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Building on Your Impact



For an entire year, we have been focusing on *Forever Forward*, our current fundraising initiative fueling a future, world-class center on our Good Samaritan Hospital campus. Though this forward focus is even in the name of the initiative, I have found myself this fall season reflecting backward on the amount of tremendous success and impact made by our Foundation Family this past fiscal year.

Not only were record-breaking amounts raised at our Good Samaritans' 38th Annual Gala and awarded to Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science students in scholarship support, but also I'm proud to share that the Foundation completed our fiscal year this past June with **a grand total of \$6.3 million cash gifts to make an impact throughout the Good Samaritan Region – the highest amount raised in Good Samaritan Foundation's history.** As a member of our Foundation Family, I want to thank you for your investment and dedication to the work we are doing, to *Forever Forward*, and to the lives that we serve at Good Sam.

In this fall 2023 edition of *Compassionate Giving*, you'll gain a first-hand look at the impact made through our Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report. Following this look backward, you'll get a look forward into the exciting advancements and updates surrounding *Forever Forward* and the enhanced access, innovation, and patient experience that will be present in the new center. You'll have the opportunity to dive into an update surrounding philanthropic programs, like the Seton/TriHealth Summer Employment Program, and the success of the Good Samaritan Hospital Guild's year-end impact. Additionally, you'll learn from GSC President Judy Kronenberger and student Danielle Hammock. They share how the College is investing in students, allowing them to "Become a healer" by offering new programs designed to propel them into the workforce with intention, combatting the issue of predicted shortages of health care workers.

I hope you enjoy the stories of impact in the pages to come, keeping in mind that these successes are made possible only by your partnership and investment in Good Samaritan Foundation. Thank you for being a part of this Foundation Family!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary L. Rafferty". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mary L. Rafferty
President and Chief Executive Officer
Good Samaritan Foundation

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On the Cover:

An aerial view and internal renderings of the new center that is scheduled to be built at Good Samaritan Hospital. The project is being fueled by Forever *Forward*.

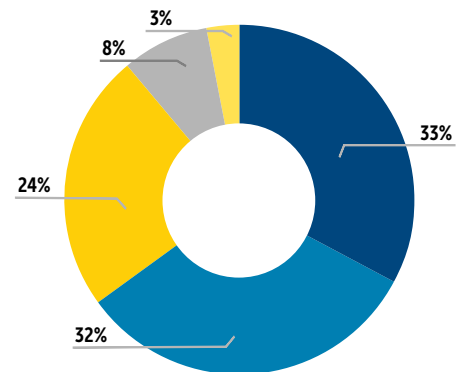


Making a Difference

Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report

Contributions:

Trust/Estates	\$2,203,349	33%
Foundations	\$2,187,631	32%
Individuals	\$1,568,793	24%
Business/Corporations	\$523,905	8%
Guild	\$181,337	3%
Total	\$6,665,016	100%



Distributions: Areas of Impact

Caring for the Community	\$2,214,918	53%
Educating the Caregivers of Tomorrow	\$936,273	23%
Innovating the Future of Care through Research	\$521,118	13%
Supporting Patients and Families	\$266,227	6%
Creating Healing Environments	\$194,337	5%
Total	\$4,132,873	100%

Areas of Impact

Caring for the Community

At the Free Health Center, a grant allowed the dental staff to begin a prosthetics program. Patients now have replacement options for their missing teeth, including full and partial dentures that will improve oral function, aesthetics, health, and overall wellness.



Educating the Caregivers of Tomorrow

At Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science, a record \$368,050 was awarded, providing 108 scholarships to 66 students for the 2022/2023 academic year.



Innovating the Future of Care through Research

Along with medical research comes many regulations. Until this past year, the Hatton Research Institute relied on a manual process to create and approve required regulatory documents. However, due to seed money from the Medical Education Research Fund, Hatton was able to purchase e-regulatory software. This software—which will benefit all research throughout the entire TriHealth system—will increase efficiency, accuracy, and ultimately increase the system’s capacity to perform more research to benefit our collective future.



