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**Anonymous Donors Give UAMS
\$9.7 Million During 2024 Fiscal Year**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) received \$9.7 million through anonymous gifts in the 2024 fiscal year, supporting several UAMS programs throughout Arkansas.

“During the 2024 fiscal year, one of UAMS’ highest fundraising years, we received several significant anonymous gifts that support a variety of programs in many parts of the state,” said Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, UAMS chancellor and CEO of UAMS Health. “Though the contributors of these gifts would prefer to not be publicly acknowledged, it is difficult to not highlight the impact that these funds are having on the recipient programs.”

The Division of Institutional Advancement integrates donor and alumni relations with fundraising to secure resources and support for the UAMS Foundation Fund for the benefit of the UAMS mission.

Institutional Advancement secures philanthropic gifts and grants from individuals, corporations and community partners that provide critical resources to advance the work in UAMS’ threefold mission areas — education, patient care and research.

The anonymous gifts support the mission-critical work of the following programs:

- \$2.5 million to the Organ Engineering and Gene Therapy Fund for Excellence supporting the work of the UAMS Research Center for Organ Engineering and Gene Therapy.
- \$722,000 to support an endowed chair and operational activities at the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute.
- \$2,888,747 to support implementation and evaluation of the BehaviorHelp program, a statewide expulsion prevention support system for Arkansas early

child care and education programs administered by Project PLAY (Positive Learning for Arkansas's Youngest).

- \$1.1 million to support an endowed chair in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine.
- a \$2 million gift to support the activities of The Orthopaedic and Spine Hospital, the Department of Urology and the Chancellor's Discretionary Fund.

“There are a variety reasons why philanthropists, foundations and organizations wish to remain anonymous when making a contribution to UAMS,” said John Erck, vice chancellor for the Division of Institutional Advancement. “However, this does not diminish our gratitude for these philanthropists, many of whom are longtime supporters of UAMS. Thanks to them, the beneficiaries of these funds are making differences in the lives of many Arkansans.”

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and eight institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute, Institute for Digital Health & Innovation and the Institute for Community Health Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 3,275 students, 890 medical residents and fellows, and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 12,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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