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FISCAL YEAR 2026 IMPACT REPORT

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



What makes a community special?

I think it's the people. The people who see a need and step forward. The people who give their time, talents, and resources to make life better for someone else. The people who believe that together, we can accomplish something far greater than any one of us could do alone.

I've had the privilege of meeting many of these remarkable people through my involvement with Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation. One of the highlights of this past year was celebrating three extraordinary examples of the power of philanthropy through our annual philanthropy awards.

We recognized the Sargent Foundation, Karen Lommel, DO, and the Halter family. Three different stories, three different paths, but one shared belief in the power of generosity to change lives.

The Sargent Foundation, represented by trustees Teresa and Dr. Bob Wilson, received our B.K. Bryan Spirit of Philanthropy Award. Their longstanding commitment to health care and medical education has opened doors for future physicians, advanced innovation, and helped bring new hope to those facing mental health challenges. Their support of the new Prisma Health Behavioral Health Hospital is just one example of a philanthropic legacy that will touch lives for generations.

We also celebrated Karen Lommel, DO with our Be the Difference Award. Her leadership in helping bring the new Behavioral Health Hospital to life is extraordinary. But what inspires me most is the compassion behind her work. She sees the people behind the challenges and believes deeply that everyone deserves access to care, dignity, and hope.

And then there's the Halter family, recipients of our Spirit of Community Award. What began as a way to honor the memory of Caine Halter has grown into Run4Life, a beloved Greenville tradition that brings nearly 1,000 runners and walkers together each year in the fight against cancer. For nearly 20 years, this family has transformed personal loss into hope and healing for countless others. What a remarkable legacy.

These stories remind us that philanthropy is about so much more than the dollars we give. It's about the lives we touch, the relationships we build, and the possibilities we create for others.

Of course, these three stories represent just a small part of the incredible generosity that surrounds us. Throughout this report, you'll see what happens when individuals, families, clinicians, team members, businesses, and community partners come together around a common purpose.

To our award recipients, and to every person who has supported Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation, thank you. Together, we are connecting our community's generosity to a healthier tomorrow for all.

Here's to a brighter future of care!



Rion Smith, Chair
Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation



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



Karen Lommel, DO



The Halter Family

By the Numbers

$16.3M

in philanthropic commitments to Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation

3,775

donors supported the Foundation

$470K+

contributed by Prisma Health-Upstate team members demonstrating a shared commitment to advancing exceptional care and building healthier communities

$500K+

raised throughout the 20th Anniversary Dragon Boat Festival

575+

attendees of A Good Party helped support the Prisma Health Transplant Center this year

**numbers based on dollars raised in FY26 (10/1/2025-9/30/2026)*





Hope Forward Community Campaign: A Community United in Compassion

As Prisma Health prepares to open its new Behavioral Health Hospital on March 14, 2027, a powerful movement of generosity is helping turn a long-awaited vision into reality. In May, Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation launched its Hope Forward Community Campaign, inviting individuals, families, and businesses to join in creating a brighter future for behavioral health care across the Upstate. As Campaign Committee Co-Chair Dr. Harriet Van Hale shared during the launch, "Your support fuels something greater than just a building campaign."

Central to the community campaign was an invitation to "Join the Path to Healing," offering donors an opportunity to leave a lasting message of hope, remembrance, or gratitude through personalized pavers. Thanks to the generosity of 124 donors, these engraved pavers will create an inspirational pathway at the hospital's entrance, welcoming patients, families, and visitors with messages of encouragement and compassion. Each paver represents more than a philanthropic gift. Together, they reflect a community united in the belief that mental health is health and that everyone deserves access to compassionate care close to home.

The Hope Forward Community Campaign is ongoing, with a goal of reaching 112 new donors in honor of the 112 patients who will receive care in the new hospital.

A Transformational Gift. A Brighter Future.

Tecsys, a longtime technology partner to Prisma Health, made a historic $5 million philanthropic investment in the future of behavioral health care across the Upstate. The largest philanthropic gift supporting behavioral health in Prisma Health's history, this transformational contribution reflects the company's deep commitment to supporting children, families and the communities it serves. Tecsys recognized the Hope Forward Community Campaign as an opportunity to extend its impact beyond its work in health care supply chain solutions and make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and families.

During a special gift announcement celebration at the hospital's construction site, Tecsys leadership joined Prisma Health executives, clinicians, and Foundation representatives to recognize this extraordinary commitment. Tecsys co-founder and board chair David Brereton spoke about the importance of keeping families together during life's most difficult moments. The celebration included the unveiling of a rendering of the Tecsys Lobby, which will welcome patients and families into a place designed for healing, dignity and hope. Reflecting on the gift's significance, Brereton shared, "More people getting care close to home. More parents able to be near their children. More families getting support when they really need it. That's what matters."













A Gift Inspired by Exceptional Care

A transformational $3 million gift from John and Kimberly Kopchinski is helping shape the future of cancer care across the Upstate. The largest single gift to the Prisma Health Cancer Institute in the Upstate, their generosity will support capital improvements, innovative programs, education and training, research—including the Prevent Cancer Greenville initiative—and enhancements to the patient experience across multiple Cancer Institute locations. At the Eastside campus, the gift will also create welcoming outdoor respite areas for patients and team members and thoughtful indoor improvements designed to bring greater comfort throughout the care journey.

