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A Highlight of 2025



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A Letter of Gratitude and Hope



As we reflect on 2025, we do so with deep gratitude and humility for what we were able to accomplish together. The impact shared throughout these pages would not be possible without you – our donors, partners, board members, The Women’s Board, volunteers and colleagues – who believe in compassionate care and the power of community. Every gift, every act of service and every shared vision helped strengthen Aultman Health System’s ability to care for patients and families when they needed us most.

This past year, your generosity touched lives in meaningful and tangible ways. From advancing patient comfort and safety through innovative technology, to creating spaces of dignity and healing, to investing in education, workforce development and community-based care – your support met people at critical moments across the continuum of health. Whether easing the anxiety of a cancer patient through music, honoring a legacy through scholarships or supporting families in grief or expanding access to care, these efforts reflect a shared commitment to putting people first.

We are especially grateful for the way our community continues to come together across generations, disciplines and causes to lead with compassion. The stories within this report are not just about programs or projects; they are about lives changed, futures strengthened and hope sustained through partnership and trust.

As we look ahead to 2026, we do so with optimism and purpose. The needs of our community continue to evolve, and with them, our responsibility to lead with innovation, collaboration and care. Guided by the lessons of the past year and inspired by your continued belief in our mission, we are committed to building on this momentum – together.

Thank you for standing with Aultman. Your generosity makes healing possible, today and into the future.

With gratitude,
Eric Belden and Nicole Borbonus

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New at Aultman

New Imaging Device for Aultman Alliance

The Aultman Alliance Community Hospital Imaging Department welcomed a new GE Nuclear Medicine 850 SPECT/CT unit, made possible through the generous support of the Alliance Community Health Foundation. This advanced technology combines exceptional functional and anatomical imaging, enhancing diagnostic clarity for patients across the community. Fully trained technologists are now utilizing the system to its full potential, delivering improved image quality that supports more detailed, confident diagnoses – benefiting patients for years to come.



Wireless Fetal Monitors

A \$56,000 grant from the Walter W. Born Foundation has reduced the number of cords at the bedside and provided wireless fetal monitoring capabilities in the Aultman Birth Center. This increases comfort and mobility for laboring mothers, while still allowing care team members to continuously monitor babies' vitals.

A Space for Peace:

The Embrace Bereavement Suite

The Bereavement Suite at the Aultman Birth Center was dedicated in a special ceremony in the fall. Thoughtfully reimagined with soft, calming colors, updated finishes and dedicated spaces for families and caregivers, the suite offers comfort and dignity during moments of profound loss.

Created with the insight and generosity of families who have experienced loss, the Embrace Bereavement Suite is a collective act of love and healing that stands as a lasting testament to compassion, shared humanity and the power of community to support others when it is needed most.



Community Collaboration

Library Partnership Brings Comfort to Cancer Patients

Through a partnership with Stark Library, Aultman Hospital is helping make treatment a little easier for cancer patients by offering iPads, purchased by dollars raised through the Aultman Colleague Campaign. Patients can enjoy books, videos and music while they receive care - bringing comfort, connection and moments of relief. This collaboration reflects a shared dedication to healing the mind and body.



ArtsinStark Grant Supports Music Therapy



Music is a powerful tool for comfort and healing, and Aultman's Music Therapy program offers cancer and hospice patients moments of calm, connection and hope during treatment. Supported by generous donors, the program is provided free of charge, with live music often filling Aultman's Timken Family Cancer Center with soothing melodies and soulful vocals. In 2025, grant funding from ArtsinStark enabled more than 200 free music therapy sessions for cancer patients in need of encouragement and peace. Through the universal language of music, this program helps ease anxiety, uplift spirits and support healing for patients, families and caregivers.

School-Based Health Centers

Building on 2024's focus on school-based health centers, Aultman partnered with school leaders to open three additional centers this fall on the campuses of Tuscarawas Valley, Brown Local and Claymont City schools. Supported by \$6.8 million in grants from Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine's Appalachian Children's Health Initiative, the centers provide on-site care for students and access for the broader community, helping remove barriers to essential medical services. This investment reflects a shared commitment to supporting student well-being, academic success and healthier communities.



