

# DONOR DIGEST

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Issue 4

*Raising Funds and Making Friends to Accomplish the Mission of Peterson Health*

## YOUR IMPACT: 2024

25

\$1,153,500+

THOUSANDS



**Scholarships awarded:**  
25 Peterson employees were given financial assistance to pursue additional nursing education.



**Donor-Funded equipment acquired:**  
Over \$1,153,500 invested in state-of-the-art technology this year - thanks to YOU!

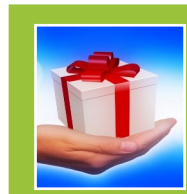


**Lives touched:**  
Thousands of patients benefit each year from your generosity!

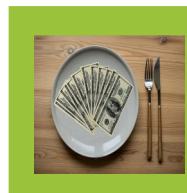
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## YOUR IMPACT: Donor-Supported Projects

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we are excited to introduce new, state-of-the-art equipment to better serve our patients. Your support has made these life-changing resources available in our community.

***Thank you for helping us enhance patient care in such a meaningful way.***

**Horizon DXA Bone Density Scan**— This innovative imaging tool helps in the early detection of osteoporosis and other bone health issues, enabling timely treatment and prevention.

**Intuitive Surgical Endoscope and Camera** -This advanced equipment offers surgeons high-definition, 3D visualization, allowing for enhanced precision in minimally invasive procedures. With the Intuitive Surgical Endoscope, we can reduce patient recovery times, minimize complications, and improve overall surgical outcomes. Thanks to this innovation, our patients now have access to even safer, more efficient surgeries, greatly enhancing their care experience.

**Transcutaneous CO2 monitor**— We are elated about this state-of-the-art monitor, an essential tool for real-time, non-invasive monitoring of carbon dioxide levels in patients. This advanced technology allows our medical team to quickly detect and address respiratory issues, especially in critically ill or post-operative patients. By providing continuous data without the need for invasive procedures, the transcutaneous CO2 monitor helps us improve patient comfort and safety, ensuring that we can respond swiftly to changes in their condition.

**Access TeleCare Telemedicine Cart**—With this addition, we can connect patients with specialists remotely, providing critical care access regardless of distance. This cutting-edge technology supports real-time video consultations and data sharing, which enhances the speed and quality of medical assessments. Thanks to this advanced telemedicine cart, patients benefit from expert insights without having to leave their community, allowing for faster diagnoses, timely interventions, and improved overall patient outcomes.

Thank you again for your partnership. You are making a lasting difference in our community by ensuring that everyone has access to essential, high-quality healthcare resources.

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# Why Your Continued Support of Peterson Health Matters

At Peterson Health, **every donation** enhances our ability to provide top-quality, compassionate healthcare to our community. Here's why continued support is so impactful:

## 1. Expanding Access to Advanced Medical Technology

Donations have enabled Peterson Health to acquire life-saving equipment like the Horizon DXA Bone Density Scan, Intuitive Surgical Endoscope, and the transcutaneous CO2 monitor. These state-of-the-art tools improve diagnostic accuracy and enable less invasive treatments, helping us provide exceptional care without the long-distance travel to San Antonio.

## 2. Enhancing Community Healthcare Services

Donor support allows us to offer a range of services, from preventive care to specialized programs in cardiology, oncology, and orthopedics. Your generosity funds vital initiatives that empower our community to live healthier lives.

## 3. Supporting Innovation and Training

Your contributions help us implement the latest in healthcare innovation, such as telemedicine carts for remote specialist consultations and continuous training for our staff. This support enables Peterson Health to adapt to modern healthcare needs and ensure exceptional care for every patient.

## 4. Providing Financial Assistance and Community Programs

Donor funds allow us to assist those in need, ensuring that no one delays care due to cost. Additionally, these funds support public health initiatives that make a tangible difference in community well-being.

## 5. Securing the Future of Local Healthcare

When you give to Peterson Health, you invest in a sustainable future for healthcare in our community, helping us expand services, upgrade facilities, and attract skilled medical professionals committed to compassionate care.

