*Inspiration, Hope, Compassion, Healing*

FISCAL YEAR 2025

# Annual Report

## MOUNT CARMEL FOUNDATION

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# Dear friends,

Inspiration, hope, compassion and healing are central tenets of how we engage mission-driven programs to make the greatest impact in the lives of those we serve. It's our pleasure to share highlights of what our generous donors made possible during the most recent fiscal year (FY), as well as previews of exciting new initiatives underway.

First, though, we would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the stellar leadership of Deanna Stewart, who recently retired after a decade of service as president of the Foundation. She accomplished amazing things while at the helm of our organization and left us well-positioned for a successful future.

Mission is what draws us to Mount Carmel and keeps us focused on what's most important. We're committed to building our impact and stewarding generous donor support to the programs and services that have the most profound impact.

In FY 2025, we focused on:

- Making it possible for more individuals to pursue their passion for nursing, by providing more than 200 scholarships to Mount Carmel College of Nursing students.
- Bringing Catholic healthcare to northwest Columbus communities by supporting the construction and opening of our new full-service, state-of-the-art hospital and medical campus, Mount Carmel Dublin.
- Providing our radically compassionate care and services to all, including the most vulnerable in our community, through our comprehensive Community Health & Well-Being programs.
- Delivering the best care at all stages of life, including those with life-limiting illness and their loved ones, who are served by our Hospice caregivers.

Through all we do, more than 180,000 people each year are helped by the generous donors and organizations that support the Mount Carmel Foundation. Without the support of our community, none of this is possible.

Thank you for your gifts that provide the inspiration, hope, compassion and healing that makes our Mission come to life every day.

With gratitude,

**Paul McClelland**
President, Mount Carmel Foundation

**Jim Karam**
Chair, Mount Carmel Foundation Board of Trustees

## *Our Mission*

*We serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence in our communities.*

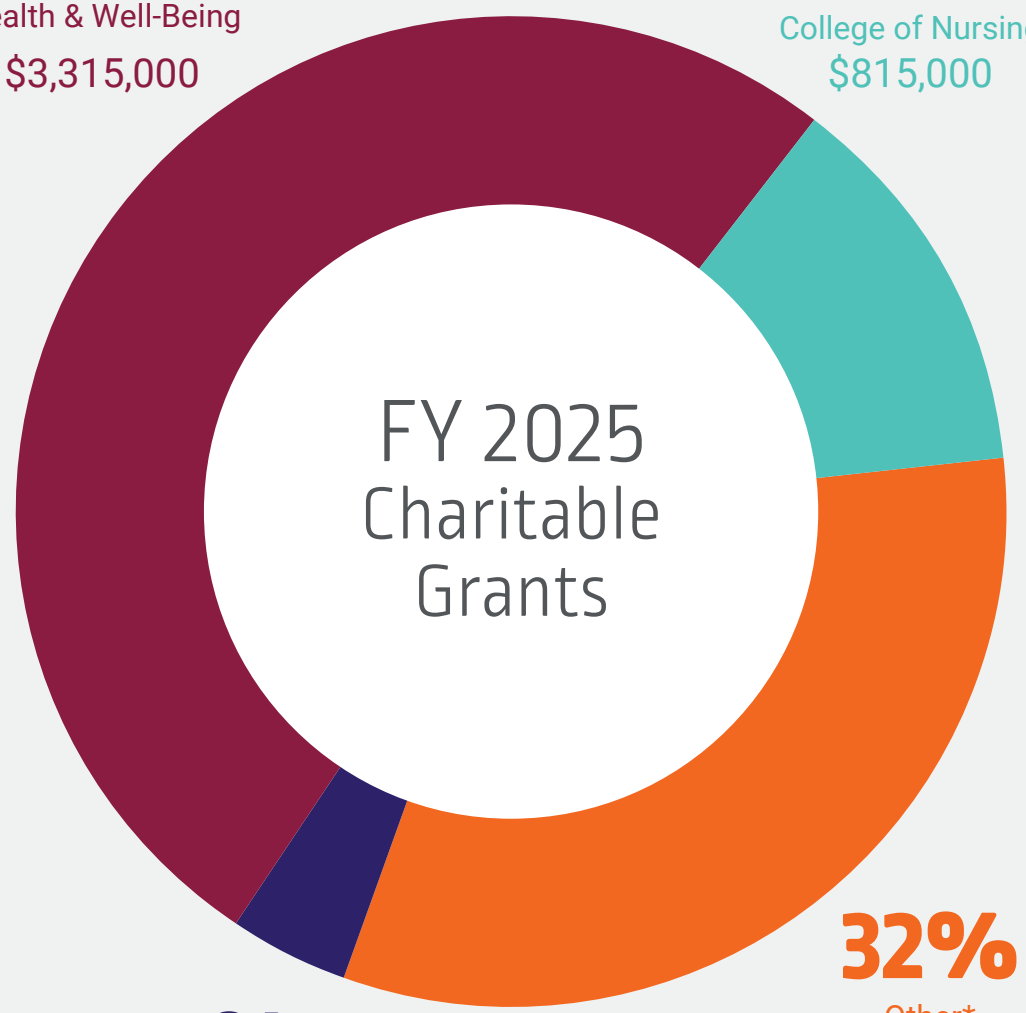
*The Mount Carmel Foundation stewards contributions in support of the Mount Carmel Health System, bringing hope, healing and compassionate healthcare to those in need.*

