University President David Cole said a new hospital is essential to continue providing the state-of-the-art medicine patients deserve. The current facility was built for the population, medicine and technologies that existed in 1987, he said, and all three have changed dramatically since then. “We are looking down the road, and this new hospital will allow us to be well positioned for the future. “We’re obviously serving a larger population, but that’s only part of the story,” he said. “Medicine has become a lot more specialized over the past 27 years. We can treat a lot of children and adult patients that we couldn’t have treated back then. We have access to new equipment and technologies. These are all great advances, but they do create a demand for space and equipment that wasn’t built into the original hospital.”

The university has selected a site for the project on the corner of Calhoun Street and Courtenay Drive. It also has convened a team to begin planning the hospital’s layout and amenities.

“We’re still early in the process, but the vision that’s starting to unfold is already pretty exciting,” said Cole. “Even now, it’s clear that this new hospital will completely transform children’s and women’s care in our state.”

Preliminary plans call for the construction of a 650,000-square-foot building that will house both the Children’s Hospital and women’s health services, allowing the hospital to integrate and strengthen overlapping elements of the two programs.

Furthermore, the added space will allow the hospital to serve more patients, expand its services and more comfortably accommodate family members who wish to remain with their children during treatment.

The university expects to break ground in 2016 and open the doors to the new hospital in 2019. However, Cole emphasized that the timetable and indeed the entire project would be contingent on a successful fund-raising effort.

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The Medical University’s vice president for development, Jim Fisher, has been involved in fund raising at the university for more than 35 years, overseeing both of its two successful capital campaigns. He said that conditions are equally favorable for this campaign.

“From the public’s standpoint, this is a rare investment opportunity,” said Fisher. “If the people of this state and community provide us with the seed money to get this project rolling, we will turn that investment into a world-class, $350 million hospital that will serve the families of this state for generations. The returns will be incredible.”
Telemedicine saves time, money for rural emergency patients
by Allyson Crowell

MUSC pediatric critical care physician Dr. David McSwain not only sees patients from hundreds of miles away these days, but he sees them as thoroughly as he would in person.

Thanks to funding from The Duke Endowment, Dr. McSwain installed telemedicine equipment in four rural hospitals around the state, with a fifth hospital coming online soon. The technology includes a laptop to transmit X-rays, test results and other pertinent information; a high-definition camera that can pan, zoom and tilt; a handheld camera for the physician or nurse at the remote hospital to show Dr. McSwain inside a patient’s ear or mouth; and an electronic stethoscope to transmit sounds across the distance.

“I can look at patients very closely, see how they’re breathing and observe their color. I can talk to their moms or dads. In many ways, it’s better than an in-person exam,” Dr. McSwain said. “You can see things you can’t see with the naked eye, and the quality of the image is excellent.”

And for some rural residents, the technology is the only opportunity for them to receive the specialized care that they need.

“With South Carolina being a very rural state, there are a lot of areas that don’t have specialty care,” Dr. McSwain said. “There’s a big discussion, nationally, on lack of insurance. This is an entirely different problem because, regardless of whether patients have insurance, it won’t matter if they don’t have access to the care they need.”

The Duke Endowment provided $525,000 in grant money to fund the project, which now serves Conway Medical Center, Waccamaw Community Hospital, Georgetown Memorial Hospital and Colleton Medical Center. Moving forward, the technology will expand beyond pediatrics to help other patients at rural hospitals.

The Charlotte-based Duke Endowment is a private foundation which supports education, health, child care and rural church endeavors in the Carolinas. It has distributed more than $3 billion in grants since its founding in 1924. Mary Piepenbring, a vice president at The Duke Endowment, called telemedicine “an innovative way to address a shortage of subspecialty providers.”

“This technology can effectively remove barriers for rural communities across the state and help high-risk patients receive the quality care they need,” Piepenbring said.

Conway Medical Center outside of Myrtle Beach installed its telemedicine equipment in May, and physicians immediately put the technology to work, according to emergency services director Steven Lanning. “It’s very helpful to have someone, not just by phone, but who can see what they’re seeing and hear what they’re hearing in real time,” said Lanning, a registered nurse. “Even though we are a small hospital, with this technology, we have access to specialists in real time.”