For the Kopchinski family, this extraordinary generosity is deeply personal. After Kimberly faced multiple cancer diagnoses and experienced firsthand the compassionate, expert care of Prisma Health physicians, nurses and team members, she and John wanted to express their gratitude in a way that would benefit patients and families for years to come. In recognition of their generosity and Kimberly's remarkable journey, Prisma Health Cancer Institute–Eastside has been named the Kimberly Kopchinski Care Center.

Their gratitude extends beyond philanthropy: John volunteers each Wednesday in the Eastside infusion center, offering patients the same warmth, encouragement and kindness that meant so much to their own family. Together, the Kopchinskis are turning gratitude for exceptional care into a lasting investment in hope, healing and a better experience for others facing cancer.

A Full-Circle Gift of Gratitude

For the Knight family, giving back to Prisma Health Children's Hospital–Upstate is deeply personal. Born weighing just two pounds, Jean F. Knight spent the first 48 days of her life in the Bryan Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), where the expertise and compassionate care of Dr. Jerry Ferlauto and a dedicated team of physicians and nurses helped give her a chance to thrive. Today, Jean's parents, Bob and Barbara Knight, are honoring those who cared for her through a generous gift to renovate the NICU Family Room, creating a welcoming space of comfort and respite for families navigating their own child's care journey.

In September 2026, the Knight family joined members of the NICU team to celebrate the newly renovated space and unveil special recognition honoring the caregivers who have made a lasting difference for generations of children and families. Their thoughtful gift is a beautiful expression of gratitude, transforming one family's experience into a lasting source of comfort, hope, and support for countless others.







Prisma Health's inaugural Elevate donors are recognized for their generosity and shared commitment to creating a healthier tomorrow.

Elevating Our Mission Through Generosity

Every day, Prisma Health team members dedicate their time and expertise to caring for patients and strengthening the health of our communities. Through Prisma Health's Team Member Giving Campaign, they take that commitment one step further by personally investing in the projects, programs and services that make exceptional care possible. This past fiscal year, their collective generosity resulted in nearly $468,000 in philanthropic support, demonstrating a shared belief in Prisma Health's purpose and the power of giving back.

To celebrate our extraordinary team members, Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation hosted its inaugural Elevate recognition event, honoring 102 team members who each contributed $1,000 or more during the fiscal year. Together, these inaugural Elevate donors set an inspiring example of philanthropic leadership. The celebration brought together team members and Prisma Health leadership for an evening of gratitude, recognition and connection. The Foundation is grateful to these dedicated individuals who are helping establish a meaningful tradition of generosity, demonstrating that those who care for our community every day are also personally invested in building a healthier tomorrow for all.

The Catalyst Fund: Small Investments. Meaningful Impact.

Through the generosity of donors, Prisma Health–Upstate Foundation's Catalyst Fund is helping put innovative ideas into practice. One way it accomplishes this is through a new micro-grant program that empowers Prisma Health team members to submit proposals – up to $5,000 – to fund innovative, compassionate solutions that will enhance patient care and health outcomes in the Upstate. Our Foundation board of directors is excited to invest in the creativity and insight of our frontline teams, knowing that the best ideas often come from those closest to the work.

And the impact of these investments is already taking shape. A $5,000 grant to the Prisma Health Upstate Mobile Health Clinic helped provide essential medical supplies and outreach resources, supporting efforts that reached more than 8,400 patient and community contacts during the first eight months of 2026. Another $5,000 grant to the Bradshaw Institute supported infant safety education and resources, including sleep sacks and childproofing kits, helping families create safer environments for their children. Through investments like these, the Catalyst Fund demonstrates how philanthropy can spark innovation, empower caregivers and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.







Bringing Our Community Together

Dragon Boat Upstate Festival



This beloved community tradition continues to bring teams together on Lake Hartwell in Anderson, South Carolina, united by a shared commitment to making a difference. This year's festival raised more than $500,000 to support cancer prevention and early detection services, advance cancer research, and provide free survivorship resources for individuals and families impacted by cancer.

Run4Life



In November 2025, the 18th annual Run4Life brought our community together at the Caine Halter Family YMCA to honor the legacy of Caine Halter and celebrate the strength of all those impacted by cancer. Through a 5K run/walk and 1-mile fun run, participants helped raise more than $145,000 to support cancer research and patient care programs right here in the Upstate. Hosted by Prisma Health–Upstate Foundation, the event benefits the Prisma Health Cancer Institute, YMCA of Greenville County's LIVESTRONG program, and Neighborhood Cancer Connection. Each step taken and every dollar raised reflects a shared commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families.

A Good Party



A splash of Miami flair brought downtown Greenville to life on October 2, 2026, as more than 575 guests gathered for Prisma Health–Upstate Foundation's second annual A Good Party. The vibrant evening featured live entertainment, culinary creations from local chefs and interactive experiences, all while bringing our community together for a meaningful cause. This year's event benefited the Prisma Health Transplant Center, supporting lifesaving transplant care and the patients and families who depend on it. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, donors, volunteers and community partners, A Good Party continues to demonstrate how coming together for a good time can make a lasting difference.

Welcome, New Board Member



Veera Gaul

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With Heartfelt Gratitude

Every gift tells a story of compassion, generosity and a shared commitment to making a difference. Throughout 2026, your support has helped expand access to care, advance innovative treatments and research, create healing environments, and bring comfort and hope to patients and families across the Upstate.

These meaningful achievements are possible because of you. Together, we are building a brighter future of care and connecting our community's generosity to a healthier tomorrow for all.

From all of us at Prisma Health–Upstate Foundation, thank you for being part of this extraordinary journey.

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