Aurora Health Care fact sheet

- Private, not-for-profit, integrated health care provider
- 30 counties, 90 communities
- 15 hospitals
- More than 150 clinics
- 70 pharmacies
- 32,000 caregivers – including 1,800 employed physicians
- Largest home care organization in Wisconsin
- More than 1.2 million unique patients
- 8.8 million patient encounters
- $4.9 billion in annual revenue (2015)

Aurora Health Care – how it all began

- In 1984, two Milwaukee hospitals, St. Luke’s Medical Center and Good Samaritan Medical Center, joined to become St. Luke’s Samaritan Health Care
- In 1987, St. Luke’s Samaritan Health Care adopted the name Aurora Health Care after a merger between Mount Sinai Medical Center and nearby Good Samaritan Medical Center

Our purpose: We help people live well.

Our commitment

Aurora Health Care, a community-owned, not-for-profit Wisconsin health care system, strives to promote health, prevent illness, and provide state-of-the-art diagnosis and treatment whenever and wherever we can best meet people’s individual and family needs.

We are committed to improving the quality of health care and health outcomes for people through the rapid and broad application of current knowledge. We are also engaged in the education of health care professionals, and the ongoing quest for new knowledge through medical research, in order to contribute to the quality of health care in the future.

Because we recognize the personal nature of health care services, we are committed to creating environments that meet the diverse physical, emotional, spiritual, social and economic needs of our patients and clients, as well as the people who serve them.

We are concerned with the overall welfare of our communities and we recognize that there are limits to the resources people can invest in health care. Working together, the people of Aurora are determined not only to provide services of the highest quality, but also to make those services affordable and accessible to every person in every community we serve.

Awards and achievements

- Aurora Health Care received the top performing U.S. Health Care System-6-year Hospital Quality Incentive Demonstration (HQID) from CMS, Premier Quality Initiative
- Aurora Health Care is a multiple year recipient of the QUEST Award for High-value Healthcare
- Aurora Health Care has been named “Most Wired” by Hospitals & Health Networks (H&HN) 11 consecutive years
- More than 800 heart transplants have been performed at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center
- Aurora has more than 300 active clinical trials
- Aurora Health Care has been named national top workplace multiple years in a row by Milwaukee Journal Sentinel’s Top Workplaces list
- The majority of Aurora Health Care primary care sites have achieved Level 3 recognition – the highest level – as a Patient-Centered Medical Home from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)
- Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center was ranked No. 1 in the Milwaukee metro area and No. 2 in the state of Wisconsin by U.S. News & World Report (2015-16)
- Aurora St. Luke’s also ranked among the top 50 hospitals in the nation in the four following specialty areas: cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology and GI surgery, and geriatrics
- Additionally, Aurora St. Luke’s was also named a “high performing” hospital in the areas of cancer, gynecology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, pulmonology, orthopedics and urology
- Aurora St. Luke’s has received Magnet® designation, the highest honor for nursing care bestowed by the American Nursing Credentialing Center (ANCC). The hospital is receiving the honor for the fourth time in a row and is one of only 21 hospitals in the world to do so.
- Truven Health Analytics (2016): Aurora BayCare Medical Center (3rd recognition) and Aurora Medical Center in Manitowoc County recognized among nation’s 100 Top Hospitals

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Aurora Health Care community benefits

Better health care leads to stronger communities ... and, at Aurora, we strive to be an integral part of the communities we serve. Our long-standing community partnerships with faith communities, free clinics and other community-based organizations have provided access to increasing numbers of individuals of all ages who need preventive, primary and specialty care.

2015

| Financial assistance (charity care) at cost* | $29,771,000 |
| Medicaid shortfall at cost* | $320,475,000 |
| Other means-tested programs at cost* | $9,452,000 |
| **Subtotal** | **$359,698,000** |
| Community health improvement and education services, and community benefit operations | $8,156,059 |
| Health professions education | $10,465,599 |
| Subsidized health services | $7,005,353 |
| Research reportable as community benefit | $1,998,469 |
| Aurora Better Together Fund** | $4,000,000 |
| Other cash and in-kind donations | $3,402,941 |
| **Subtotal** | **$35,028,421*** |
| **TOTAL 2015 COMMUNITY BENEFITS** | **$394,726,421** |

* Cost to charge ratios are based on Wisconsin Hospital Association percentages.

** Additional $1M incurred in 2016.

*** Unlike some community benefit reports that include additional categories as community benefits, Aurora Health Care has elected to exclude Medicare shortfalls and bad-debt expenses from the community calculations. However, when Medicare shortfalls are added, Aurora’s total benefit to the community is $974,532,421.