The Duke Endowment has supported several telemedicine programs at MUSC for years, including stroke and maternal and fetal medicine. “The Duke Endowment really established the foundation for telehealth in the state of South Carolina,” Dr. McSwain said.

In fact, The Duke Endowment’s funding prompted $12 million in state allocations for telemedicine last year and $19 million this year. Dr. McSwain and colleagues hope to tie the existing telemedicine programs together with a Center for Telehealth in the future.

“It really is a game-changer,” Dr. McSwain said. “Rather than waiting several hours for a patient to arrive, you can see the child within minutes and get a better understanding of what’s going on.”

Ella Cahill

Ella Cahill was away at college in Virginia when she found out that her younger brother’s best friend had cancer.

Friends rallied around Ben Schools and even created a logo – it read, “Hang in there, Ben” atop a curling wave – that they plastered on car bumpers and social media profiles. The young surfer beat the disease after surgery and treatment in 2012 but then, just months before high-school graduation, the cancer returned.

This time, when Ella’s family found out, she wasn’t just away at the College of William & Mary. She was preparing to study abroad in Vienna, Austria. Before she left Charleston, 21-year-old Ella had signed up for the Vienna City Half Marathon. She called her mother with an idea: What if she ran the race for Ben?

“I was hoping to bring the community together, even though I was 5,000 miles away,” Ella said recently.
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In December 2013, the Christies made a decision that will forever change the course of history for one of MUSC’s six colleges, contributing a gift that will establish the first endowed chair at the College of Health Professions. The Christie Family Endowed Chair in Stroke Rehabilitation Research will allow for the recruitment of a renowned expert to further the research currently being conducted at the college.

Lisa Saladin, Ph.D., dean of the College of Health Professions, said, “We are most grateful to the Christie family whose generosity and partnership will forever impact our stroke rehabilitation research. Their support is truly transformational.”

Barbara Christie serves on the Dean’s Advance- ment Council at the college and last fall visited the college’s Center for Rehabilitation Research in Neurological Conditions and toured the laboratories. She could hardly wait to share with her parents the extraordinary things MUSC was doing for stroke patients. “I knew that my parents would be very moved by it,” she said, “especially with all that my patients. “I knew that my parents would be very moved by it,” she said, “especially with all that my parents and patients have been through.”

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“The church my brother and his family attend had a special service for those with physical handicaps. As the congregation began to sing the proses-sional hymn, ‘Hark the Herald Angels Sing,’ much to everyone’s surprise Donald sang the hymn with ev- eryone else. When it was time for the Lord’s Prayer, he recited the prayer aloud.”

Later, when the Christies were touring the College of Health Professions’ research labs, they saw a stroke patient who was participating in a research study. Stuart’s thoughts went back to that Christmas Eve service.

“I thought to myself, back there somewhere (he motioned to his head) my brother remembered the Lord’s Prayer,” he said. “I envisioned some of these wires picking up something in his brain. Even if this technology can’t help him, I know it will help others.”

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HONORED FOR HER VOLUNTEER WORK, N.Y. WOMAN GIVES CHECK TO HOLLINGS CANCER CENTER

by Allyson Crowell

Francine Dozier, senior legal assistant with ESPN, volunteers all over New York City with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Boys & Girls Clubs, the Fresh Air Fund and Meals on Wheels -- doing everything from mailing letters to delivering food. In fact, she gave 136 hours of her time last year, so much that The Walt Disney Co., which owns ESPN, named her Region- al Volunteer of the Year and cut her a $1,000 check to donate to the charity of her choice.

Instead of choosing between all the organizations that she supports at home, Ms. Dozier flew down to Charleston and made a visit to Hollings Cancer Center. "It was a no-brainer," she said. "I wanted to give it to MUSC, because they took such good care of my mom. The entire staff was professional and very kind."

Her mother, Fredricka Jenkins, was diagnosed with uterine cancer three years ago. Ms. Jenkins knew something was wrong when she returned from her granddaughter’s college graduation and lifted her suitcase. It hurt. She was referred to Dr. Matthew Kohler for surgery and Dr. Joseph Jen- rette for outpatient treatment.