Supporting Patients and Families

The Rehabilitation Department received funding for an aView Advanced Monitor and PatCom FEES Workstation. A Functional Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) is the gold standard for swallow function assessment. This equipment benefits patients with brain injury and stroke, head and neck cancer, progressive neurological diseases, and post-intubation care.



Creating Healing Environments

A new Solarium, funded by the Tri-State Maternal-Fetal Medicine physicians, opened in FY23 on the 12th floor to offer a comfortable, dedicated space for families affected by high-risk pregnancies. The space includes an indoor and outdoor seating area, a pool table, a kitchenette, and a designated play space for young children. The Solarium was dedicated in memory of Dr. Kim Brady and Dr. William Polzin.



Good Samaritan Foundation Board of Trustees

The Foundation welcomes new Board of Trustees members Paul W. Edgett, III, Sister Annie Klapheke, SC, and Melody Weil, in addition to Darlene Ambach, the new member serving as the Good Samaritan Hospital Guild Representative. As we welcome new individuals, we also say farewell and express gratitude to Phyllis Adams, Sister Lois Goettke, SC, Chris Smith, and Guild Representative Candy Hart for their dedication and commitment to the Foundation and those we serve.



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Let us reintroduce ourselves!



Left to right back row:
Kelly Vance,
Catie Schafer,
Lori Finamore,
Lindsey Jarvis;
Left to right front row:
Tori Monson,
Kelly Rowland,
Mary Rafferty,
Rebecca Stratton

Good Samaritan Foundation Team

Maybe you're new to the Foundation Family, or perhaps you've been with us for a while. Regardless, it's always nice to put a face to a name! We are a small but mighty team of eight under the direction of whom we like to call our "fearless leader," **Mary Rafferty, President and CEO.** Mary has been with Good Samaritan Hospital and TriHealth for 36 years, with 28 of those leading the Foundation. During Mary's tenure, the Foundation's assets have grown from \$7.1 million to \$90.7 million, helping donors make an impact on the Hospital, College of Nursing and Health Science, and Free Health Center. She's fueled by skinny vanilla chai lattes, a busy weekly calendar, and intentional fun time with her favorite kiddos - her grandkids, Brooks and Baylor.

Kelly Rowland, Director of Development, leads the major and planned gifts program and recently has been hyper-focused on the *Forever Forward* fundraising initiative, ensuring we hit our \$30 million goal. To know her is to love her, and her bubbly personality is contagious.

Kelly Vance, Manager, is the one overseeing projects, policies, financial reporting, data systems, and all the little details – she rarely misses a beat! She makes implementing an annual fundraising plan and overseeing a record-breaking gala look easy.

Tori Monson, Foundation Officer, is the newest addition to the team and has quickly taken on a portion of the major and planned gifts program and the Good Samaritan Hospital Guild, among other programs. With a drive to go above and beyond, she's so good at her role you'd never suspect she came from a background in law enforcement!

Lori Finamore, Donor Relations Specialist, makes sure your donations are properly documented, and as our office's Serving Others, Achieving Results (SOAR) Champion, you can guarantee no one's big life event

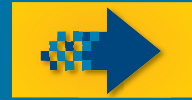
goes unnoticed. She's always planning the next birthday lunch or team outing, giving us a much-needed opportunity to celebrate wins.

Lindsey Jarvis, Specialty Foundation Officer, is the keeper of the funds and the writer of the grants. With a sincere passion for Good Sam, she is thorough in her work, radiates kindness, and is thoughtful in her interactions with others.

Catie Schafer, Administrative Officer, is the glue of the office. Catie is the first face you see when you enter the front door and is guaranteed to offer up a warm, friendly welcome. She's our built-in support system and keeps the ins and outs of the office moving smoothly.

Rebecca Stratton, Senior Foundation Officer, is known to all as Becca. She is the team's Communications Extraordinaire as well as implementor of the annual giving and Friends of the Foundation programs. Through her creativity and insightful writing, Becca tells the Foundation's story, highlighting both the opportunities to make a difference and the impact you, our family of donors, have every day on our patients and community.