For your life.
Keeping you healthy, happy and loving life.

Aurora Health Care functions on an integrated delivery model. This model consists of measurable quality, affordable care and the patient experience. This combination leads to improved outcomes and healthier communities.
Our Service Areas

**North Region**
- Green Bay, Manitowoc & Marinette

**Central Region**
- Greater Milwaukee North & Sheboygan
- Waukesha & Jefferson
- Greater Milwaukee South

**South Region**
- Burlington & Walworth
- Racine, Kenosha & Northern Illinois

**Illinois**
- Green Bay, Manitowoc & Marinette

**Wisconsin**
- Green Bay, Manitowoc & Marinette

**Hospitals**
- Aurora BayCare Medical Center (in Green Bay)
- Aurora Medical Center (in Manitowoc County)
- Aurora Medical Center (in Oshkosh)
- Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center
- Aurora Medical Center (in Grafton)
- Aurora Medical Center (in Washington County)
- Aurora Psychiatric Hospital (in Wauwatosa)
- Aurora Medical Center (in Summit)
- Aurora West Allis Medical Center
- Aurora Sinai Medical Center (in Milwaukee)
- Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center (in Milwaukee)
- Aurora St. Luke’s South Shore (in Milwaukee)
- Aurora Memorial Hospital of Burlington
- Aurora Lakeland Medical Center (in Elkhorn)
- Aurora Medical Center (in Kenosha)

**Plus** ... more than 150 clinic sites in 90 communities

To find information about a specific Aurora hospital or clinic, visit Aurora.org/Find-a-location.

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2016
HIPAA rules for media

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) provides federal protections for personal health information held by covered entities and gives patients an array of rights with respect to that information. At the same time, HIPAA is balanced so that it permits the disclosure of personal health information needed for patient care and other important purposes.

**One-word conditions may be released if:**
- The patient is an inpatient
- The media representative knows the spelling of the patient’s first and last name
- The patient is in the facility’s patient directory (patients may choose to opt out of the directory)

**Protections for minors and behavioral health patients**
- All information regarding minors is completely protected unless a parent or legal guardian provides a release for that information. This includes verifying whether the child is receiving care at any Aurora facility.
- Patient information will never be released in cases involving mental health, substance abuse or developmental disabilities. These instances are specifically protected by state and federal law.

**Authorization for Public Disclosure of Health Information forms are needed to:**
- Report a birth
- Give details beyond the one-word condition
- Conduct any interviews, take photographs, take video, etc.
- Perform interviews with Aurora representatives regarding a patient’s condition

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**One-word conditions**

All patients have the option to be included in the hospital’s directory. If the patient chooses to be included in the directory, an Aurora public relations representative can get a one-word condition report regarding that patient.

**What the words mean**

- **Undetermined** The patient is awaiting physician assessment.
- **Good** Vital signs are stable and within normal limits; patient is conscious and comfortable; indicators are excellent.
- **Fair** Vital signs are stable and within normal limits; patient is conscious, but may be uncomfortable; indicators are favorable.
- **Serious** Vital signs may be unstable and not within normal limits; patient is acutely ill; indicators are questionable.
- **Critical** Vital signs are unstable and not within normal limits; patient may be unconscious; indicators are unfavorable.

**NOTE:** No interviews with the media will take place without the patient’s prior authorization from an Aurora Health Care representative. Only information specified on the authorization form will be released.

Treating you like a person, not a patient. Because you’re a person. Not a patient.

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Public Relations contacts
To ensure uninterrupted patient care all media inquiries must come through a public relations representative. No members of the media are allowed at any Aurora facility without pre-approved permission from the Public Relations department. While on-site, all media representatives will be accompanied by a public relations representative at all times. To assist in this process, all media should call and arrange a time to be on-site with a public relations representative before ever arriving unannounced. We will do our best to reply to all media inquiries in a timely manner.

Aurora Health Care hospitals
For media inquiries outside of normal business hours, please call the hospital switchboards and ask for the public relations representative on call.

