100 Ways to Make a Difference.

Transformative care requires a substantial commitment. In tools. In technology and in exceptional people whose compassionate care makes the difference for families with critical medical needs. In 2016, we made that commitment, launching a bold, five-year initiative to raise $35 million dollars to improve patient care.

It’s a grand vision that will unfold in a million little moments as we work together with you to mend broken lives. The following are just some of the ways that your gift will make a difference, providing families with the innovative medicine and compassionate care that have made us a regional leader for nearly a century while helping us prepare for the challenges of tomorrow.
1. Establish the country’s first engineering-based medical college—Carle Illinois College of Medicine
2. Fund an interactive patient education system allowing staff to personalize education, improve care and promote optimal outcomes
3. Support the Carle Foundation Hospital-Beckman Institute Fellowship, giving PhD or MD/PhD graduates a chance to conduct research in oncology and neuroscience
4. Purchase emergency epinephrine cabinets for local schools to keep children and staff safe during a severe allergic reaction
5. Fund UV Flash Units, providing sterilization to protect patients from disease transmission
6. Install web cameras at every bed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), keeping families connected to their babies when distance keeps them from visiting

At Carle, charitable gifts advance INNOVATIVE MEDICINE by helping us:
7. Purchase a device that can identify early signs of lymphedema in breast cancer patients
8. Sponsor The Russel D. Acton Professional Practice Series to increase the knowledge base of Carle staff and other area healthcare providers
9. Purchase the Vectra 3D Imaging System, helping breast cancer patients envision how reconstructive surgery will impact their appearance
10. Publish Carle Selected Papers, a biannual medical journal featuring articles on new techniques or procedures, significant research findings, healthcare policy and administrative topics, topic reviews and trends in medicine and healthcare
11. Give Infant CPR Anytime® kits to new NICU parents so they and other family members can learn how to perform infant CPR or relieve a choking infant
12. Fund ongoing breast cancer research at the Biomedical Research Center at Mills Breast Cancer Institute
13. Purchase a state-of-the-art swallowing evaluation equipment that allows staff to evaluate patients at the bedside
14. Offset the costs of a treadmill for pediatric Cystic Fibrosis patients
15. Fund a walkable and mini treadmill for infants and toddlers receiving physical therapy
16. Purchase a wireless system that transmits a teacher’s voice directly into the ears of a child with severe hearing loss
17. Supply breast pumps clinically proven to improve the pumping efficiency and effectiveness of mothers with premature infants
18. Fund research projects to further our understanding of and search for effective treatments for gastrointestinal diseases like Irritable Bowel Syndrome
19. Purchase defibrillators for area community agencies
20. Provide an EKG machine for Frances Nelson Health Center
21. Establish the Parent-Child Interaction Therapy Program to treat young children with emotional and behavioral disorders and improve parent-child relationships
22. Purchase state-of-the-art classroom technology, toys, games and storage for Carle Auditory Oral School
23. Offset the cost of a vein finder for staff and patients at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center
24. Purchase exercise equipment to help cardiac patients recover and reduce the risk of future heart problems
25. Pilot a house calls program for homebound patients in and around Mahomet
26. Purchase state-of-the-art vision screening systems for Carle’s Eye Department
27. Fund the surgical skills laboratory, an area designated for the training of surgeons
28. Purchase advanced patient care manikins to help train nurses, health technicians and other clinical personnel
29. Cover costs for nursing staff to attend medical conferences and obtain certifications in medical specialties such as critical care
30. Invest in research on optical coherence tomography, technology that uses light to image biological tissue and detect disease, such as cancer.
31. Subsidize the Internal Medicine Residency, an accredited, community-based, university-affiliated program that combats physician shortages by preparing resident physicians.
32. Purchase a driving simulator designed to boost the confidence of rehabilitation patients behind the wheel.
33. Fund the Family Medicine Residency retreat for educational and team-building purposes.
34. Provide the Dickinson Geriatrics Scholarship to third-year residents, providing an opportunity to further their interest in geriatric medicine.
35. Reward and recognize Nurse Exemplars who demonstrate expertise, professionalism, mentoring, community service and passion.
36. Purchase iPads for hospice patients so they can video chat with family and friends who aren’t able to be with them at end of life.
37. Advance Carle’s glioblastoma brain cancer research.
38. Offset the costs of educational seminars for various medical professionals looking to gain new skills in their medical focus.
39. Purchase an ECMO simulator to help train staff on how to accurately use a life-saving machine to remove carbon dioxide from blood and infuse it with life-giving oxygen before returning it to the body.
40. Fund research on triple-negative breast cancer, an extremely aggressive form of cancer.
41. Purchase equipment used in research on diabetic retinopathy.
42. Supply video and voice recording devices for Carle Hospice, allowing patients to share stories and memories with their loved ones.
43. Invest in research on iron deficiency and neuropyschiatric disorders.
44. Create the Carle Tissue Repository, providing a centralized resource to collect, store and use human specimen samples and corresponding medical information for research.
45. Purchase iPads to help families understand the discharge process.
46. Support a coaster paging system in the surgical waiting room, giving families and friends freedom to leave the waiting room while waiting for updates.
47. Supply phone charging stations for waiting rooms on Carle’s main campus and at regional sites.
48. Fund research on asthma and obesity in children.
49. Purchase carts for Carle’s cardiac lead extraction program, enabling staff to store disposable supplies in one area to maintain efficiency.
50. Provide automatic pill dispensers and fall prevention tools for Alzheimer’s patients.
51. Cover the operational costs of the Carle Auxiliary Guest House, where family members with critically ill loved ones at Carle Foundation Hospital can find respite at no cost.