### Join Us in Making a Difference.

Your continued support is an investment in accessible, high-quality healthcare for the Texas Hill Country. With your help, Peterson Health can keep delivering the compassionate, innovative care our community deserves.

**Thank you for being a vital part of our mission.**



## Financial FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

### Maximize Your Impact with Year-End Giving: How Donations Can Benefit You and Peterson Health

Year-end donations not only support Peterson's mission but can also offer valuable tax benefits. Here's how:

#### Tax Perks of Donating:

- Donations to the PetersonHealth Foundation can reduce your taxable income.
- Donating appreciated assets, like stocks, helps avoid capital gains taxes.
- If you're 73 or older, give directly from your retirement account to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) without added taxable income.

#### Tips for Year-End Donations:

1. Choose eligible charities like the Peterson Health Foundation (*check IRS guidelines*).
2. Itemize deductions if they exceed the standard deduction.
3. Keep records of donations, especially for larger or non-cash gifts.
4. **Meet the December 31 deadline.**
5. Consult a tax advisor if needed to maximize benefits.

# GALA UPDATE!

## Enhancing Patient Comfort Through Community Support

Thanks to the incredible success of our recent Gala, we're excited to announce that Peterson Health is able to invest in over **75** mattresses for use here in our hospital. These state-of-the-art mattresses will play a crucial role in providing World-Class care to our community by enhancing both comfort and safety for our patients.

### Key Features of the Pro Plus Mattress:

- **Advanced Pressure Relief:** Specialized foam layers evenly distribute pressure to reduce the risk of pressure ulcers, crucial for long-term or immobile patients
- **Superior Comfort and Support:** Multi-layered foam contours to the body, with enhanced edge support for patient safety when getting in and out of bed.
- **Durability:** Built to last, ensuring consistent support over time without sacrificing comfort
- **Hygiene:** Advanced Moistureclimate® technology removes heat and moisture with the push of a button
- **Ease of Use:** Integrated pump eliminates the need to haul heavy, external equipment from room to room

By using funds from the Gala, we're able to invest in these high-quality mattresses, ensuring we continue to provide the best care possible and stay on top of leading-edge technologies, offering only the best for our patients and our community. These new additions directly support our mission to deliver *Exceptional, Compassionate, Patient-centered care* while improving patient outcomes and comfort.

We are deeply grateful to our donors and community members whose generous support made this possible. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of our patients!

Thank you to our generous underwriters for ensuring the success of the Gala on such a grand scale!



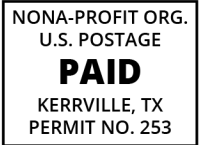
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## *Hope and Health in the Hill Country – A Partnership for the Future of Nursing*

Peterson Health is excited to announce a groundbreaking collaboration with Schreiner University aimed at inspiring local high school students to pursue rewarding careers in nursing. As part of this initiative, two new endowed scholarship funds—the first contributions to this vital program—have been established to support students dedicated to healthcare. These scholarships were made possible by the generosity of two local families who share a vision for investing in the future of healthcare in the Kerrville area.

The **Michael M. Baumann Memorial Endowed Scholarship** and the **Dr. William E. Morris Scholarship**, both established in 2024, are designed specifically for students planning to study nursing at Schreiner University. As part of this unique program, scholarship recipients commit to working with Peterson Health for a minimum of three years after graduation. This "pay it forward" commitment fosters a cycle of local healthcare talent, ensuring that Peterson Health—and the wider Hill Country community—benefits from skilled, compassionate professionals for years to come.

The scholarships provided by Peterson Health will support Junior and Senior nursing students at Schreiner. Schreiner University has committed to providing scholarships to establish a pipeline of future nurses and their scholarships will support Freshmen and Sophomores interested in nursing. Schreiner has secured its first endowed scholarship in furtherance of the collaboration.

These scholarships address the financial obstacles of higher education, allowing passionate students to focus on their studies without the burden of financial worry. However, the Baumann and Morris Scholarships are just the beginning. With more funding still needed to grow the program, Peterson Health invites community members to contribute to this important initiative. For more information on how you can support this transformative project, please contact the Peterson Health Foundation Office. Together, we can strengthen the local healthcare workforce and invest in the future of our community.