FOREVER *Forward*



Forever Forward: Access, Innovation, and Patient Experience

Good Samaritan Hospital will undergo an evolution in the years to come. Motivated by our mission to serve, a modernized, much-needed, state-of-the-art health-care facility will better meet the evolving needs of our community. Facility advancements and infrastructure will total a \$240M investment into the lives we serve every day. This upcoming, world-class center will be home to a new Emergency Department as well as an enhanced TriHealth Cancer and Blood Institute, Advanced Surgical Institute, which includes Neurosciences, TriHealth Heart and Vascular Institute, Diagnostic Imaging, and Women's Services, which will house the Breast Center. All these adjustments will provide an easier wayfinding experience for patients and families as well as streamline access to critical care. At the core of this reimagined campus are three leading pillars: access, innovation, and patient experience.

A Reimagined Campus



Good Samaritan
Hospital

Level 6

TriHealth Heart and Vascular Institute
Diagnostic Imaging
Women's Services

Level 4

Advanced Surgical Institute and Neurosciences
Pre- and Post- Anesthesia Care Unit

Level 2.5

Centralized Sterile Department

Level 1

TriHealth Cancer and Blood Institute

Level 00

Emergency Department

Access

Access is about providing the Greater Cincinnati community with safe, convenient, affordable, and high-quality care close to home. As a tertiary hospital, Good Samaritan serves the entire community. Making care accessible to all is the first step.

Living on the first level of the new center will be the TriHealth Cancer and Blood Institute (TCBI). TCBI has grown to become the region's largest and most comprehensive cancer program, serving more than 40% of all cancer patients across Greater Cincinnati. TriHealth physicians detect cancer more than those at any other health care system in the region. Within the previous year, 10,642 patients with cancer were treated at a Good Samaritan location, and that number is predicted to increase by a drastic 50%. Access to the right care in Greater Cincinnati is already critical, but the demand will only continue to increase. The new center will answer the call to a desire consistently listed at the top of what

matters most to patients and their families: tailored and centralized cancer care. This revamped TCBI will respond to a rising need of access while providing top-quality care in an integrated health system, doubling the number of exam rooms, consolidating all of hematology and oncology to one location, adding infusion chairs, and enhancing ease of entry to the center.

"At the TriHealth Cancer and Blood Institute we strive every day to provide access to patients so that they receive the care they want and deserve," said Mark Witte, Vice President of Clinical Services Lines. "Our regional presence provides access to all patients in our community. No matter where they live and the challenges they face in their cancer diagnosis or blood disease, we provide them with care that includes state-of-the-clinical pathways in state-of-the-art facilities led by our physicians, nursing excellence, and supportive services in nutrition, navigation, financial counseling, and social work."

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Ease of access is also critical in the most urgent of situations. Holding down the anchor of the new center will be the new Emergency Department at ground level. This department will house a new trauma resuscitation room, an obstetrics labor and delivery room, five triage bays, an electrocardiogram and Protoco Lab room, and a Fast Track area with nine new rooms to treat patients in less critical conditions quickly and efficiently. In addition, new CT and X-ray imaging will cut wait times for patients and accelerate throughput, while a new helipad on the top of the building will boost access to care for trauma patients and those needing immediate and highly specialized care.

Innovation

This entire new center is being designed with innovation at the forefront: A place where current and future technologies will ensure a healthier community and ultimately save lives. With new health care programs and devices enhancing each day, excellence matters. This excellence is currently being displayed within Neurosciences. Good Samaritan was the first hospital in the country to use the Pulse platform from Nuvasive. Pulse is a single expandable platform that integrates multiple technologies to improve workflow, reduce variability, and increase the reproducibility of surgical outcomes. Plans are underway to continue this partnership with Nuvasive as Good Sam continues to push boundaries and stay front-end innovators in the neurosurgical arena. Additionally, three new large rooms in the center completely dedicated to neuro will house the most updated neuro tables, new technology to improve efficiency through workflow and turnaround time, and new interventional suites that will have access to two BiPlane Angio Suites.

“Biplane technology is a specific type of rotational imaging that uses two panels to produce CT-quality, three-dimensional images of the vascular system, bones, and soft tissue in the body,” said Brandon Ballhaus, Good Samaritan Hospital Vice President of Hospital Operations. “Its precise imaging guides the neurointerventional radiologist and vascular surgeons in viewing and navigating through arteries and using instruments to remove a clot or treat a blockage.”