52. Support Carle’s Child Life Specialists as they educate, prepare and support children through difficult tests and procedures that are often associated with hospital stays.

53. Purchase a specialty care transport ambulance, making medical transport trips safer and more comfortable for children and families in our region and beyond.

54. Fund scholarships for Carle staff members pursuing bachelor’s degrees in nursing.

55. Maintain the Linda Mills Legacy Garden and the oncology garden in Danville and Mattoon, giving cancer patients a sanctuary where they can connect with nature to promote healing.

At Carle, charitable gifts enhance COMPASSIONATE CARE by helping us:
56. Sponsor Camp Healing Heart, the only camp of its kind in east central Illinois that helps children learn to cope with the death of a loved one

57. Integrate faith and medical communities through the Community Parish Nurse Program, an award-winning, nationally recognized program located right here in east central Illinois

58. Support the Food Allergy Education Program, offering research-based food allergy education to help create a safer environment for children and adolescents

59. Stock nourishment stations so patients and their caregivers can help themselves to complimentary snacks and drinks during treatment

60. Sustain the ECHO Learning Garden, promoting hands on learning for children with hearing loss

61. Sponsor weekly, live musical performances in the atrium of Carle Cancer Center to help lift the spirits of patients, caregivers and medical staff

62. Create the Tree of Life donor wall, honoring those who gave the gift of hope by donating organs and tissue

63. Support cancer survivors by covering the cost of yoga classes

64. Encourage reading by providing books for Prescription to Read, a program that rewards well-child visits in pediatrician offices

65. Fund Breast Cancer Treatment Handbooks for all newly diagnosed breast cancer patients

66. Send nurses to the annual Magnet Conference, where they can learn best practices and network with colleagues from around the nation

67. Sponsor the Cancer Survivor’s Retreat where attendees receive an opportunity to connect with experts and share experiences with others on the same journey

68. Purchase outdoor playground equipment that does not produce static so that students from the Carle Auditory Oral School can play safely without fear of damaging their cochlear implant

69. Give mastectomy and lumpectomy patients a special care bag designed to ease their fears and aid in their comfort and recovery

70. Outfit the hospital’s oncology family lounge with a child-sized table and chairs and wall-mounted games

71. Fund dozens of support groups geared to a number of health issues, including cancer, cardiomyopathy, pulmonary rehab, ostomy and other chronic conditions