Inside Aultman

Aultman Orrville Hospital partnered with Orrville High School to host Inside Aultman, a hands-on day designed to introduce students to the wide range of careers within Aultman Health System. Students explored interactive stations, met team members from across the organization and learned what steps they can take to pursue careers that spark their interest. Inside Aultman highlighted Aultman's commitment to education, community partnerships and investing in the next generation.

Honoring the Legacy of *Dr. James and Darlene Violet*



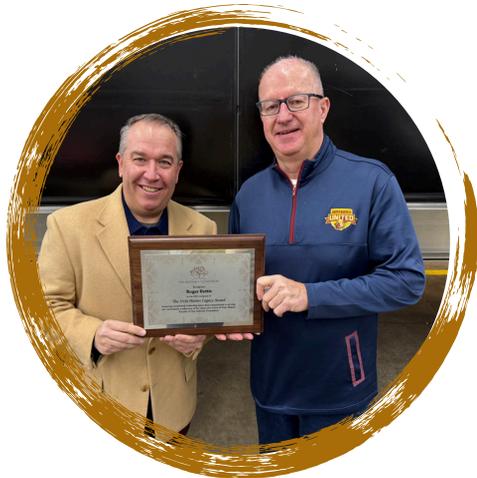
For more than 40 years, Dr. James Violet and his wife, Darlene, shaped Stark County through compassion, service and a shared belief in the life-changing power of sports medicine. Drawn to the area's strong athletic culture, Dr. Violet dedicated his career to helping patients return to active, healthy lives, serving as a trusted orthopedic and sports medicine physician at Aultman and caring for generations of student-athletes. Darlene mirrored his commitment through decades of service on Aultman's Women's Board and active involvement in community organizations supporting families, education and compassionate care.

Following Dr. Violet's passing in 2019, Darlene established the Dr. James Violet Memorial Fund to honor his passion for education, wellness and mentorship. That vision was realized through the inaugural Dr. James Violet Sports Medicine Symposium, hosted by Aultman's Orthopedic Department, which brought together healthcare professionals and students to share knowledge, advance best practices and invest in the future of sports medicine.

Central to the symposium was supporting the next generation. Through Darlene's generosity, five scholarships were awarded to students pursuing careers in athletic training, helping remove financial barriers and open doors to opportunity. Aultman Health System extends its deepest appreciation to Darlene Violet and is proud to play a part in honoring the memory of Dr. James Violet.

Donor Spotlight:

Roger Bettis



The Aultman Foundation is proud to recognize Roger Bettis, president of Green Lines Transportation Inc., as the recipient of the 2025 Vicki Haines Legacy Award. This annual honor celebrates individuals and organizations whose leadership, service and commitment to community reflect the values of Vicki Haines, founder and former senior vice president of The Aultman Foundation. Roger's lifelong dedication to philanthropy and partnership embodies this legacy and has made a meaningful impact across our region.

For more than 41 years, Roger has hosted a charity golf outing in support of cancer care, an effort inspired by a personal commitment to help build Aultman's Timken Family Cancer Center. Since 2019, proceeds from the outing have benefited the Aultman Cancer Center. His service also includes leadership as a member of the Aultman Health System Board since 2019, where he provides insight, guidance and steadfast support of Aultman's mission.

In addition, Roger is a generous supporter of the Women's Board Angel Auction, contributing as an attendee and donor, including a unique live auction experience. Known for his collaborative spirit and belief in teamwork, Roger exemplifies the impact that dedicated community leadership can achieve, strengthening Aultman Health System and the lives of those it serves.



Women's Board

Meet the Women's Board of Aultman Hospital

Founded in 1969, the Women's Board of Aultman Hospital is a dynamic group of more than 250 dedicated volunteers, committed to advancing patient care through fundraising and community engagement. Each year, the Women's Board raises money through its signature events, the Angel Auction and Fashion Show, funding critical initiatives that directly enhance patient experience. Over the decades, the board has raised more than \$30 million to support transformative projects across Aultman Health System, including the Emergency/Trauma Center, Aultman's Timken Family Cancer Center and the Women's Board Compassionate Care Center.