Aurora BayCare Medical Center
2845 Greenbrier Road
Green Bay, WI 54311
920-288-8000

Aurora Lakeland Medical Center
W3985 County Road NN
Elkhorn, WI 53121
262-741-2000

Aurora Medical Center in Grafton
975 Port Washington Road
Grafton, WI 53024
262-329-1000

Aurora Medical Center in Kenosha
10400 75th Street
Kenosha, WI 53142
262-948-5600

Aurora Medical Center in Manitowoc County
5000 Memorial Drive
Two Rivers, WI 54241
920-794-5000

Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh
855 N. Westhaven Drive
Oshkosh, WI 54904
920-456-6000

Aurora Medical Center in Summit
36500 Aurora Drive
Summit, WI 53066
262-434-1000

Aurora Medical Center in Washington County
1032 E. Sumner Street
Hartford, WI 53027
262-673-2300

Aurora Memorial Hospital of Burlington
252 McHenry Street
Burlington, WI 53105
920-373-4761

Aurora Psychiatric Hospital
1220 Dewey Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213
920-794-5000

Aurora Sinai Medical Center
945 N. 12th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233
920-456-6000

Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center
2629 N. 7th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53083
920-491-5115

Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center
2900 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
920-491-5115

Aurora St. Luke’s South Shore
5900 S. Lake Drive
Cudahy, WI 53110
920-456-6000

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Aurora Health Care board of directors

Aurora Health Care is governed by a community board of directors. The board, which consists of business and community leaders, oversees the strategic and financial decisions that shape Aurora’s future.

Community board members include

John Anderson, MD, FACS, Senior Vice President, Navvis & Healthways
Joanne B. Bauer, Retired President, Kimberly-Clark Health Care
Thomas Bolger, President & CEO, Johnson Financial Group, Inc.
John Daniels, Chairman Emeritus, Quarles & Brady, LLP
Steve Dickson, Retired Vice President and Controller, WEC Energy Group, Inc.
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Nanette Gardetto, President, The EveryDayGood Foundation
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Daniel J. Minahan, President & COO, Continental Properties Co., Inc.
Christopher L. Shimojima, Founder, The Pocket Suite, Past-CEO, Provide Commerce, Inc.
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Rick Weiss, Retired Partner, Foley & Lardner
Chris White, Vice President Safety and Security Air Wisconsin Airlines Corporation

Aurora Health Care officers

John Daniels, Chairman
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Joanne Disch, PhD, RN, FAAN, Vice Chair
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Mike Lappin, Secretary
Shelly Hart, Assistant Secretary

For you. For life.
For your life.
At Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center, we know being a best-in-class hospital requires one thing: to always get better. When you walk through our doors, you’ll find remarkable treatment options and experienced specialty doctors practicing at the forefront of their fields. By providing advanced care and pioneering numerous procedures and technologies, we have earned a reputation as Wisconsin’s leading medical center and a national destination hospital for very specialized care in areas such as heart and vascular, neuroscience, cancer, organ transplant, orthopedics and gastroenterology.

Whether your diagnosis is simple or complex, you’ll experience an entire support system of innovative care and medical expertise, getting you back to what’s next with those who matter most.

Cancer Care
When it’s cancer, you want only the most experienced specialists and the most advanced diagnostic services on your side. Our world-class doctors come from all cancer disciplines, and work at the forefront of cancer care, refining the most advanced treatment and minimally invasive surgical options available. These options include clinical trials sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and major pharmaceutical companies, and advanced technologies, such as CyberKnife® radiosurgery and robotic-assisted surgery. Our team of leading cancer specialists is dedicated to improving your survival and quality of life. Through our multidisciplinary disease specific clinics, you receive coordinated and comprehensive treatment planning in a single visit when you meet one-on-one with your entire cancer team. This includes having your own personal cancer nurse navigator, to serve as an advocate for you and your family from diagnosis through treatment and survivorship. In 2015, Aurora Cancer Care treated more than 7,900 new cancer patients, with more than 2,800 treated at the quaternary cancer program at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center.

Heart and Vascular
We are dedicated to excellence in every aspect of heart and vascular care, including research, wellness, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care. We are proud of our national reputation for offering solutions to patients with the most complex conditions, who have been told they have no other options. We are internationally known for our expertise in heart and vascular care. We received a 3-star rating for the 3 most common heart surgeries in the U.S.—only 1.17 percent of U.S. heart centers have received this rating.

Our groundbreaking hybrid operating techniques team heart surgeons with interventional cardiologists, radiologists and electrophysiologists to perform complex heart and vascular procedures in our new, one-of-a-kind hybrid operating room. These procedures are less invasive and include transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), aneurysm repair and atrial fibrillation ablation.