Ballhaus says that the BiPlane technology will take Good Samaritan Hospital’s program to the next level, allowing care for comprehensive strokes simultaneously.

“As Good Samaritan Hospital continues to identify itself as a premier location for our community to seek comprehensive stroke care, our ability to see a continuous 3D patient’s neurovascular system makes delivering care so much easier,” said Brandon. “The Biplane technology allows our advanced Neurovascular surgeons to practice at the top of their abilities.”

Equivalent to the innovation happening within Neurosciences are the new state-of-the-art operating rooms and integration within the Advanced Surgical Institute, allowing surgeons to collaborate from anywhere in the operating rooms. The new, hybrid rooms will be the most versatile in Cincinnati.

“The future of surgery is continuously evolving,” added Brandon. “The amount of technology that is now available to better serve our patients is growing every year. Having the ability to obtain and integrate all these technologies and advancements in a way that is user-friendly to the Surgical team is going to be so rewarding. Our mission is to better serve our community.”



Patient Experience

With the creation of modern spaces, patients will experience better wayfinding, soothing environments, and an overall sense of healing that matches the compassionate care provided by Good Samaritan physicians and nurses. Addressing wayfinding obstacles, the new center will be built and organized in a way for patients to find exactly what department and care they're looking for sectioned out by floor.

Guided by the Good Samaritan Hospital Master Facility Plan, the new center will include the Emergency Department on the ground floor and will lead up to the top floor housing the TriHealth Heart and Vascular Institute, Diagnostic Imaging, and Women's Services. TriHealth Heart and Vascular Institute will consolidate services into one location on the sixth floor, offering cardiac testing, physician practice, and laboratory work. Neighboring the institute will be Diagnostic Imaging for all inpatients and outpatients and Women's Services, housing a relocated Breast Center, which will include screening and diagnostic mammography, ultrasounds, bone density scanning, a high-risk program, and Survivorship Care Planning.

"The master facility plan will highlight Good Samaritan Hospital's very best physicians, clinicians, team members, and volunteers," said Steve Mombach, TriHealth Senior Vice President of Ambulatory Services and Construction. "The passion for providing the safest, highest-quality care and the best experience to the patients in our hospital is second to none. The patients will notice the expression of quality and wellness throughout the center from the moment they step through the door. We know that this healing environment incorporated within the design will be innovative and foster collaboration among our care teams."

To further advance calming environments, a living wall will be installed with fresh plants to bring a sense of comfort and warmth. Natural lighting will fill waiting rooms and walkways, and modernized treatment rooms will further boost the patient experience, allowing them to be seen, heard, and ultimately healed.

Good Samaritan Foundation has committed \$30 million to fuel this project. To partner with us, visit gshfoundation.com/ForeverForward. On this webpage, you will also have access to additional information and updates throughout the project, and you can view our *Forever Forward* video.

ARTRAGEOUS
Presented by The Good Samaritans of Good Samaritan Foundation

Saturday, February 3, 2024
Cincinnati Music Hall

6-7 p.m. Cocktail Hour
7-8:30 p.m. Dinner
8:30-11 p.m. Dancing and Activities

RSVP by 1/18/2024
To register, visit gshfoundation.com/gala

Artrageous, the 39th annual Gala, will benefit *Forever Forward* along with annual support of the Good Samaritan Free Health Center and Medical Education Research Fund.

Your Philanthropy Update



Darlene Ambach, Guild President, and Bill Hawke, Guild Vice President/President-Elect

Welcome New Guild Board Members

In July 2023, the Guild welcomed two new board members: Bill Hawke as Vice President/President-Elect and Pere Stojanovski as Activities and Special Projects Chair. They also said farewell to Sandy Kiefer, who served as Recording Secretary, and Pat Stetter, who served as Parliamentarian.

For more information about the Guild and to view the latest awards distributed to Good Sam departments, visit gshfoundation.com/guild.