Ms. Jenkins grew up in Charleston and moved back from New York a decade ago. When she found out that she had cancer, she sought care at home at MUSC. "I wouldn't go anywhere else," she said.

Two surgeries later, she was cancer-free. Ms. Jenkins hugged Dr. Kohler when she joined her daughter to deliver the check recently. "I love this place," Ms. Jenkins said. "You and the others have done wonders."

Ms. Dozier asked Dr. Kohler to use the money as she sees fit. He chose to add the gift to the William T. Creasman, M.D. Chair in Gynecological Oncology.

"The mission at MUSC is unique in that we want to provide not only excellence in patient care but also research and fellow education," Dr. Kohler said. "Their gift is helping to endow a fund that will support a young academic gynecologic oncologist in the future."

Turning to Ms. Dozier and Ms. Jenkins, he said, "This is the highlight of my day."

Kitty Trask Holt funding supports research for scleroderma cure

by Allyson Crowell

Kitty Trask Holt played tennis until she couldn't hold the racquet. In her final year at work in real estate, she sold the most homes. And when sickness left her bedridden and visitors came to see her, she spent the entire time, every time, asking about her guest. "I never knew her to be down and out," said her husband, Ed Holt. "She had a lot of courage and an incredible faith."

That's why, when former MUSC President Dr. James B. Edwards inquired about setting up a foundation for scleroderma research, Kitty and Ed vowed never to ask anyone for money, never to make a friend feel obligated to donate.

As it turns out, they didn't have to.

Kitty's brother started raising money in 2007. By the time Kitty died in June 2008, some 800 people had contributed, reaching a five-year goal in less than a year. The fund in her name raised $1.3 million, which South Carolina’s SmartState Program matched.

With that money in place, MUSC hired Dr. Carol Feghali-Bostwick as the first Kitty Trask Holt Endowed Chair in Scleroderma Research in late 2013. Dr. Bostwick and her laboratory team now stand on the brink of clinical trials, which could prove to hold a cure for fibrosis, or the thickening of connective tissue, which is characteristic of scleroderma.

Scleroderma translates, literally, to "hard skin."] An autoimmune disease, scleroderma leads to an overproduction of collagen, which deposits in skin, blood vessels and organs. Symptoms include dry eyes and mouth, difficulty swallowing and an inability for the lungs to expand. Perhaps most devastating, the loss of connective tissue can leave a patient unrecognizable. Scleroderma sometimes is referred to as the disease that turns patients into stone.

Kitty Trask Holt received her diagnosis in her 40s. As the disease progressed over 25 years, it left white patches on her hands and ulcers that chewed down to her bones. The disease crawled into her lungs, leaving her gaunt and reliant on a feeding tube. Although her body changed dramatically, her attitude never wavered.

"Kitty was never without a smile," Ed Holt re- membered. "Her amazing positive outlook affected the lives of many people. Kitty believed that the research accomplished through the endowment would someday make an impact on the healing of those like her who struggled with scleroderma."

Dr. Bostwick and her team study factors that can cause fibrosis and, while working at the Uni- versity of Pittsburgh, they accidentally stumbled upon something that instead seemed to stop the disease.

"Accidental discoveries happen in science," Dr. Bostwick said. "I really believe in that."

They patented that notable peptide, which a biotechnology company licensed. The company produces the peptide in plants, and Dr. Bostwick and her team then test the peptide on skin samples in their lab at MUSC. "Most scientists never get to see the translation of the science that they develop at the bench," Dr. Bostwick said. "That's sort of unusual to happen in a lifetime. What we want is to help people. Scientists don't do it for the glamour. Scientists don't do it for the money. They do it, because they want to make a difference."

Dr. Bostwick wants to build awareness of scleroderma, both the prevalence and the need for research funding. She also wants to ensure that young scientists have the financial support that they need, as they face decreased federal funding.

"Donors ask how much money it will take to find a cure," Dr. Bostwick said. "It might be a dol- lar, because it might be the very next experiment in the lab. But without support, there is no effort."
Dr. John Sanders, dean of the college, stood before a plaque in honor of Mr. Tetrick and his wife, Adela, at a reception in August and said, “I wish I had known him.” Dr. Sanders said Mr. Tetrick reminded him of the Johnny Cash song “I’ve Been Everywhere.”

