

# Area of Greatest Need Fund Impact Report

As a donor to the Roper St. Francis Foundation's Area of Greatest Need fund in 2022, we want to thank you for your generous support. Your gifts play an integral role within Roper St. Francis Healthcare and our ability to continue our mission of healing all people with compassion, faith and excellence.

## Your Impact

Your unrestricted donation helps Roper St. Francis Healthcare meet the immediate needs of our patients, teammates and community. Thanks to you, we raised over \$1 million dollars in 2022 to our Area of Greatest Need. We have officially designated these funds across our system in the areas of innovative technology and reliable transportation services. The following areas of need are some of the most critical in relation to patient safety and excellence in care – both a top priority for RSFH. Thanks to your generous support, we are investing in the following initiatives:

- 1. Preventing falls for hospitalized patients**
- 2. Newborn infant protection and security**
- 3. Expanding access to care**

## Preventing Falls for Hospitalized Patients

One of RSFH's main goals is to maintain top patient safety ratings and making sure all of our patients receive the best possible care while at one of our hospitals or medical facilities. With help from the Area of Greatest Need Fund, Roper St. Francis Healthcare was able to invest in a state-of-the-art AvaSure patient monitoring system. AvaSure is a comprehensive telenursing system, specifically designed to monitor patients at risk of falling. Thanks to your support, RSFH's nursing staff can more effectively watch over multiple high-risk patients at the same time. AvaSure will also alert staff of other common patient safety issues, such as removal of IVs and adjusting bed settings incorrectly. Having a virtual monitoring system in every RSFH hospital will ensure all patients receive excellent care tailored to their specific needs.

## Newborn Infant Protection & Security

Named a "Baby-Friendly" hospital, RSFH makes sure even the most tiniest of patients receive the best care each and every day. Unfortunately, even within the confines of a hospital danger lurks and the risk of abduction is present. But with your help, RSFH is able to continuously provide top-notch security within the labor and delivery units. Donations from the Area of Greatest Need Fund allowed RSFH to upgrade the current security system at Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital's Women, Infant and Children Center with a state-of-the-art program. This new wireless security system continuously monitors an infant's location and activates an alarm to RSFH teammates if an infant were to go missing. Your gift not only helps our smallest patients, but also provides peace of mind to new parents who have trusted our physicians, nurses and staff to take care of their growing family.



## Expanding Access to Care

Roper St. Francis Healthcare is committed to expanding access to care within the five-county area of Charleston. In order to do this successfully, reliable transportation services are needed. With your help, RSFH was able to invest in a new patient transportation van. Without this van, there is a significant gap in ensuring access to care for our most vulnerable population. Now teammates can efficiently travel across the Lowcountry to pick up patients and transport them to the appointment, surgery or care they need.

Your generous gift also helped Roper St. Francis Healthcare reach patients in need of immediate assistance. Two new LifeLink ambulances were added to our existing fleet, allowing teammates to respond to more emergency calls within the Lowcountry. The LifeLink ambulance fleet supports RSFH's systemwide medical transfer of patients during emergency situations between facilities all across the Lowcountry. As the community continues to grow, our fleet needs to grow with it. Your support to RSFH ensures that our medical emergency teammates have the resources needed to respond quickly to patients in urgent need of care.



## Thank You

Your unrestricted gift has been instrumental in helping us provide the high-quality care that our patients have come to expect from the caring and dedicated staff, nurses and physicians at Roper St. Francis Healthcare. We cannot thank you enough for supporting our vision and mission and for your dedication to RSFH during the 2022 fiscal year. On behalf of the physicians, staff, and most importantly the patients, we are so grateful for you.



Interested in supporting our 2023 Area of Greatest Need Fund? You can do so by scanning this code or visiting [rsfhfoundation.org/donate](https://rsfhfoundation.org/donate). Gifts of \$1,500 or more qualify you for membership in the Rx Society. You will have the opportunity to celebrate the impact of your gift at the annual Roper Xavier Society Gala.