Good Samaritan Hospital Guild Awards Nearly \$180,000

During fiscal year 2023, the Guild funded 15 departments across the Good Samaritan Region, totaling nearly \$180,000 in disbursements!

One specific area of funding for the past fiscal year was Good Samaritan's Emergency Management. The Emergency Management program purchased portable radios for multiple departments and uses. One area these portable radios have been utilized is the Emergency Department, allowing nurse-to-nurse communications to streamline daily operations, provide equipment to patient rooms, and alert team members to assist with patient care. At the beginning of the year, the realization that many of the radios were nearing the end of their lifespan lead Kay Vonderschmidt, Emergency Management Manager, to seek funding from the Guild.

"These radios are part of our FCC-licensed radio system and interact with Good Sam's Protective Services, Engineering & Maintenance, Emergency Management, and the Emergency Operations Center," said Kay. "They require yearly maintenance and upkeep and generally have a five to eight-year life span. Since they interact with other critical departments and are used to enhance patient care, they need to be kept in good working order."

Kay requested funding that would cover the cost of 20 radios, programming, chargers, extra batteries, and an earpiece.

"The Guild has always been a great partner for Emergency Management," she said. "The Emergency Department radios serve several purposes: patient care assistance, situational awareness during a disaster for team members, and communications between the ED and the Emergency Operations Center when they receive patients from a mass casualty incident. This increases our capability to successfully care for patients and make sure the ED has all the supplies, people, or other needs quickly."



Bill Hawke, Nurse Manager for Good Sam's Emergency Department, shared how the radios are enhancing the work being done by the department, saying, "We can now have everyone in the Emergency Department on a radio and aware of everything happening in the department. There has been a fast response to patients when a nurse calls for help. For example, we recently had a patient come to us who was pale, weak, and had an active bleed. They were in shock due to blood loss. My team got him in a room, started two IVs, and alerted Surgicare. The patient went directly to the operating room. Having the extra radios allowed several nurses to help stabilize and quickly transport him in a time of crisis."

Your Philanthropy Update

Good Samaritan Hospital Guild Grant Awards Fiscal Year 2023

Department Awarded	Items Funded
Good Samaritan Hospital FUN Committee	Funding fuels special/holiday events for GSH team members and their families, patients, and the community to bring everyone together for community involvement and hospital morale
Volunteer Services	Fidget blankets for adult inpatient units that have patients with Alzheimer's/Dementia
Outpatient Psychology Day Treatment Program	Art kits for the Art Therapy Program
Endoscopy	Blanket warmer
Good Samaritan Hospital Lab Services	Freezer to support reagents/testing for the new bone marrow transplant and cellular therapy programs
Neuroscience Institute	Community giveaway items that provide education to the community on stroke awareness
Good Samaritan College and Allied Health	New Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology skills lab simulation items
Speech Therapy	Items to continue the swallow study program
Emergency Department	One large and one small psychiatric restraint chair
Emergency Management	20 portable nursing radios for team members
Vascular Access (PICC Team)	A portable ultrasound cart
Weight Management & Bariatric Surgery	Pillboxes, water bottles, and totes for patient giveaway items
Senior Behavioral Health	Partial funding of two Seating Matters Sydney GoFlat chairs, which enable the lateral transfer of a patient from bed to seat, and full funding of two Seating Matters – Sorrento chairs, which help people needing high levels of pressure care, comfort, and posture support
Good Samaritan Free Health Center	UberHealth rides for patient transportation, vaccines, and diabetic supplies
Volunteer Services	Yarn for comfort items, including baby hats and prayer shawls

Your Philanthropy Update

Unique Seton/TriHealth Summer Employment Program Provides High School Students with Direct Health Care Experience

This summer, a luncheon was held at Good Samaritan Hospital in celebration of Seton students' completion of the 2023 Seton/TriHealth Summer Employment Program. Throughout June and July, 23 students became TriHealth team members and worked in positions across 17 locations throughout Good Samaritan Hospital, Good Samaritan Western Ridge, and the TriHealth Pavilion. Some of these areas included Endoscopy, the Cardiac Cath Lab, Volunteer Services, the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), Behavioral Health Unit, the Clinical Decision Unit, and more.

