

FISCAL YEAR 2025 IMPACT REPORT

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Connecting Our Community's Generosity
to a **healthier tomorrow for all.**

What a trip.

To ride my bike from the Prisma Health Cancer Institute in Greenville to The Dempsey Center in Lewiston, Maine for the Dempsey Challenge sounded too good to pass up. I had to wait a year after learning about the Challenge to Conquer Cancer (C3) annual charity relay-style bicycle ride, so I was fired up by the time the September 13, 2025, departure day finally arrived.

C3 started in 2005, and since then a group of passionate cyclists have been raising money for cancer research and survivorship. Since their inception, C3 has donated more than \$2,000,000 to the Prisma Health Cancer Institute.

Our team, Rough Riders, rode our bikes and supported other riders and teams as we cycled the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Skyline Parkway through Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania – all in one day. And then on through the amazingly beautiful Catskills of New York state, where we visited Robert Frost's gravesite and read his timeless words:

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."

We visited Bethel Farms, and I took off my shoes and walked barefoot on the hallowed ground of the 1969 Woodstock Music Festival. Then to Vermont, up and over Kancamagus Pass through New Hampshire, and ultimately into Maine.

It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and what I learned is it isn't about the ride, or the bike. Like any great adventure, it is the people.

During the time we spent together on the road, stuffed into cars, in restaurants, and hotels, I got to hear so many wonderful stories, and they became part of my story. The stories of loss and survivorship that surround this effort are at the same time heart wrenching and inspirational. Celebrating together at the end of a wonderful week, money raised to benefit our Cancer Institute, ride completed, Dempsey challenged, Cancer Warriors honored - Wow, what an amazing trip!

Thank you to C3, and to all of you who have had such a tremendous impact on the patients, families and communities we serve through the Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation. Here's to a brighter future of care!