Mr. Tetrick was born in 1911 in rural Montana. He joined the Navy in 1928 and served a 28-year career that took him to the Pacific Theater during World War II. He also was stationed across the country and in Guam and Puerto Rico.

Along the way, he met his wife, a West Virginia native, who followed him everywhere but out to sea. She even took work in a California shipyard during World War II.

After he retired from the Navy, Mr. Tetrick went to work at MUSC in 1960. He joined the College of Dental Medicine in 1969, where he spent the next decade.

Students knew him as the man who could fix almost anything and who wasted nothing. He preferred to recover and repair old equipment rather than buying something new. Mr. Tetrick kept all the school’s dental equipment on a regular maintenance schedule and taught new employees how to take care of it – but they had to prove themselves.

“I was honored to be given my own set of tools,” said Gail Ward, who met Mr. Tetrick when she went to work as a dental assistant at MUSC in 1976. She said that Mr. Tetrick, although older than most other employees, worked faster. And despite holding employees to exacting professional standards, Mr. Tetrick always was generous. He and Mrs. Tetrick brought zucchini bread for his colleagues each year around the holidays.

“It was a privilege to know him. Even when you mention him today, there’s always a smile, and that is the best compliment,” Ward said. “We missed him for many years and, after his departure, you would hear someone say, if Mr. Tetrick were here, he could fix it.”

Betty Ochoa, a retired instructor at the college, said no one ever called him by his first name. “It was always Mr. Tetrick, and that was the respect that he commanded.”

One dental instructor even asked Mr. Tetrick to lecture students on how to maintain equipment. That lesson became a part of the annual curriculum for new dental students.

Although the Tetricks had no children together, they treated their neighbor’s son, Dr. Jim Strom, as if he were their own.

The Tetricks visited Dr. Strom and his wife at their home in Clemson frequently, always with Tiger flags flying on their Toyota Camry. Mr. Tetrick said that, if he died first, he wanted Dr. Strom to take care of his wife.

Following Mr. Tetrick’s death in 1992, church members and a neighbor became Mrs. Tetrick’s caregivers, and they kept Dr. Strom updated on her condition for more than a decade. Whenever medical needs arose, Dr. Strom and his wife drove down to help out. Toward the end of her life, Mrs. Tetrick also asked Dr. Strom for a final favor: She asked him to handle the Tetrick estate when she died.

Specifically, Mrs. Tetrick wanted to endow a scholarship at the MUSC College of Dental Medicine in her late husband’s memory. “They loved children, and Adela wanted to do this in his honor,” Dr. Strom said.

Mrs. Tetrick died last summer at age 97. The gift from the Tetrick estate will provide a scholarship to several first-year dental students annually and ensure that, even though they can’t hear his lecture on proper equipment maintenance, they still will learn a thing or two from Mr. Tetrick.
Couple builds legacy of supporting medical research
by Allyson Crowell

Storm Eye Institute board member Horst Winkler first came to MUSC with an emergency: His wife, Margaret, had developed an eye infection on their drive from Indianapolis to Florida. The Winklers made that trip each year in their recreational vehicle, more of a small luxury home on wheels than a typical camper. On this particular trip, about a decade ago, they pulled off the interstate in Columbia to seek help. A doctor there told them that Margaret needed to see a specialist within the day, so the Winklers continued down the interstate and followed hospital signs to MUSC. They pulled their motor home right up to the Storm Eye entrance.

The Winklers had contributed to medical organizations for years. Mr. Winkler had been a third-generation Mercedes-Benz employee and had run a dealership in Indianapolis, where the couple supported medical research and education. “Helping research leaves a legacy,” Mr. Winkler said recently. “Even if we don’t get the name recognition, it doesn’t matter. It still leaves a legacy. That’s why we support medical institutions.”