# Fiscal Year 2025 Financials

**$3.8 million** Total Raised
**$6.5 million** Total Grants
**$200 million** Total Assets

**98**
Projects and Programs Funded

**181,920**
Lives Impacted




**51%**
Community Health & Well-Being
$3,315,000

**13%**
College of Nursing
$815,000

**4%**
Hospice and Palliative Care
$282,000

**32%**
Other*
$2,039,000

** Note: Other charitable grants include area of greatest need, cardiology, oncology, women's health, capital improvements and other patient programs.*

# Caring for the spirit, as well as mind and body

Challenges faced in life on the street are almost unimaginable to most people. Our Street Medicine team encounters disadvantaged individuals, many experiencing homelessness, who regularly face those challenges and are seeking compassion, hope and a renewal of the human spirit to survive.

Chaplain Toni, an important member of the Street Medicine team, helps patients feel seen, heard and valued. Toni provides radically compassionate care. Her support goes a long way to helping patients push back depressive thoughts and loneliness. She views her role not as a job, but as a calling, bringing God's love to all she encounters.

"Building trust by listening and being a non-judgmental presence encourages our street friends to engage with us," she says. "Some are very lonely individuals, without family or friends, and are facing daunting physical and emotional challenges."

She engages in a variety of ways, including reading to clients and painting rocks she likes to call the "Rock of Ages" with messages of faith, hope and love that her street friends can keep to remind them there is good in the world.

In any given year, the Street Medicine team loses dozens of patients to overdoses, accidents, murder, suicide and natural causes. Often, those who are close to those lost want to honor their memory but do not have the resources to do so. Chaplain Toni has conducted services in encampments and on the streets to bring dignity to a life lost too early, often related to circumstances of homelessness and addiction.

We are grateful that Chaplain Toni's work is fully funded by generous donors to the Mount Carmel Foundation.

## STREET MEDICINE IMPACT

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| **703** | Individuals served |
| **2,815** | Mobile medical encounters |
| **9,760** | Lunches to unsheltered individuals |
| **525** | Mental health encounters |
| **25,658** | Additional community contacts |

*Chaplain Toni credits the entire Street Medicine team with giving her a solid foundation on which to build relationships and provide the spiritual care that comforts all whom she can reach. It can be a healing process, one she describes as "allowing them to empty their souls, so God can refill them."*

*I leaned on my faith when he passed away, knowing he was in a glorious place and someday I'll be with him there.*

*- Shirley Blake*

# Exceptional care eased passage of beloved family doctor

Shirley Blake's husband, Byron "Barney" Blake, MD, spent his last days in the care of Mount Carmel Hospice. Dr. Blake was a remarkable man who overcame tough circumstances in his childhood to have a beautiful family and practiced family medicine for decades in Grove City, Ohio. Shirley, a nurse, helped manage his practice for many years.

Shirley shares that "nothing prepares you for the end of a loved one's life." She and her family spent nearly every day with her husband, who was in palliative care and then moved to hospice at Mount Carmel East. "I'm grateful that he stayed there, rather than being discharged to the nursing home, as was originally planned."

Shirley has taken steps to make sure that the care Dr. Blake received is available to others who need it. She is a 10-year hospice supporter, making multiple, generous gifts to the program, as well as making a gift to Mount Carmel Grove City, where her husband was a medical staff member. The devotion room near the hospital's chapel, which was named in Dr. Blake's honor, serves as a permanent reminder of his amazing life of service.

*My nurses have done so much for me. It goes beyond good care. You know you matter to them, and they are cheering you on to get better.*

*- Robert Damron*

# Extraordinary nurses inspire generous gift

A humble man with a hardworking history was so inspired by his care at Mount Carmel that he is providing a substantial gift to provide financial support for student nurses. Robert Damron's gift will endow a new scholarship fund for Mount Carmel College of Nursing students.

Robert is a retired welder, living quietly in the country near Ashville, Ohio. In recent years, he has had several health challenges that required hospital care and he chose Mount Carmel to provide that care.  One of his health conditions was a seizure disorder that began at age 16. After a back surgery, a Mount Carmel physician was checking in on him. The doctor suggested he might be a good candidate for an implanted device that would help alert Robert to early seizure symptoms, allowing him to take medication to prevent the full seizure. The subsequent implant immensely improved the quality of his life, and he is grateful for it.