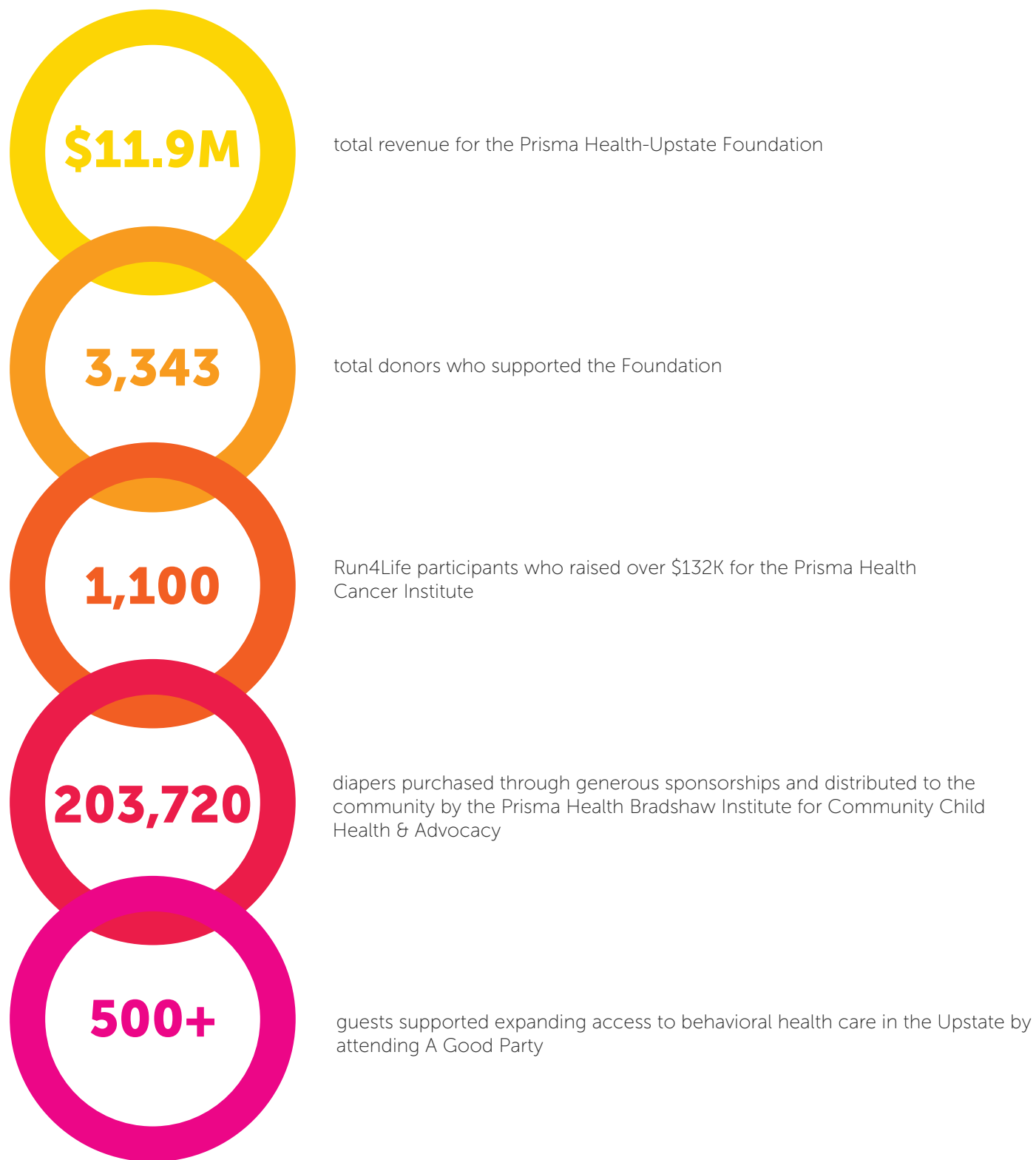


Rion Smith, Chair
Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation



2025 Impact

Community support helped us provide a brighter future of care to our patients and their families.



**numbers based on dollars raised in FY25 (10/1/2024-9/30/2025)*



CannonDesign

Prisma Behavioral Health Hospital

This new \$138 million state-of-the-art facility — launched with a \$100 million commitment from the State of South Carolina and under construction at 4906 Old Easley Bridge Road in Easley — will build on the legacy of inpatient behavioral health care at Marshall I. Pickens Hospital. The new hospital will nearly double the total amount of beds and quadruple the number of beds for children and adolescents, enabling more patients to receive the care they need close to family and friends whose support can be so crucial to recovery. As part of Prisma Health's commitment to this public-private partnership, we are joining together with our generous community to contribute \$38 million—through philanthropic support and internal investment—to bring this transformative project to completion in early 2027.

Hope Forward Campaign

The Hope Forward Capital Campaign galvanizes support from generous individuals, families, organizations, foundations, and corporations to help provide much-needed access and care to adults, adolescents, and children. Each gift to this campaign will move us closer to opening the doors of our new hospital, with opportunities to recognize and honor loved ones throughout the campus. We hope you'll join us in this once-in-our-lifetime opportunity to unite in giving for our children, for our families, for our neighbors, for our friends, and for our future.

Learn more: prismahealthupstatefoundation.org/HopeForward

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Groundbreaking May 19, 2025



Sargent-Wilson Wellness Center



Dr. Bob Wilson and Mrs. Teresa Wilson
Trustees, The Sargent Foundation

Leading the Way

Led by their professional, personal, and philanthropic passion for expanding access to mental health care, the Sargent Foundation made a \$1 million gift to name the hospital's Sargent-Wilson Wellness Center. This vibrant hub will provide recreational, educational, and supportive space for patients, family members, and community groups. By making their gift public, the Sargent Foundation is shining a light on an underserved area of health care and inspiring others to give, knowing that mental health impacts all of us.



Hogs For The Cause Pediatric Hematology Oncology Unit



Prisma Health Pediatric Hematology Oncology Unit Ribbon Cutting

In July, 2025 Prisma Health Children's Hospital–Upstate in Greenville opened a new \$7 million pediatric cancer and blood disorders unit, made possible through state and local community support. The facility, named the **Hogs for the Cause Pediatric Hematology Oncology Unit**, was funded in part by \$2.5 million from the South Carolina legislature and \$1 million from the nonprofit Hogs for the Cause, alongside additional community donations. The 7,580-square-foot unit includes nine inpatient rooms, infusion spaces, consultation rooms, a respite room, an expanded playroom, and a family suite for end-of-life situations. Patient families played a key role in designing the space, ensuring it offers both medical support and emotional comfort, such as in-room desks for parents and private spaces for rest. Leaders emphasized that the unit allows children to receive specialized care close to home, surrounded by family support networks during treatment. The project highlights how philanthropy and public-private partnerships can transform healthcare and provide hope for families facing pediatric cancer and blood disorders.

Elevating Cancer Care for the Upstate

John and Kim Kopchinski made an extraordinary \$3 million commitment to advance cancer care in the Upstate through their support of the Prisma Health Cancer Institute. Their transformational gift—comprised of \$2.5 million in cash and a \$500,000 estate commitment—will strengthen patient care, enhance research, and expand education and training for clinical team members. In recognition of their generosity, the Prisma Health Cancer Institute–Eastside will be named the Kim Kopchinski Care Center, honoring Kim's compassion and the Kopchinski's dedication to improving the lives of those facing cancer in our community.

"Our family had several conversations about how to give back. And, when we were made aware of how our gift would dramatically improve the patient and staff experience across multiple cancer care facilities – we knew that was a great fit in how we were wanting to help."