When they met Dr. Ed Wilson, then director of Storm Eye, he asked about the Winklers’ German accent and told them about his recent travels. Coincidently, Dr. Wilson had just returned from Mr. Winkler’s alma mater, Heidelberg University. The Winklers had met in Heidelberg more than 50 years earlier. Their connection with Dr. Wilson that day began the couple’s personal relationship with Storm Eye. “They took care of that emergency (and treated Mrs. Winkler’s infection), and then we came back every year,” Mr. Winkler said. “Each time, we gave a little money.”

The Winklers travel to Storm Eye annually for their ophthalmological checkups. Years after their initial visit, physicians discovered a bigger problem with Mrs. Winkler: Macular degeneration had begun to steal her vision. Dr. Lucian V. Del Priore, chairman of Storm Eye Institute, treats the Winklers every time they visit. “Since becoming director, I’ve gotten to know Horst and Margaret,” Dr. Del Priore said. “We value their trust, not only in their own treatment, but in the future of vision care through their gifts.”

The couple contributes to Storm Eye’s general fund each year both in gratitude for their care and in hopes of supporting innovations. Last year they lent considerable support to a fundraising campaign to establish The Dr. William and Sandra Johnson Endowed Chair in Neuro-Ophthalmology. Back home in Indiana, they established a scholarship at Indiana University’s Department of Medicine to help five students attend medical school. “We have always directed our philanthropy toward the medical end for only one reason,” Mr. Winkler said. “Because if one supports medicine, one supports mankind.”

Pharmacy transfer student gives back each year in gratitude
by Allyson Crowell

Two years into her pharmacy degree at North Dakota State University, Lisa Cordes found out that the U.S. Navy was looking to transfer her husband, Mitchel, across the country to Charleston. She contacted College of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Philip Hall with a longshot inquiry: Could she transfer? To her surprise, Dr. Hall agreed to admit her immediately.

Every year since her graduation in 2007, the couple has made a gift to the College of Pharmacy’s annual fund. Their contributions support scholarships and student activities and travel to conferences. Lisa and Mitchel consider it a gesture of gratitude. “After graduation, I thought, ‘They didn’t have to do that. They didn’t have to make that exception for me.’” Lisa said.

Dr. Hall said gifts such as the Cordes’ annual contribution encourage faculty and help recruit the best pharmacy students. “Annual fund gifts from young alumni like Lisa allow us to tell a very powerful, persuasive story about the College,” Dr. Hall said. “That is, the people who just went through this program are seeing its value in the workplace. Their own investment in coming here paid off enough, personally and professionally, for them to support what we’re doing and make sure it is available for others.”

The high school sweethearts grew up in Minnesota and competed on their school’s track and field team. Both went on to become junior Olympic weightlifting medalists before focusing on their careers. Lisa worked at a community pharmacy after graduation and then in outpatient pharmacy at the MUSC Hollings Cancer Center. Mitchel finished his assignment as a nuclear physics instructor at the Navy’s power school in Goose Creek and then earned a biochemistry degree from the College of Charleston. He began studying to become a military physician at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., in 2012. Lisa accepted a position with the National Institutes of Health as a clinical pharmacy specialist in prostate and bladder cancers and joined her husband in Maryland last year. After her time at Hollings, she knew she wanted to continue working with cancer patients. “We have patients who have failed other treat-
FUN AND GAMES, BUT WITH A PURPOSE
by Allyson Crowell

They look like campers at any other summer program, 3- to 6-year-olds singing about sharks and flailing their arms as if they're swimming through the air.

But there's a purpose for every movement at Camp Hand to Hands at MUSC's College of Health Professions. Each camper has one-sided weakness or hemiparesis cerebral palsy. In other words, these kids experience the same limitations as an adult who has suffered a stroke.

To combat the campers' reliance on their "good side," physical and occupational therapists give each child a puppet to cover the preferred hand, as they work through activities with a new theme each day. Today, it's pirate day.

The kids use shovels to hunt for treasure in a sandbox. They swim the deck, moving black balloons with a broom through a narrow hallway. They walk the plank, one careful step at a time.

With her elephant puppet on one hand and finger paint on the other, 6-year-old Jaslyn Cowan focuses on a drawing for her mom. Jaslyn wears a red striped skirt and a patch over her elephant's eye and says this was her favorite day at camp. Asked what she was painting, she narrows her eyes. "A pirate," she says. Obviously.

