



**BEACON**<sup>™</sup>

HEALTH FOUNDATION

# endowments

ENSURING EXCEPTIONAL CARE AT BEACON

## Why an Endowment



Philanthropic endowments have played an integral role in advancing civilization since 176 A.D., when the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius created four endowed teaching chairs in philosophy in Athens, Greece.

Today, nearly two thousand years later, endowments continue to provide essential support, and are becoming ever more significant in the health care sector.

These donated assets offer an invaluable source of stability and productivity, enabling donors to leave a lasting legacy. Because key revenue sources are increasingly unpredictable, Beacon Health Foundation relies on the generosity of our community to establish endowments to provide financial security for its programs. By investing in an endowment at Beacon Health Foundation, you invest in healthier communities for our children. As the largest healthcare provider in our region, Beacon is uniquely positioned to address these needs – both today and tomorrow.

## How to Give

Endowments can be established for a specific purpose or for unrestricted general support of Beacon.

There are many ways donors can either contribute to existing endowments, or create their own named endowments. These include giving cash, stock, retirement plan assets, or real estate, and making pledges or deferred gifts.

## Endowment Gift Opportunities

Beacon Health Foundation has established general endowment funds in four key areas of our health system:

- **Beacon Children's Hospital**
- **Child Life Program (within Beacon Children's)**
- **Nursing Education**
- **Cancer Services**

Every gift – of any size – that donors give to each of these endowments makes a difference, because it increases the annual resources that are available to meet critical ongoing needs.

### *Beacon Children's Hospital Endowment*

As our region's only comprehensive children's hospital, Beacon Children's will have significant capital, operating, and programmatic needs far into the future. The Beacon Children's Hospital Endowment provides ongoing essential support for the hospital's most pressing priorities across its full spectrum of inpatient and outpatient services, including the Newborn Intensive Care Unit, General Pediatrics Unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit, Child Life Program, Art and Music Therapy Program, and Pediatric Specialties.

### *Child Life Endowment*

The Child Life Program at Beacon Children's plays an indispensable role in helping children and their families cope with hospitalization and treatment. Because these services are not reimbursed through insurance or Medicaid, philanthropic support is imperative for Beacon to maintain and expand this program. Endowment funding enables Beacon to maintain its gifted professional staff of Child Life Specialists, and will provide them with the equipment and supplies they need to ensure their success as they work closely with children and their families during their healthcare journeys.

### *Nursing Education Endowment*

Nurses are present during life's beautiful beginnings, during the final precious moments when it ends, and at every important interval in between, providing us with exceptional, compassionate care. Their impact



on our lives is immeasurable. In a complex, ever-changing healthcare environment, we need superbly-trained nurses, and the Nursing Education Endowment funds scholarships to help ease the financial burdens for dedicated Beacon nurses who choose to pursue advanced degrees. In addition, it ensures funding for nurses to obtain vital continuing education and certification, which translates into clinical excellence.

### ***Cancer Care Endowment***

Each year, Beacon cares for nearly 3,600 patients who are battling cancer. This devastating disease will continue to be a daunting health challenge for families well into the future. Beacon offers comprehensive screenings and education to help prevent cancer, and, when cancer strikes, we strive to provide patients with an early diagnosis and the best treatment possible through our team of nationally-recognized oncologists, as well as leading-edge technology and therapies. The Cancer Care Endowment enables Beacon to continue to support patients and families during every step of their journey.

## **Named Endowment Gift Opportunities**

Individual named endowments at Beacon Health Foundation enable a donor to establish a fund in an area of the health system about which they are passionate. Named endowments may be created with a gift of \$50,000 or more, and can be designated to provide resources for any one of numerous important purposes, including but not limited to Beacon Children's Hospital, Nursing Education, Cancer Care, Community Health Programs, Cardiac Care, Trauma Services, Stroke Care, Spiritual Care, and Palliative Care.

A named endowment is an especially meaningful way for donors to establish a legacy that will benefit our region's families for generations to come by helping to give them access to exceptional healthcare close to home.

## **Endowment Oversight**

Beacon Health Foundation (BHF) endowments are invested and managed in a separate fund by Beacon Health System (BHS), in accordance with the BHF Investment Policy. The BHS Finance Committee provides oversight of BHF endowments with quarterly reviews of investment performance, investment benchmarks, and asset allocations. On an annual basis, BHF spends a portion of endowment earnings (typically 4% of the fund's market value) to provide essential support for the program which the donor has specified.

## **Contact Us**

We welcome your interest in exploring a gift to an endowment fund at Beacon. If you have questions about either our general endowment funds or establishing a named endowment, please call the Beacon Health Foundation team at (574) 647-6613, or contact us via e-mail at [give@beaconhealthsystem.org](mailto:give@beaconhealthsystem.org).





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**Beacon Children's Hospital**

615 N. Michigan Street  
South Bend, IN 44601

**Epworth Hospital**

420 N. Niles Avenue  
South Bend, IN 44617

**Elkhart General Hospital**

600 East Boulevard  
Elkhart, IN 46514

**Community Hospital  
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1020 High Road  
Bremen, IN 46506

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