

PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

An in-depth look at how you are making a difference for our patients, their families and the communities we serve through charitable giving.

FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

For more than 100 years, people like you have joined together to help Advocate Health Care serve Illinois communities. Because of your investment in our health care ministry, we are able to offer specialized services, invest in innovative technology, reach out into the community and equip our caregivers with the tools they need to offer the best and safest care possible. In 2016, Advocate contributed \$692 million in community benefits to support family and individuals across Chicagoland and Central Illinois.



Randy Varju, CFRE

Advocate continues to be recognized as one of the top health systems in the Midwest and nationally. Our hospitals rank among the best in the nation for patient safety and quality care. Not only are we recognized in clinical areas, but we are also distinguished for our commitment to environmental excellence. Our system was recently given the System for Change award by Practice Greenhealth for extraordinary leadership and innovation in driving sustainable operations.

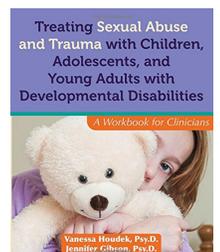
I believe the best is yet to come for Advocate, and with your help, we will continue to the set standard for high-quality care in and beyond the hospital walls. Thank you for your continued support.

TREATING CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

Since 1979, the Childhood Trauma Treatment Program (CTTP) has provided clinical services to child and adolescent survivors of sexual abuse as a program of Advocate Family Care Network, a division of Advocate Health Care. As a nonprofit agency, CTTP relies on philanthropy and grants to enable therapists to provide effective treatment and to extend prevention education into the community.

With the help of philanthropy, CTTP recently developed the *Treating Sexually-Abused Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities: A Workbook for Clinicians*, as a clinical guidebook for providers who treat this vulnerable population.

“The Advocate Family Care Network truly demonstrates Advocate’s commitment to behavioral health programs which includes offering resources to enhance our providers’ ability to care for the people and communities we are so privileged to serve,” said Kevin Brady, SVP and Chief Human Resources Officer, Advocate Health Care.



YOUR IMPACT

DEVELOPING CAREERS

LaTara Ward spent years in and out of the hospital when her son was diagnosed with cancer. LaTara knew she wanted to be on the other end giving the care. Fifteen years and four more kids later, she decided it was time to make a change and follow the career path she always wanted. Today, LaTara is a certified nursing assistant (CNA), thanks to training from the Advocate Workforce Initiative. She was one of more than 100 graduates honored at a recent graduation ceremony at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where the program will launch this fall.

FOSTERING RESEARCH

Philanthropic support has provided the resources to develop and sustain the James R. & Helen D. Russell Institute for Research & Innovation. The Institute fosters an environment where continued learning, research and advancement in health care is encouraged and nurtured. Firas M. Dabbous, PhD, manager of patient centered outcomes at the Russell Institute, was the lead author of a study published this year in a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research. The study found that women who had a false positive result from a screening mammogram were more likely to delay or forgo their subsequent screening mammogram than women who had a true negative result.