– The Kopchinski Family



Advancing Maternal and Child Health

In June 2025, Samaritan Biologics made a \$1.5 million investment to help improve the health of women and children in South Carolina. Jerry Chang, COO of Samaritan Biologics, shared the inspiration for this gift – a belief that investing in women’s health is one of the most powerful ways to strengthen entire communities. Additionally, Jerry and the team at Samaritan Biologics recognized the passion, dedication, and excellence of the Prisma Health-Upstate Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The \$1.5 million gift will establish the Samaritan Biologics Endowed Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Dr. Kacey Eichelberger will be the inaugural chair. It is the largest single gift to the Prisma Health-Upstate Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology to date.

“Your gift is a game changer, a confidence booster, and a lifeline.”

– Kacey Eichelberger, MD., Samaritan Biologics Endowed Chair



Gratitude for Life-Saving Care

The Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation received a \$500,000 commitment from Dorothy and Steve Dowe to establish the Dowe Family Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Fund and support the William W. Kellett III, MD Scholarship Endowment at the USC School of Medicine Greenville. The gift will accelerate the growth of Prisma Health’s nationally recognized ECMO program, supporting new technology, expanded resources and direct assistance for patients and families, as well as supporting medical students by helping ease their financial burdens during school.

With the Dowe Family’s generosity, Prisma Health will add three new ECMO pumps – a \$400,000 investment that will nearly double the program’s capacity – significantly increasing access to care. In addition, the fund will provide financial support to families of patients currently receiving ECMO treatment to help temporarily offset living expenses.

“I’ve got such gratitude for the people who saved my life,” said Steve Dowe, former ECMO patient. “The doctors and this huge cast of people who propped me up for so long until I could stand up. I’m grateful to them.”

The remaining \$100,000 of the donation will support the William W. Kellett III, MD Scholarship Endowment for graduates of Wofford College at the USC School of Medicine Greenville. The endowment is named in memory of Bill Kellett, MD, husband of Lydia Kellett, who is a close friend of the Dowe family.

Bringing Our Community Together

Dragon Boat Upstate Festival

The Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation Dragon Boat Upstate Festival in May continues to be one of our most spirited community traditions, bringing teams together to paddle—and this year, pivot—for a purpose. In 2025, the event raised an incredible \$335,000 in support of cancer research and survivorship programs at the Prisma Health Cancer Institute. Although we weren't able to paddle on the water due to unexpected algae conditions, our participants' positivity, enthusiasm, and unwavering dedication transformed the challenge into a triumph. The creative "Land Activities," including sack races and corn hole, not only kept the competitive spirit alive but also deepened camaraderie and community among all teams.



WeCare Campaign

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors and individual donors, the WeCare Campaign raised an inspiring \$68,000 to benefit the Children's Hospital! Funds help purchase specialized children's medical equipment, distraction toys, and other meaningful "extras" that make hospital stays and life with chronic illness a little brighter. For the children and families we serve, these touches of comfort and joy mean the world.



Run4Life

In November 2024, our community came together in an incredible show of spirit and support—raising more than \$132,000 through Run4Life! This beloved annual event, hosted by the Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation, unites participants for a 5K run/walk and a 1-mile fun run, all in celebration of hope and healing. Proceeds directly benefit the Prisma Health Cancer Institute, the YMCA of Greenville County's LIVE STRONG program, and the Neighborhood Cancer Connection—helping to fund lifesaving cancer research and vital patient support programs. Together, we honor those touched by cancer and take meaningful strides toward a healthier future.



A Good Party

Community spirit was in full force at our inaugural A Good Party on October 3, 2025, as guests gathered at Judson Mill to enjoy local cuisine, live music, and interactive experiences—all in support of behavioral health. More than 500 donors, sponsors, community members, and volunteers came out to celebrate the Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation's inaugural fundraising event, with funds raised benefiting the new Prisma Behavioral Health Hospital in Easley. The hospital was featured as this year's beneficiary, as the event's fundraising focus will rotate annually to support a variety of impactful Prisma Health initiatives.



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Introducing the Compassion Circle

The Compassion Circle, driven by connection and generosity, brings transformative care to life—empowering our community with support and making a difference one meaningful gift at a time. This new giving society will recognize donors who make unrestricted gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation each fiscal year. As a Compassion Circle Member, your gifts will fuel micro-grants that enhance patient care, expand clinical education, and support team member well-being in the Upstate.

Become a member today: <https://prismahealthupstatefoundation.org/where-to-give/compassion-circle/>

The Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation Welcomes New Board Members!



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Thank You!

The Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation was established in 2023 with a commitment to improving the health of the communities we serve in the Upstate. Whether enhancing patient care and services, training the next generation of health care professionals, building healing environments, or catalyzing lifesaving research, philanthropic support makes a profound difference in the lives of patients and families we serve every day at Prisma Health.

In 2025, your generosity touched countless lives—bringing comfort to patients, hope to families, and strength to those who care for them. Thank you!

A brighter future of care.

Connecting our community's generosity to a healthier tomorrow for all.