This program provides Seton High School students with the opportunity to work as a TriHealth team member for eight weeks in the summer throughout various TriHealth locations. Students are matched with mentors in both clinical and non-clinical departments. A partnership that has spanned more than 21 years, this real-world work experience is a growth opportunity for the students, while equally benefitting TriHealth. Students earn competitive wages while gaining valuable work experience, building relationships for future employment options following graduation, developing business-critical soft skills, identifying personal strengths, and receiving coaching and training from a professional mentor.

Rooted in our shared history and values through the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, the program is made possible by a funding partnership between Seton High School and Good Samaritan Hospital and is coordinated through Good Samaritan Foundation.

The program continues to be deeply appreciated by all involved and impactful on the lives of students, their mentors, and the community that they serve together.



Karen Klug White '92, Seton High School Principal (left) and Kathy Allen Ciarla '87, Seton High School President (right), celebrate with students



Karen White embraces Trisha Lehnert, GSH Mother-Baby Unit Nurse Manager and Seton Alumna



Seton students Kaylee Kissell and Natalie Hillgrove sit with their mentor Nicole Crump, GSH Behavioral Health Unit Nurse Manager. Kaylee has just begun her senior year, and Natalie graduated last May and continues to work at Good Samaritan



Team Member Honor & Memorial Wall

Following the installation of the Physician Honor & Memorial Wall last year, a new Team Member Honor & Memorial Wall will be positioned in the Good Samaritan Hospital Cafeteria on the fifth floor this fall. With a gift of \$500, individuals can have a plaque added to the Team Member Honor & Memorial Wall recognizing a Good Sam team member or volunteer.

For more information, contact the Foundation at 513 862 3786 or gshfoundation@trihealth.com.

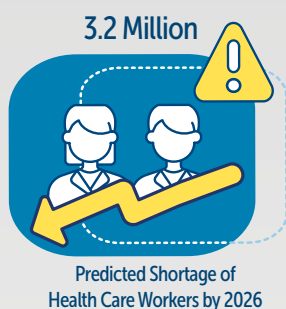
Tribute Gifts

Thank you to all those who made gifts in honor or in memory of someone meaningful in their lives. We are grateful for your tributes that make a difference in the lives we serve.

For a full list of all tribute gifts, visit gshfoundation.com/tributes.

Good Samaritan College Expands Program Offerings, Increasing Opportunities for Students and Meeting Health Care Needs

Founded in 1896 by the sole dedication to service and healing by the Sisters of Charity, it's no secret that their passion still lives on today throughout the classrooms of Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science. GSC carries on their spirit of service and healing by providing a high-quality education to allow current and prospective students to **Become a healer**. But, the evolving health care needs of a community partnered with an ever-changing workforce can present obstacles.



There is an unavoidable 3.2 million predicted shortage of health care workers by 2026, and 47 percent of health care workers plan to leave their current role within the next two to three years*. This sharp and drastic shortage of health care professionals directly impacts health care

systems, which in turn can negatively affect the health of a community, care quality, and limits a patient's access to receiving care.

Understanding this state of health care within the community and country, GSC is clinging to the principles on which it was established, remaining agile and offering new programs to combat the shortage while also offering enhanced, flexible academic programs to meet students where they are.

This summer, GSC launched an Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology (surg tech) and just launched an Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology (rad tech) this fall.

“Graduates from these programs are in demand both regionally and nationally,” said Judy Kronenberger, Ph.D., President of GSC. **“The reasons behind adding these programs as offerings at GSC were different for each one, but after thoughtful consideration and research on employability and student interest in TriHealth and the surrounding community, the decision to add these programs of study was made and the curriculum was developed.”**

Not only are graduates from these programs in demand, but there's also interest from current and prospective



students. “Students today want choices and employers want credentials demonstrating knowledge and competence,” Judy added. “There are many opportunities at TriHealth and in health care generally for people who want to work in health care, but perhaps not nursing. GSC is committed to continuing our flagship nursing program while also offering programs for those interested in fields that are in high demand.” One of these students is Danielle Hammock, who began the surg tech program this year. “I chose to come to Good Samaritan College because they offer programs that met my needs,” said Danielle. “My favorite thing is that because of the small class numbers I’m able to get one-on-one interactions with my instructors.”