Completion of Surgical Suite Enhancement Fundraising

The Women's Board has successfully completed a three-year effort to raise \$3 million to enhance Aultman Hospital's surgical suites, fully funding critical upgrades to equipment, technology and services. Made possible through the generous support of local businesses and individual donors, these renovations include comprehensive updates to surgical rooms with new lighting, equipment and storage, ensuring a safer, more efficient environment for patients and care teams.

"Advancing our surgical services is a key priority, as it directly impacts the quality of care we provide to our patients," said Steven Kelly, M.D., chief medical officer of Aultman Health System. "The generous support from the Angel Auction helps us stay at the forefront of medical innovation, ensuring that our patients receive the best possible treatment and outcomes." Completed in 2025, this initiative reinforces Aultman's commitment to leading regional healthcare through innovation, excellence and community support.



Angels in Action

Through hands-on service and heartfelt generosity, Angels in Action supports individuals and families across our community during moments of greatest need. Throughout 2025, Women's Board members provided comfort items, hygiene essentials, care kits, gift cards and blankets to patients, families and local organizations – offering dignity, warmth and compassion in times of crisis and healing. Their work reflects the Women's Board's unwavering commitment to service and demonstrates how small acts of kindness can make a meaningful and lasting impact.



Aultman College

Scholarships

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our alumni, donors and colleagues, Aultman College awarded more than \$160,000 in direct and endowed scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic year. Your support is strengthening the healthcare pipeline by helping students prepare for essential roles in our community. These scholarships do more than ease financial burdens – they allow future caregivers to focus fully on their clinical training, academic success and hands-on patient care. Because of your investment, students gain the knowledge, skills and experience needed to deliver high-quality, compassionate care in hospitals, clinics and community settings. Your generosity directly contributes to a stronger, more resilient healthcare workforce – one equipped to meet the evolving needs of the communities we serve. Every patient supported, every family cared for, and every life improved by an Aultman College graduate is a reflection of your impact.

Sonography Lab

The opening of our new Sonography Program marks an exciting step forward for Aultman College, and the 2025 Aultman Colleague Campaign played a meaningful role in making it possible. Through your generosity, two student stations in the sonography lab, totaling \$5,000, were fully sponsored, ensuring that our students have access to advanced equipment and a strong foundation for clinical success.



Joan's Legacy: Caring Forward



Joan's connection to Aultman College spans a lifetime of care, perseverance and gratitude. After stepping away from nursing school in the early 1960s to raise a family, Joan returned to Aultman College and completed her degree in 1975 as a wife and mother. That journey shaped her deeply. "I needed help, too," she said.

Her education prepared her for nearly five decades of compassionate nursing – and later, for meaningful work at Aultman College, where she helped develop early scholarship programs. She saw firsthand how many students – often balancing families and careers – needed financial support.

Today, Joan gives back through an endowed scholarship for Aultman College students, ensuring future nurses have the support they need to succeed. "You don't have to give everything at once," she shared. "It's manageable – and it matters."

When asked why she chose to leave this legacy, Joan answered simply: "Why not? Heaven only knows we need nurses."

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2025 by the Numbers

Aultman Health System Investment in Our Community: \$108 Million

85

Number of healthcare
workers Aultman
College provided to
our community



Volunteers

Aultman Hospital (including Woodlawn): **146**
Aultman Alliance Community Hospital: **136**
Aultman Orrville Hospital: **13**
Aultman Hospice (Canton and Alliance): **40**



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Events: **265**
Community members educated: **7,021**
Community members screened: **5,028**
Referrals for community members: **270**

40

Number of
graduates who work
at Aultman



2025 Community Numbers

Number of gifts from donors: **4,260**
Amount raised in committed funds: **nearly \$5.6M**
United Way colleague donations: **\$167,648**
Aultman colleague community benefit hours: **1,565**



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