

# A Shared Purpose to Serve and Heal

SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation Annual Impact Report 2024



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## Our Mission:

Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.



## Our Vision:

Peace, hope, and health for every person, family, and community, especially those most in need.



## Our Values:

- Compassion
- Respect
- Excellence
- Stewardship
- Community

## Message from the board chair and vice president

Dear Saints supporters,

As we reflect upon the past year, we are filled with immense gratitude for your generosity and commitment to our Mission.

2024 was a record-breaking year for SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation! Thanks to your generous support, we had our most successful Saints Ball and overall fundraising year to date – raising \$7.8M in total. Thanks to your efforts, we are tirelessly focused upon providing more patients with exceptional health care services to reveal the healing presence of God. This year, the St. Anthony Foundation provided over \$4M to our ministries, enabling them to purchase advanced and lifesaving technology, make critical capital improvements, and ensure all patients, especially those in need, receive the care they deserve.

One of our goals in 2024 was to build more partnerships with neighboring agencies and funders to expand our reach and impact more patients and caregivers. Thanks to a partnership with the Reach for the Stars Foundation we have been able to award over 30 full-ride scholarships to SSM Health Oklahoma employees – with the number of scholarships to double each year! Additionally, a partnership with the Mental Health Association Oklahoma through Mobile Street Medicine is assisting our communities' most vulnerable unhoused residents with on-site medical and mental health care – addressing a critical gap in health care access.



SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital has several exciting new capital projects in the works, including the new Love Family Entrance! Thanks to a generous challenge grant from the Mabee Foundation, your gift will have double the impact by helping us meet the Mabee Challenge. Join us in making this dream a reality by raising the remaining \$1,483,000 to make a lasting difference!

Your belief in our Mission fuels everything we do. Because of your support, the St. Anthony Foundation strives to fulfill the vision of our founding sisters, peace, hope, and health for every person, family, and community, especially those most in need.

**On behalf of the entire Foundation and the countless patients whose lives have been touched by your kindness, we extend our heartfelt thanks. We look forward to continuing this journey with you in the year ahead.**

With gratitude,



**Linda Whittington**  
Chair, SSM Health Oklahoma -  
St. Anthony Foundation Board



**Lynann Sterk-Brooks**  
Regional Vice President, Philanthropy  
SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation

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**This year, the generosity of our community has been nothing short of extraordinary. Thanks to the incredible support of our donors, the St. Anthony Foundation has set a record for fundraising, enabling us to continue our unwavering commitment to patient care. Through our exceptional healthcare services, we reveal the healing presence of God, and this milestone will help us further that Mission. Your generosity will have a lasting impact, advancing medical innovation, enhancing services, and strengthening our ability to care for those in need. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of those we serve.**

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**Joe Hodges**

Regional President, SSM Health Oklahoma





# Story of impact

## Good Genes, Great Doctors, and the Power of Compassion

Gene Rainbolt often attributed his long life to “good genes.” But those who knew him understood there was more to the story – his resilience, his unwavering optimism, and, as he often said, the extraordinary doctors and caregivers who saved his life, not once, but twice.

Born and raised in Oklahoma, Gene built a legacy of leadership and service. Even in his 90s, he remained deeply engaged in his community, working tirelessly to make the state a better place. But despite his strong spirit, there were moments when even his legendary determination wasn’t enough – times when expert medical care made all the difference.

The first time was when he fell gravely ill with sepsis while traveling in California. As his condition worsened, Gene knew he needed care from people who truly knew him – doctors who understood his health history, his resilience, and his will to fight. He returned to SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital, where Dr. Gigi Toma and her team intervened just in time, stabilizing his dangerously low blood pressure and saving his life.

Then, in March 2020 at age 91, Gene faced his greatest battle yet. He was diagnosed with COVID-19 at the very beginning of the pandemic, becoming one of the first patients at St. Anthony Hospital to fight the virus. With no proven treatments and an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear, his doctors—Dr. Jeffrey Hirsch, Dr. Randy Allen, and many others – stood by him, navigating uncharted waters to give him the best possible chance of survival.

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Gene Rainbolt

Alone in his hospital room, struggling to breathe, Gene remembered the moment he considered whether to take another breath or simply let go. But then, Dr. Allen stood by his side, encouraging him: “Breathe in through your nose, out through your mouth.” That simple yet powerful support kept Gene fighting. In the days that followed, Dr. Allen even brought him milkshakes from Braum’s – a small but meaningful gesture that reminded Gene how much people cared about him.

