At the Center of it all

Investing in the health and wellness of people with Down syndrome

Adult Down Syndrome Center

Advocate Medical Group’s Adult Down Syndrome Center is one of the few primary care clinics in the world devoted to adolescents and adults with Down syndrome and remains unique in its interdisciplinary approach to patient care.

Since its founding in 1992, the Center has grown from a twice-a-month clinic to a stand-alone facility on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital with more than 7,000 annual patient visits. Over these past 28 years, the Center has cared for more than 6,000 unique patients.

Believing that all individuals are worthy and deserving of compassionate health care and committed to enhancing the well-being of adolescents and adults with Down syndrome, the Center’s mission is to enhance their lives by providing comprehensive, holistic, community-based care and services using a team approach.

The Center relies on philanthropy to help us accelerate our ability to transform care and reimagine health. It is truly because of the ongoing commitment of our donors that the Center has the ability to continually advance and pioneer health care while keeping patients at the center of what we do.

“The Adult Down Syndrome Center leads their patients and families through life with Down syndrome providing expert advice and care, but the education and care does not stop with their own patients and families. Through the ongoing collection of data and research initiatives, the Center enhances the lives of adults with Down syndrome all over the world.”

-Bo Thompson, sister of Colleen

Advocate Health Care Charitable Foundation

We are Advocate Aurora Health
Our campaign

Recently, a close friend and loyal supporter of the Adult Down Syndrome Center generously agreed to donate $2.75 million if the Center could raise an equal amount in philanthropic support, resulting in the launch of our $5.5 million fundraising campaign: At the Center of it all.

Funds raised will support three growth areas:

• Patient Care
• Education
• Research

Of the $5.5 million raised, $4 million will be designated to our Research and Education Fund to support our three growth areas; $1.5 million will be used to establish an endowment for patient care – specifically, to help fund a new psychologist position.

These areas all need financial support to ensure patients receive holistic and comprehensive care. Funds will help the Center expand services and resources and share its findings with the broader medical community to support adults with Down syndrome who do not have access to a clinic such as ours.

How you can help

You can help strengthen and enhance patient care, education and research at the Adult Down Syndrome Center. To make a gift or to learn more, please contact Abby Leng, Development Manager, at 773-440-3819 or visit advocategiving.org/adsc.