

# CHCS Greater Giving



## 2022 Report

Community HealthCare System takes pride in enriching the health and lives of the people we serve in northeast Kansas. Our associates work long shifts, give patients their undivided attention, solve problems to make someone more comfortable, or just listen when someone needs to share their worries. They answer phones and heal wounds. They keep our system running efficiently and stop to care for those in need.

Our associates also give back to CHCS through Greater Giving. This report details how funds were spent from November 2021-November 2022. We invite you to learn more about Greater Giving and the good work it does. If you're ready to join or have questions, please visit our web page at <https://www.chcsks.org/for-associates/greater-giving> or contact HR Director Cindy Flentie at ext. 5026 or [cindyflentie@chcsks.org](mailto:cindyflentie@chcsks.org).



**Thank you from the members of the 2022 Greater Giving committee:**

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## Scholarships

Two families who loved CHCS, the Falkensteins and the Row/Steele families, each donated \$10,000 to start our scholarship fund. We have been awarding two scholarships annually to graduating seniors who are from CHCS clinic towns and pursuing a healthcare career. Our hope is to raise enough funds to award one scholarship to a senior from each clinic town using just the earnings of the fund.

- The fund balance as of November 2022 is \$33,035. \$100,000 is needed.
- We awarded two \$500 scholarships in 2022 to graduating seniors Madie Wilt from Holton High School and Kaylee Lukert from St. Marys High School.

## Jeans for a cause

We continued our popular program to allow associates to donate \$10 per month to wear jeans on Friday, plus we updated the process to allow associates to pay for more than one month at a time. Associates donated \$1,350 to various Greater Giving funds through Jeans for a Cause from March through November 2022. Need a form? Talk to your manager.

## Comfort Closet

A little bit of caring goes a long way. This fund pays for little things that can make a big difference to someone – quick and confidential personal care items that help our patients feel safe and comfortable. Since November 2021, the Comfort Closet committee has approved 9 requests for assistance and has purchased edema wear, an automatic medication box, a commode, an Acapella device, a nebulizer treatment, a post-op shoe, a bathroom toilet mat, a U bar for a bathroom, and groceries for a patient in isolation at home with no support.

To request an item from the Comfort Closet, simply fill out the application available in PowerDMS and email it to [comfortcloset@chcsks.org](mailto:comfortcloset@chcsks.org). Contact Chief Nursing Officer Mindy Olberding with questions.

## Wish List

We restarted our Wish List program this year and received four requests in October. We are looking forward to announcing the grants soon!

## Endowment

An endowment takes time to grow, but when it is built, it provides significant financial support forever. Robert Williamson established the endowment with just over \$30,000 in 2017 to show appreciation for the great care CHCS gave his family. The November 2022 balance is \$104,250.