“The support I got and the help I received gave me the psychological strength to continue to try to improve,” Gene recalled.

After weeks of battling the virus, Gene made it home. He described the moment as nothing short of heaven – seeing the sunlight, the trees, the flowers, and feeling the warmth of life once again. But what struck him most was the dedication and bravery of the SSM Health St. Anthony team. The doctors, nurses, and caregivers who risked their own safety to stand by his side weren’t just medical professionals; they were heroes.

Gene Rainbolt’s life was a testament to resilience, gratitude, and the power of compassionate care. While we lost this legendary leader early this year, his story remains a shining example of the impact that world-class medical care – made possible by donor support – can have on a life.

# Our impact



**\$4.2 million** received in funding for technical advancements.



Awarded **\$177,287 for nursing scholarships** and educational advancement for students.



Supplied clothing and essential items to **over a thousand vulnerable patients** in need.



**1,575 free prescriptions** provided to more than **600 patients** who could not afford them.



## SSM Health St. Anthony Affiliate Health Network: Bigger than us

At SSM Health St. Anthony, we believe health care is best delivered locally. That's why we've partnered to create the SSM Health St. Anthony Affiliate Health Network - working closely with hospitals across Oklahoma to keep care close to home. For patients, this means easy access to St. Anthony specialists without the time and expense of traveling to Oklahoma City. From rural outreach clinics to telehealth, we're proud to collaborate with 16 affiliate hospitals. Our goal is to provide high-quality, convenient care right in Oklahomans' own neighborhoods.

### SSM Health owned

SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Oklahoma City

SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Midwest City

SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Seminole

SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Shawnee

### SSM Health affiliate

Carnegie Tri-County Municipal Hospital - Carnegie

Elkview General Hospital - Hobart

Great Plains Regional Medical Center - Elk City

Mangum Regional Medical Center - Mangum

McAlester Regional Health Center - McAlester

Pawhuska Hospital - Pawhuska

Prague Regional Memorial Hospital - Prague

Roger Mills Memorial Hospital - Cheyenne

Rural Wellness Anadarko - Anadarko

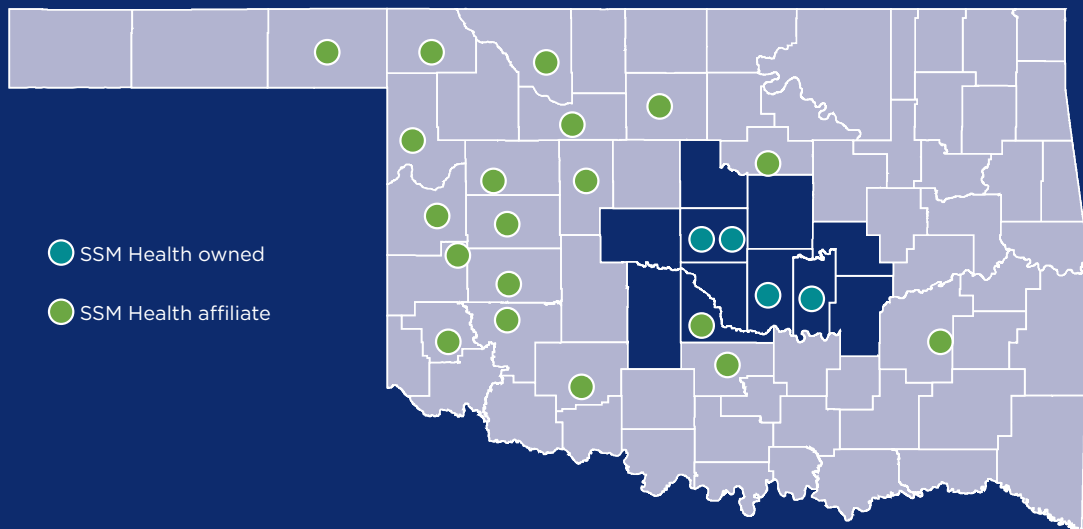
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Rural Wellness Stroud - Stroud

Seiling Community Hospital - Seiling

Southwestern Medical Center - Lawton

Valley Community Hospital - Pauls Valley





## Community collaborations



### Mobile Street Medicine Team

SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital and SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation have partnered with

the Mental Health Association since the inception of Oklahoma City's first Mobile Street Medicine Team, a transformative initiative designed to provide on-site medical and mental health care to the homeless. In the first six months of 2024, this team served 341 unique individuals and successfully diverted 104 participants from emergency room visits.