Camp Hand to Hands began in 2001 with seven children, according to camp coordinator Dr. Patty Coker-Bolt. This month, 14 campers attended — all for free — with help from some 70 physical and occupational therapy students from the College of Health Professions.

"Places around the country charge a lot of money for this," says Dr. Coker-Bolt, an associate professor of occupational therapy. She estimates that programs similar to Camp Hand to Hands, with 30 hours of constraint-induced movement therapy, could cost parents as much as $5,000 to $15,000. Gifts, including support from the Camden Scott Meyer Pediatric Fund, ensure that the program continues without cost to the families and can expand to include even more children in the future.

The Camden Scott Meyer Pediatric Fund honors a baby boy who died suddenly in 2002. "We didn't need flowers," says Camden's mother, Cami Meyer. "It was a dream to do something in his memory, but we just didn't have a vision at the time."

Cami and her husband, Dennis, initially considered a one-time memorial gift but decided to wait until they found something that felt right. The Meyers had moved to Charleston from Michigan, where friends and family hold an annual yard sale to raise money for the fund. More than a decade after Camden's death, they continue the sale and raised $4,400 this summer.

"That's how this whole fund started — $25 here, $50 there," Cami says. "It's not a huge donation, but just the realization that every little bit adds up. We have many people to thank."

Two years ago the Meyers committed the money raised in Camden's memory to pediatric services at the College of Health Professions, where Cami works as Director of Student Life and Recruitment.

"My favorite week at work is Camp Hand to Hands," Cami says. "The occupational therapy and physical therapy students bring amazing talent and dedication to decorating and planning the various therapy activities related to the theme of the day. I look forward to stopping by every day to see their creativity come alive and the smiles it brings to the campers' faces."

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BEAUCOUP VANDALS

The Meyers committed the $4,400 to a fund in memory of their son, but other families have popped up on the scene to contribute to the fund. The Meyers' daughter, Cami Meyer, 19, is a freshman at Wando High School, where she helps with snacks and activities.

"It was a dream to do something in his memory, but we just didn't have a vision at the time," Cami says.

"That's how this whole fund started — $25 here, $50 there," Cami says. "It's not a huge donation, but just the realization that every little bit adds up. We have many people to thank."

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JEANELLE MCCAIN'S JOURNEY TO HELP OTHERS
by Allison Leggett

When Jeanelle McCain’s husband died of melanoma last year, she knew the journey wasn’t over for the former state legislator and chief of staff to Governor David Beasley. "Will was so involved in public service, " she explains. "I want his legacy to be one of helping others."

Through his experience with his disease, they identified a promising clinical trial, and she quickly became immersed in the importance of clinical trials.

"Will was so involved in clinical trials, " says Dr. Coker-Bolt, an associate professor of occupational therapy. "I was impressed by Paulos’ work and advances in cancer research. She also talked with connections at the NIH and heard that supporting this type of research was a good investment in the future of cancer care."

"Will was dedicated to helping South Carolina, and I want to attract the brightest and best to our state," McCain explains. "You hear about cancer advances being made across the country. They’re making those kinds of discoveries right here."

Hollings Director of Development Debbie Bordeau is thankful for the leadership of McCain.

"She’s giving her time, talent, and expertise in a way that’s having a tremendous impact, helping to make Hollings Cancer Center the best place for cancer care for the people of South Carolina," Bordeau said.

Jeanelle McCain knows her journey has just begun, and she’s committed to devoting her resources to helping people affected by cancer here in South Carolina, saying, "Everyone at Hollings tried so hard to give Will every chance. I want to give that hope to others."
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‘Lifting as We Climb’ fund makes therapy possible

By Allison Crowell

M alika Tolton plans to resume college classes soon and to drive there herself— incredible developments, considering where she was just last year.

When Malika’s father changed jobs, she lost her health care coverage and the twice-weekly outpatient rehabilitation treatments that insurance provided. She relies on the CARES Therapy Clinic, a student-run program for uninsured and underinsured patients, as her only therapy out of school. And she depends on taxi fares provided through the Emily L. Moore and J. Herman Blake CARES Fund, “Lifting as We Climb,” to get her from her family’s Mount Pleasant home to the clinic downtown.

