetizers and beverages alongside a live and silent auction to benefit the Metro Health Skin Cancer Center.

Did you know more people are diagnosed with skin cancer each year than all other cancers combined? Your presence and generosity allow us to provide innovative, comprehensive treatments and compassionate care.

To purchase your tickets, visit [metrohealth.net/bidbenefit](https://metrohealth.net/bidbenefit).

*\*We are dedicated to the health and safety of our generous sponsors and community members. Safety precautions will be taken following guidance from the CDC, state and local health agencies and public officials. You will be notified if this event needs to change to a virtual format.*



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Metro Way 5K**

Thursday, July 15

**Bid & Benefit Auction**

Tuesday, July 20

**VITALity Gala**

Saturday, September 11



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