### Medical Respite Shelter Initiative

As part of our ongoing work to address social determinants of health, SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital is collaborating with SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation and our newest partner, City Care, to support the new Medical Respite Shelter. The shelter will offer an alternative to keeping patients experiencing homelessness in the hospital or discharging them to shelters or the streets. Several hospital leaders are serving on the project task force, and SSM Health Oklahoma is providing funding through our community health initiatives. SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation is also assisting with joint fundraising efforts to help those experiencing homelessness in our communities.

The Medical Respite Shelter will provide an integrated care model, including:

- 24/7 access to a bed and three meals per day
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Access to a phone for telehealth and medical communications
- Secure storage for personal items
- Daily wellness checks and case management for medical/social needs
- Documentation support and housing navigation
- On-site clinical services, chronic condition management, and medication management
- Behavioral health services
- 24/7 staffing and on-call medical support
- Care coordination with home health providers

This comprehensive model will support patients' recovery and transition to home-based care.

### Saints and Stars Program

Oklahoma City University's Kramer School of Nursing partners with SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital and the Foundation through the Saints and Stars program. This partnership aims to address the critical nursing shortage in Oklahoma. The program allows OCU nursing students to

work part-time at St. Anthony Hospital while completing their degree. In addition to the work experience, students receive a \$3,500 annual scholarship from SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation and a \$5,000 annual discount on tuition from OCU.

Beyond the financial benefits, the partnership provides hands-on learning opportunities. Students can participate in clinical rotations, a summer nurse extern program, and paid leadership hours at SSM Health Oklahoma facilities. They'll also be paired with a nurse mentor to guide them.

### 8th Street Urban Farms

8th Street Urban Farms is an organization that is increasing access to locally grown, healthy produce for those in need in our community. SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital proudly partners with 8th Street Urban Farms by contributing funding and providing agricultural space on our Midtown campus. Through this partnership, we can supply the fresh, nutritious produce grown at 8th Street Urban Farms to families in need at our SSM Health Family Medicine Clinic.



### Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities has been a long-standing partner of SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation. Through this partnership, the Foundation's Sisters Fund provides prescription medications to those in need. In 2024, 485 individuals received vital, life saving medications thanks to this collaborative effort – medications they may have otherwise gone without.

### Reach for the Stars

In 2023, SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital introduced an exciting new 'Reach for the Stars' scholarship program. This initiative aims to empower and support employees in pursuing registered nursing degrees by covering the full cost of their nursing education. Given the severe nursing shortage impacting the country, this program couldn't be timelier. In 2024, 36 employees benefitted from this award, and the hospital was excited to celebrate and assist them in achieving their dream of becoming nurses.



# By the numbers

**You** are the reason we can **support our patients** in the ways they need, each and every year. It is through your generosity, that SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation supports SSM Health Oklahoma ministries and aides them in fulfilling their Mission to reveal the healing presence of God through exceptional health care services. **Because of you**, we can ensure our vision of providing “peace, hope and health for every person, family and community – **especially those most in need.**