Danielle, like many professionals in the workforce, is making a career shift toward surgical technology. Not only is she in the process of embarking on a new career and taking the correct educational steps to get there, but she's also a mother of two. Therefore, not only is an efficient, high-quality program necessary for her to successfully take on this career change but the tradition of compassion displayed within GSC is needed as well. She says that her instructor understands and is willing to work with her, being flexible to meet her needs not only as a student but as a mom. “With this being a second career, I’m finding that this program easily fits into my life



Surg Tech student Danielle Hammock is this year's recipient of the Marge and Charles J. Schott Scholarship, the JoAnn Dellegrotti Memorial Scholarship, and the Barbara Kelley 1958 Scholarship.

as a parent," she added. "I was able to start in clinicals almost right away. I feel that the things I learn in the classroom I'm able to apply in my clinical setting."

This year, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA and been included on the President's List, while taking on opportunities to travel to multiple clinical site locations, viewing different operating room setups. As of August, Danielle had already been in surgeries for four months, observing orthopedic procedures and participating in OBGYN and general surgery procedures.

“ I chose the surg tech program because it would be something that challenged me, but I also knew I would be able to actively apply myself,” she claimed.

The programs are set up to not only be challenging but are structured in an intentional way to directly impact their students' future successes. "The courses within the programs apply to the next degree should students finish a program and want to continue their education," Judy said. "While we do not offer graduate degrees, we do have several short-term certificates, associate degrees, and now two bachelor's degree programs for students to pursue, which may lead to additional professional and career opportunities."

These additional opportunities only enhance our local workforce and the marketability of GSC students and graduates. "Although there is much competition with other institutions of higher education in the surrounding Cincinnati region, GSC does stand out because it is a hospital-based, regionally accredited college and we have priority within TriHealth for clinical sites," added Judy. "We also offer students the opportunity to begin working in health care while they are in school, giving them an advantage financially and professionally."



Surg Tech Students Danielle Hammock and Erin Hesselbrock

GSC isn't stopping with the new surg tech and rad tech programs. Within the next year, a new bachelor's degree in healthcare administration and a short-term certificate in medical reimbursement will open up as new program offerings. They will be fully online and will give students even more flexibility to complete their education and training. Additionally, with new programs comes the need for more educators.

"We have added faculty with the appropriate credentials required by programmatic accreditors as we have added programs," Judy said. "We are proud of our low student-faculty ratio and we will continue to add faculty as needed to maintain those low ratios, providing high-quality educational experiences for students in our programs."

New academic programs and courses are updated on the College's website. For a full list of degrees and programs or to see admission information, visit gscollge.edu.

As always, financial support propels education for GSC students, relieving financial burdens, and enabling each of them to **Become a healer**. A total of \$321,000 was awarded this academic year, providing 100 scholarships to 68 deserving students, just like Danielle Hammock.



To make a gift to the College, visit gscollge.edu/donate or scan the QR code.

**Statistics from 2023 Advisory Board's "The State of the Clinical Workforce"*

If you do not wish to receive future issues of Compassionate Giving magazine or other communications from Good Samaritan Foundation, you may opt-out by calling 513 862 3786 or emailing gshfoundation@trihealth.com.

Grateful Patient Honors

Good Samaritan Team Member Nicki Smith



Pictured: Brandon Ballhaus, Good Samaritan Hospital Vice President of Operations, Honoree Nicki Smith, and Seton Center team members

In the spring, Good Sam Seton Center team member Nicki Smith was honored through the Good Samaritan Foundation for exemplifying both the SERVE values and TriHealth Way.

“ My husband and I are grateful for our genetic counselor, Nicki Smith, who led us through painful news in previous pregnancies with her competence and compassion. We now have a healthy baby and want to share our joy.” – Melissa Zanella, Grateful Patient

The Grateful Patients and Families Program allows a patient or their family to make a donation in honor of a physician, nurse, or team member who made a difference and share a note of thanks.

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