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The University of Vermont and The University of Vermont Medical Center together are your academic medical center, dedicated to continuous learning and excellence so we may better serve our patients and families, our learners, our scientists, our local communities and our world.

No matter where you choose to direct your philanthropy, your giving drives all three of these missions forward.
Philanthropy touches every aspect of our work. It connects people, elevates the care experience, trains future health care professionals, and drives innovation toward new understanding and cures. Together, we are cultivating the next generation of skilled and compassionate caregivers, working across disciplines to improve patient care and carving new pathways to better human health.

Your giving makes all of this possible. We hope in the pages that follow you get a glimpse of the power of your generosity and the part it plays in the lives of others - today and tomorrow.
Gifts to the College of Medicine Fund support scholarships, student programming, student wellness, travel grants and much more. These unrestricted gifts help to ensure the College is accessible to all students, no matter their financial resources, and offers each student the finest medical education possible. Gifts of all sizes to all funds at the UVM Larner College of Medicine help educate the next generation of physician leaders and shape how medical care is delivered.
PROFILE:
HYUNSOO NO, M.D.

Hyunsoo No, M.D. ’19 was the recipient of a named scholarship that allowed him to realize his dream of becoming a radiation oncologist. The College recently heard from Dr. No while he was completing his first-year internship in New York City and was in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) when the pandemic hit. No said it was a trying time, but he was proud to be part of the team that was working so hard to help large volumes of patients in crisis. No is now at Stanford completing his residency in radiation oncology. His story is just one of many. Each gift to the Larner College of Medicine helps a student like Dr. No.

HELPING MEDICAL STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS

1,147 donors to the College of Medicine Fund this year
2,326 gifts under $100 to any fund at the College this year
320 students received a scholarship or low interest loan from the College this year
The UVM College of Nursing and Health Sciences educates and trains students across the allied health sciences. Gifts to the College help to prepare future interdisciplinary health care professionals who are ready to bring value to a team of caregivers and improve the lives of their patients. The dedication and passion of our students were evident this past spring when 95 graduating nurses opted to graduate early so they could join the front-line health care workers battling the pandemic.
PROFILE: KATHRYN CALISTI

Senior nursing student Kathryn Calisti ’20, of Yarmouth, Mass., began working in early May on a general surgery floor at the UVM Medical Center, where she formerly worked as a student intern. The decision to begin her career during the pandemic was a difficult one. But in the end, she decided that going to work right away was the right thing to do. “If you can get into the hospital a little earlier, and help out, that’s what you want to do,” said Kathryn.
When COVID-19 hit Vermont, the UVM Medical Center prepared to take care of our community. As we did, that same community asked how they could help us. Knowing that we needed to prepare for the unknown, we established the COVID-19 Response Fund. The volume of gifts and the speed with which our community responded is indicative of the depth of our community’s commitment to one another, the caregivers on the front line, the continued development of prevention, education and treatment of COVID-19 and ultimately to the preservation of safety and well-being.
PROFILES:
MEGAN GRAS & RICHARD PRITSKY

We were able to continue to offer routine care because of your support. Megan Gras was one of many moms who gave birth during the height of the pandemic. “Throughout my delivery and stay at the Birthing Center, I felt protected. The hospital was great at finding the line between being safe and ensuring our health and protection while also being emotionally supportive and comforting,” said Megan.

And we were able to treat those who contracted COVID-19. At 74, Richard Pritsky realized he would survive the severe case of COVID-19 that had taken him by surprise. “They got me through, it’s pretty amazing,” he says. Three days after he was put on a mechanical ventilator, Pritsky awakened to see members of his care team assembled around his bed, the unmistakable look of relief in their eyes. He had been successfully extubated, brought out of deep sedation and was breathing on his own.

COMMUNITY RALLIES TO SUPPORT CAREGIVERS

445 donors to the COVID-19 Response Fund this year
5,663 gifts under $100 to any fund this year
2,405 new donors this year
The UVM Cancer Center is committed to disrupting the burden of cancer in our community and around the world through a comprehensive and collaborative focus on cutting-edge research and individualized patient care.

Research improves the care delivered at the bedside—including expanded treatment options through clinical trials. These trials bring the latest treatments to our patients right here in Vermont, and improve cancer care globally.

Philanthropy plays a significant role supporting cancer trials, helping to attract the best and brightest clinical minds and ultimately improving outcomes and patients’ quality of life.
PROFILE: SUZANNE AUDY

Suzanne Audy is an active Vermonter and survivor of stage 4 ovarian cancer. After significant interventions to treat her aggressive cancer, Suzanne’s care team, comprised of researchers at the UVM Cancer Center, identified a unique characteristic of her cancer and recommended participation in an immunotherapy clinical trial. Seven years later, her cancer continues to be in remission and she is enjoying time with her grandchildren! Suzanne shared this thought about philanthropy: “I’m so grateful to be alive. I know now that the generosity of donors paved the way for research that led me to this clinical trial.”

BRINGING INNOVATIONS IN SCIENCE TO THE BEDSIDE

712 patients enrolled in clinical trials last year

225 cancer-focused clinicians, researchers, community partners and staff

2,289 gifts under $100 this year
Every year, 98.9 WOKO and the UVM Children’s Hospital host the Big Change Roundup for Kids. Typically, the event runs January to April. This year, while the “bandits” and “posses” in our community were collecting change and wrangling loot, the pandemic hit and everything was paused. AMAZINGLY, in June, when it was safe for our young fundraisers to turn in their change, we counted $284,572.05! Even when faced with difficult times, our community came together to support the children and families who rely on the UVM Children’s Hospital.
PROFILE: JACOB MICKKLESEN

We were so excited to see one of our amazing bandits, Jacob Mickklesen, who has raised over $6,209.03 over the years, drop off his loot in June. Jacob is not just a bandit. He is also a patient who has benefited from community support. Jacob has had two major surgeries at the UVM Children’s Hospital. He remembers that it wasn’t the best situation, but the staff made him feel special and safe. When asked why he fundraises for the Big Change Roundup for Kids, Jacob said, “I want to make sure other kids at the UVM Children’s Hospital are treated just as well as I was when I was there.”
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
The fundraising statistics are for 7/1/2019-6/30/2020
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