Total  
**\$7.8m**

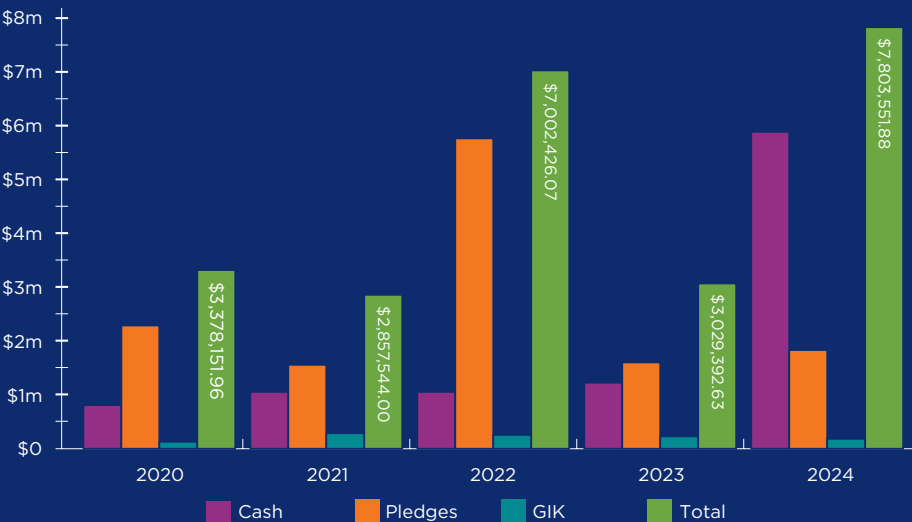


Number of gifts  
**16,303**



Total donors  
**2,221**

Year-to-date revenues comparison



## Events

### POP!

Your generous support is essential for SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital to continue its vital work. Together, we have the power to make a real, positive difference in people's lives. That's why it's our honor to host POP! each year. This event is our way of expressing our gratitude and strengthening our relationship with you – all while celebrating the incredible impact of your support.



### Saints Ball 2024: *Advance to GO!*

The SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation held its annual Saints Ball on Friday, November 1st, at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Saints Ball 2024: *Advance to GO!* raised a record-breaking \$939,266 toward establishment of the SSM Health St. Anthony Comprehensive Digestive Care Center. Event co-chairs were Dr. Tauseef and Ammara Ali and Kim and Joe O'Connor. The colorful, Monopoly-themed event was attended by 750 and featured live and silent auctions, assorted raffles, and even an onstage jail to which attendees could dispatch other guests "without passing GO!" all in the name of fundraising fun.



### iCare, iGive

At SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital, our employees do more than just carry out the Mission – they fully support it with their gifts. Our staff have the opportunity to be leaders, setting an example and demonstrating their pride in the work of St. Anthony Hospital by donating to our workplace giving program. Last year, we celebrated an incredible achievement as our iCare iGive campaign raised a record-breaking \$370,067 – the largest fundraising effort to date.



## Help us to move Saints *Forward!*

For more than 125 years, SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital has provided high-quality care to individuals across Oklahoma City. However, as our patient population grows, our current West Entrance no longer meets the needs of today's patients and visitors. It presents significant barriers, particularly for vulnerable populations such as the elderly, disabled, or those with serious medical conditions. Currently, individuals must cross Lee Avenue, a busy downtown street, contend with unpredictable weather, and navigate stairs and a congested drop-off area.

The new Love Family Entrance will address these challenges by creating a safe, sheltered, and ground-level entrance directly connected to the hospital's existing parking garage. This design will eliminate the need to cross the street, improving safety, especially for individuals with mobility issues.

Our current 3,248-square-foot lobby is insufficient for the volume of patients and families we serve, with over 165,000 patient visits annually. The expanded lobby, at 13,134 square feet, will include dedicated spaces for family gatherings, quiet zones for prayer or reflection, and a peaceful outdoor area with green spaces, walking paths, and seating, providing much needed respite for those in emotional distress.

Tom and Judy Love exemplified decades of dedicated support and visionary leadership for St. Anthony Hospital. Tom's parents, and Margaret Love, were notable volunteers and benefactors. Through their \$5,000,000 lead gift to support the Love Family Entrance, they expressed deep gratitude to the hospital's physicians and caregivers for their exceptional service to their family and many others.

### **You can leave a lasting impact today.**

Donor Wall recognition begins at \$10,000 and Individual Naming Rights begin at \$150,000. With your support, we will bring this vision to life, enhancing access, comfort, and safety for all who enter. St. Anthony Hospital is excited to announce a transformative opportunity, thanks to a generous \$2 million challenge grant from the Mabee Foundation. This grant brings the hospital one step closer to its vision of enhancing patient care through an expanded, accessible, and welcoming environment. However, to fully unlock this funding, the hospital needs the support of the community to raise the remaining \$1,483,000. This is more than just a donation—it's a chance to make a lasting impact on the hospital's future, ensuring a space where patients, families, and caregivers can receive the best care possible.



Join us in this exciting  
opportunity to make a  
lasting difference!



# A shared purpose to serve and heal

SSM Health St. Anthony Foundation exists to inspire financial and spiritual support of the SSM Health Mission by building personal relationships and community engagement.



## Make a gift

Give your gift online. Choose the fund you wish to support.

[givetossmhealth.org/SupportStAnthony](https://givetossmhealth.org/SupportStAnthony)

# Saints**Forward**

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