72. Purchase infusion chairs to enhance the comfort of patients who must spend many hours, multiple times a week receiving treatment

73. Provide break boxes filled with needed nourishment and information for patients as they start their treatment regimen

74. Purchase new toys, gaming systems, movies and books for the hospital’s Pediatrics Unit, including toys for patients with sensory disorders, developmental delays and autism

75. Install a waterfall climber in the hospital’s pediatric unit, where kids can climb, climb, scoot and slide in a soft and safe environment

76. Provide backpacks for pediatric diabetic patients filled with items to help them manage their disease
77. Create child-friendly medical spaces in the Emergency Department
78. Maintain a fish aquarium in Pediatrics to entertain and calm patients, families and visitors
79. Provide supplies for pediatric weight management starter packets
80. Offer tuition assistance to students at Carle Auditory Oral School
81. Give comfort toys to children undergoing outpatient surgery
82. Create more kid-friendly spaces to combat boredom and pre-appointment nervousness at locations in the Hoopeston region
83. Purchase infant swings, infant-to-toddler rockers, crib bumpers, infant crib mirrors and crib mobiles for our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
84. Buy eyeglasses for low-income individuals in partnership with Frances Nelson Health Center
85. Educate those who are interested in babysitting by funding Safe Sitter classes
86. Fund keepsake impression kits and annual memorial service for families to experience a pregnancy or infant loss
87. Provide an Infant Memorial Garden on Carle’s main campus, giving families a chance to acknowledge their profound loss and honor their babies’ memory
88. Host an annual Neonatal Intensive Care Unit reunion for alumni and parents to reconnect with the physicians, nurses and other staff who cared for them
89. Provide care bags packed with items to ease stress and make extended hospital stays more comfortable for families of critical care patients
90. Stock waiting rooms and family lounges with materials to help patients and families pass the time during appointments and treatment
91. Give comfort bags to patients and their families to keep them physically, emotionally and spiritually comfortable during end of life
92. Purchase insulated cooler bags for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit moms who need to transport breast milk
93. Buy scales and blood pressure monitors and cuffs for heart failure patients
94. Fund sit-to-stand and total body lifts for Carle’s orthopedic unit
95. Supply blanket warmers for hospital units
96. Pay for inpatient rehabilitation leisure group activities such as craft supplies, laptops, DVD players, movies and games
97. Cover one-time assistance with medications for low-income patients
98. Purchase walkers for patient rooms to encourage safe patient mobility during hospital stays
99. Give abdominal splinting pillows, helping patients take deep breaths and increase activity following surgery
100. Offer front-closing robes to radiation patients for comfort and warmth as they walk to and from radiation appointments
As co-chairs of our VISION 2020 campaign, Rick and Jeanene Stephens made a leadership commitment to establish the Stephens Family Clinical Research Institute. Their gift will transform patient care in our community and beyond by enabling discoveries and developing best practices that will result in higher quality healthcare.

Retired Carle physician Elizabeth C. Hosick, MD, made a major contribution, committing to help Carle expand and renovate its rehabilitation services. With her gift, the new Hosick Rehabilitation Center features more square footage, private patient rooms, a low-distraction gym, a daily living apartment replica and an upgraded patient/family waiting area.

The Mills family provided a substantial gift to establish the Mills Breast Cancer Institute. Their generous donation helped make Carle a beacon of hope for breast cancer patients and a center for new treatment options that could one day make this dreaded disease a distant memory of the past.

Dr. Eugene Greenberg joined Carle’s Gastroenterology Department in 1968. To honor his distinguished career, the Greenberg family made a significant commitment to establish the Greenberg Digestive Health Institute, where philanthropy supports clinical care, research and education.

When a Name Transforms Healthcare.

Sometimes change takes place in small moments. And sometimes, it moves forward with great strides made possible by the generous gifts of those with a vision to transform care in our community.
Every Gift Makes a Difference.

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference in the lives of our patients. If you believe in our mission to provide local families with life-changing care, we invite you to join us. Your gift today makes a difference for someone tomorrow.

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