“If we weren’t in the cab, I probably wouldn’t be able to come,” Malika said during a recent visit.

Dr. Emily Moore, associate dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs in the MUSC College of Health Professions, and Dr. J. Herman Blake, MUSC Humanities Scholar in Residence, established “Lifting as We Climb.” Their program, which operates through the employee-supported YES Family Fund, provides free transportation to patients who receive treatment there.

“We’re interested in getting the person back home and back to work, so they can become what they were before—as a contributing member of society,” said Dr. Moore. “The hope is that, as I help you, you will help someone else. It’s a continuum.”

Dr. Blake said they drew on the writings of human rights advocate Mary Church Terrell when naming the fund. He stressed that the program aims to give “a hand up, not a hand out. ”

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The university received $59.6 million in current gifts, planned gifts and pledges during fiscal 2014, exceeding its goal by more than $2 million.

Meanwhile, the value of the Foundation’s permanent endowment grew nearly 15 percent, to a total of $312.6 million, placing it within the top 27 percent of 850 college and university foundations reporting nationwide.

Thanks to this growth, the Foundation was able to provide the Medical University with a record $37 million in financial support during the year, supporting patient-care programs, scholarships, medical research, educational programs and other projects and services throughout the institution.

GIFTS IN HONOR OF BEN MARINO BRING HEART HEALTH PROGRAM TO HIGH-RISK KIDS

B en Marino lived by the West Point motto of “Duty, Honor, Country.” On the 50th anniversary of his graduation from the military academy, friends and family remembered the late businessman with a tribute to his mission to help others.

Gifts made through the Ben Marino Heart Award will expand a healthy schools program from the Charleston community to the area along Interstate-95 nicknamed the “Corridor of Shame.” The campaign raised more than $115,000 to support the Docs-Adopt School Wellness Initiative, which pairs physicians with schools in an obesity prevention effort.

The Docs-Adopt program launches a wellness committee in each school that designs a series of initiatives tailored to that school. For instance, the program might publish a health newsletter for students, parents and teachers; discourage teachers from rewarding good behavior with fatty, sugary foods; or teach students how to maintain vegetable gardens and then prepare healthy meals with their crops.

Dr. Janice Key, director of MUSC’s Division of Adolescent Medicine, said obesity ranks highest along the I-95 corridor. Eighty percent of children there are overweight.

“Theyir blood vessels have the thickness and stiffness of a 50-year-old person,” Dr. Key said. “If we turn the tide just a little bit, we can make a tremendous change in the life span and the life quality of these children and their families.”

Mr. Marino, who died in 2011, served as an Army Airborne Rangers lieutenant in the Vietnam War and later became a high-profile investment banker. After visiting the Lowcountry on business trips, he purchased land that would become Mount Pleasant’s Carolina Park and he and his wife, Cathy, moved to Charleston.

Mr. Marino served on community organizations throughout his life, including MUSC’s Heart and Vascular Center Board of Directors. Cardiologist Dr. Eric Powers, who spoke at the Ben Marino Heart Award luncheon, stressed the importance of heart health outreach programs, such as Docs-Adopt.

“Our real mission is prevention, isn’t it?” Dr. Powers said. “Our real mission is to put ourselves out of business. That’s what this event is about: preventing heart disease.”

The luncheon not only recognized contributions in honor of Mr. Marino but also someone who champions the same causes, both in Charleston and nationally. John Chalsty, Mr. Marino’s former colleague and dear friend, received the inaugural Ben Marino Heart Award.

“I am a survivor of both a stroke and open heart surgery,” Mr. Chalsty said. “They have given me a powerful understanding of what the Heart and Vascular Center is involved with.”

Mr. Chalsty said that, when he has received awards in the past, the recognition seemed more for his firm than for him individually. But the Ben Marino Heart Award came with a personal connection to his best friend of 30 years.

“I will be eternally grateful for receiving this award, which gives me an even further association with Ben.”

John Chalsty (center), recipient of the inaugural Ben Marino Heart Award, with (l-r) MUSC’s Interim President Emeritus Mark Salsman, President David Cole, President Emeritus Ray Greenberg, and President Emeritus James Edwards.