The Robert Damron Scholarship Fund will provide its first scholarship in the 2026-27 academic year to a nursing student who "has good grades, knows what he or she wants, and is capable of learning all that goes into taking good care of people," as he terms it.

# Volunteers

Mount Carmel honors one outstanding volunteer at each hospital every year with the *Because of YOU Award*, recognizing their commitment, dedication and service to our care teams and patients. Each of our volunteers help us realize the mission, vision and values of Mount Carmel Health System. They provide invaluable services to our patients and visitors that we would not otherwise be able to provide.

**500**
Volunteers

**38,000**
Hours of Service

*"We are eternally grateful for the selfless service of our volunteers. They lift up our patients, colleagues and medical professionals and enhance our capabilities to deliver safe, high-quality care. It's not an overstatement to say we could not do this without them."*

*– Tauana McDonald, FACHE, President and CEO, Mount Carmel Health System*

# Meet our extraordinary honorees

**Judy Davis**, Mount Carmel St. Ann's

*"Judy has been here for years. She is a joy! She has always been very dependable, knowledgeable, very helpful. Her smile is genuine and positive. She is a versatile volunteer who is always willing to jump in to help with any task."*

**Sherry Evans**, Mount Carmel Grove City

*"Sherry is a great volunteer. She is always willing to help and very cheerful. She will come in even if it's not her day to volunteer. We could not do it without her."*

**Lori Merritt**, Mount Carmel East

*"Lori always goes above and beyond for the patients and families. She is always one step ahead, has a smile on her face, and is a constant source of positive energy. She is a comfort for patients nervous about having surgery and families anxiously awaiting their loved one's discharge."*

**Marie Shupe**, Mount Carmel New Albany

*"Marie is so special! She has volunteered for more than 2,000 hours, and we love that she is still willing to help us. She is terrific with patients and families, always willing to help with any task whenever she can."*

*"Generous donors to the capital campaign for Mount Carmel Dublin helped make this amazing new hospital and medical campus a reality. We are grateful for their support."*

*– Monsignor Joseph Hendricks, Co-Chair, Mount Carmel Dublin Capital Campaign*

## Mount Carmel Dublin hospital and medical campus is meeting the needs of a growing population

On April 22, 2025, Mount Carmel Dublin opened its doors to care for patients.

The 35-acre campus includes the 240,000 square-foot, 60-bed hospital with a 14-bed emergency department, 10 short-stay beds, four operating rooms and an intensive care unit. In addition to the hospital and emergency department, this campus offers cardiology, neurology, orthopedics, primary care, and surgical services. Outpatient radiology, interventional and catheterization labs, endoscopy and women's imaging also are available.

"At Mount Carmel, we know our patients want to get back to what they love faster. The average length of stay in one of our hospitals is a full day less than the average of other area health systems. Many of the design and care elements built into this new hospital were specifically chosen so that our patients return healthier, more quickly to their homes and families," says Tauana McDonald, FACHE, President and CEO.

Mount Carmel Dublin is located at 4105 Emerald Parkway, Dublin, and is open 24/7.

## Enhancements coming to the Women's Health at Mount Carmel St. Ann's

Transformative renovations to enhance maternity care at Mount Carmel St. Ann's are in the planning stage. New facilities, including private neonatal intensive care patient rooms, a low-intervention birthing suite, a midwifery practice and a new Ronald McDonald House Respite Space are planned. In addition, the newborn nursery, staff and clinical areas will all be updated to improve functionality, aesthetics and care. The $28.5 million project is expected to begin in the near future.

## Research Institute expands through new partnership and $1.4 million gift

*Cameron Rink*

The physicians of OrthoNeuro, including Dr. Mark Gittins, who led the research efforts of The Orthopedic Foundation, have entrusted Mount Carmel to continue its work to shape the future standards of care for orthopedic, neurological, rehabilitative and sports medicine advancements. Current and future clinical trials and research will be conducted by the Mount Carmel Research Institute via a new partnership finalized in July 2025.

Regional Director of Research Operations Cameron Rink, PhD, MBA, leads the Mount Carmel Research Institute. "My job is to help bring the future of health care to our patients and providers today," he said.

Exciting studies underway include Dr. Gittins' work to advance robotic surgery total knee replacement and Dr. Martin Taylor's neurology trials exploring the use of Botox for migraine. These projects, among others, will be supported by the $1.4 million gift from The Orthopedic Foundation to the Mount Carmel Foundation when the new partnership was formed.

Uplifting research across Mount Carmel enhances our ability to deliver the best care to patients and the best opportunities for physicians and clinicians to contribute their expertise in shaping the future of health care.

*Note: The $1.4 million gift was received in FY 2026 and is not included in the financial totals on page 3.*

*"The clinical trials and research are really about getting patients and providers involved in writing the next chapter of the health care story."*

*– Cameron Rink, Regional Director of Research Operations*

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Thank you for your generous support of Mount Carmel's Mission. Your commitment as a valued donor helps us continue providing life-changing programs and services to those we serve.

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