Where healing, teaching, discovery – and caring – come together

Academic health centers are where medical advances are made. They are where world-class scientists, teachers, students and clinical experts work side by side. As Oregon’s premier health and research university, and its only academic health center, OHSU is the region’s health and science knowledge leader. But it is not the quest for knowledge alone that drives OHSU’s experts – it’s the opportunity to help people, and to offer new hope. The power of knowledge and hope is why OHSU inspires the support of philanthropic partners whose contributions help make this vital work possible and enhance its meaning.

A Picture of Strength

OHSU is a powerful institution with a profoundly simple mission – to improve human health.

OHSU includes:

- Two hospitals and numerous outstanding clinical practices
- Dozens of nationally known research institutes and patient care centers
- Schools of dentistry, medicine and nursing, and degree programs in engineering and pharmacy
- More than 200 community service and outreach programs throughout the region

Key OHSU Hospitals, Centers and Institutes

OHSU Hospital
Doernbecher Children’s Hospital
OHSU Brain Institute
OHSU Casey Eye Institute
OHSU Center for Women’s Health
OHSU Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center
OHSU Knight Cancer Institute
Dotter Interventional Institute
Jungers Center for Neurosciences Research
Papé Family Pediatric Research Institute
Vollum Institute
When people support OHSU’s healing mission, they are investing in world-class health care for Oregon.

At academic health centers, patients benefit first from research breakthroughs and exceptional expertise. Every year OHSU provides outstanding care for thousands of patients, offering a full spectrum of adult and pediatric services – from everyday care to some of the world’s most advanced treatments.

Only at OHSU:
- World-leading clinical innovations including the first prosthetic heart valve, advances in non-invasive surgery, and a national model for delivering care to women
- The region’s most comprehensive health services
- Access to Phase 1 clinical trials – and bone marrow transplants for adults and children
- Portland’s first Level 1 Trauma Center

When people support OHSU’s research mission, they are helping to unlock the mysteries of disease and sparking therapies that offer new hope.

In the world of scientific inquiry, the most significant discoveries don’t always come from something new – but from a new way of looking at things. That fresh perspective is most often the result of collaboration. Interdisciplinary collaboration is OHSU’s greatest strength, and it fuels a research enterprise responsible for a new discovery once every three days.

Only at OHSU:
- Leading breakthroughs including the world’s first targeted cancer therapy
- One of the largest concentrations of brain-focused investigators in the nation
- The vast majority of health research activity in the region

Points of Distinction
- New discovery made once every: 3 days
- National neurosciences ranking: 4
- Overall national ranking: 19
- Total number of startup companies based on OHSU technologies: 68
Oregon's population is aging, and its healthcare workforce is shrinking. We must educate and retain more healthcare providers, scientists, dentists, engineers and allied health professionals—and put them to work in every corner of Oregon. The health and well-being of our families depends on it.

OHSU is:

- Oregon's only educator of physicians and dentists, and its primary educator of nurses
- Oregon's only provider of a graduate degree program in biomedical engineering
- Distinguished by nationally acclaimed model curricula in its schools of medicine and nursing
- The region's key purveyor of continuing education programs in health and science, with hundreds of courses and seminars offered

Hundreds of OHSU programs support the public good. These include programs that promote public health, deliver clinical care and expertise to rural areas, provide free or low-cost care to underserved populations, help patients overcome language and cultural challenges, expose teens to the excitement of science and much more. This commitment to outreach is an essential part of OHSU's mission. The lessons learned through public service enrich every aspect of OHSU.

Only at OHSU:

- The highest number of health outreach programs in the region
- The most charity care of any Oregon hospital
- The highest concentration of educational outreach activities for practicing professionals and students
Put yourself in the OHSU picture

OHSU is not a state agency. About 97 percent of its budget is self-generated – through hospital revenues, grants and charitable gifts. Private contributions have never been more important.

The promise of OHSU can only be realized through a renewed partnership with private citizens, foundations, corporate funders and all who care deeply about what is achieved at OHSU and what it means to our own health and well-being – and that of our region.

To make a gift visit www.ohsufoundation.org or call 800 462-6608 and ask to speak to a development officer.

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