Pioneering the latest technology, we offer cutting-edge treatments, such as ventricular assist devices for heart transplant (performing more than 700 VADs), the latest in mapping technology for atrial fibrillation ablation, and non-surgical or minimally invasive replacement aortic valves. We were the nation’s first health system to offer a 24/7 on-site heart and vascular care team – ensuring heart attacks are treated as fast as is possible. We connect you with world-renowned experts at our heart and vascular specialty centers, featuring the latest in treatments and research for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, adult congenital heart disease, Marfan syndrome, aortic disorders and valvular heart disease.

Services and Conditions

Cancer Care
- Aurora Behavioral Health
- Brain Cancer
- Breast Cancer
- Cancers of the Bone and Soft Tissue (Sarcoma)
- Cancer Counseling
- Cancer Nurse Navigators
- Cancer of the Spine
- Clinical Research Trials
- Colorectal Cancer
- Complementary Therapies
- Diagnostics and Imaging (PET/CT)
- Financial Counseling
- Genetic Counseling
- Gynecologic Cancer
- Head and Neck Cancer
- Interventional Radiology
- Kidney Cancer
- Lung Cancer
- Board-certified Medical Oncology
- Melanoma
- Nutrition Counseling
- Pain Management
- Pancreatic Cancer
- Pathology
- Prostate Cancer
- Board-certified Radiation Oncology (CyberKnife)
- Regenerative Medicine
- Rehabilitation
- Resource Library
- Robotic-assisted Technology
- Social Workers
- Spiritual Care
- Support Services
- Fellowship-trained, disease-specific Surgical Oncology
- Survivorship Programs

Heart and Vascular
- Adult Congenital Heart Disease
- Cardio-Oncology
- Cardiovascular Imaging (3-D Echocardiography)
- Cardiovascular Research
- Cardiovascular Surgery
- Coronary Artery Disease
- Heart Failure and Transplantation
- Heart Rhythm Disorders
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
- Karen Yontz Women’s Cardiac Awareness Center
- Marfan and Aortic Disorders
• Peripheral Vascular and Aneurysm Disease
• Preventive Cardiology and Rehabilitation
• Pulmonary Hypertension
• Research and Clinical Trials
• Structural Heart Disease
• Thoracic Disease
• Valvular Heart Disease
• Vascular Medicine

**Neurology and Neurosurgery**
Our neuroscience program offers specialty expertise and state-of-the-art imaging, plus leading-edge therapies, an inpatient neuroscience unit and clinical trials that make promising new treatments available today. As a certified Comprehensive Stroke Center through the Joint Commission – a distinction held by only a few hospitals in Wisconsin and less than 90 in the nation – we demonstrate our multidisciplinary stroke team’s ability to treat highly complex stroke patients using the latest technology with 24/7 availability. Our regional epilepsy and multiple sclerosis programs are pacesetters for life-changing treatments.

The Aurora Neuroscience Innovation Institute (ANII) brings together an integrated team of world-class experts in brain and skull-base surgery and minimally invasive procedures, stereotactic radiosurgery, head and neck cancer, neuroendovascular procedures and stroke care. The ANII team works hand-in-hand with the Aurora Research Institute and Aurora Cancer Care in providing the best care possible today while defining the best care for tomorrow. This dynamic partnership encompasses everything from cutting-edge bench and clinical research to the safe re-engineering of brain cancer cells – all centered on improving your quality of life.

**Services and Conditions**
- Aurora Neuroscience Innovation Institute (ANII)
- Epilepsy
- Nerve
- Parkinson Disease
- Sleep Disorders
- Spine
- Stereotactic Neurosurgery
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery
- Stroke
- Heart
- Liver
- Kidney
- Pancreas
- Autologous Stem Cell
- Living Donor Kidney Program

**Second Opinion**
When you seek a second opinion from us, you will talk directly with one of our highly trained, experienced registered nurses. Our Second Opinion Nurse Coordinator takes the time to answer your questions, gain an understanding of your situation, determine your specific needs and schedule a second opinion appointment to best meet those needs. Our doctors offer efficient, convenient, comprehensive and personal health care services, backed by medical excellence, state-of-the-art technology and the vast resources of Aurora Health Care.

For more information or to schedule a second opinion appointment, call 888-649-6892.

**Medical Excellence**
Ranked the No. 1 hospital in Milwaukee and nationally recognized in many categories, including Cardiology & Heart Surgery, Gastroenterology & GI Surgery, Neurology & Neurosurgery, and Pulmonology.

Performed more than 850 transplants, establishing our transplant program among the top 5% in the nation.

Implanted the first transcatheter aortic valve replacement in Wisconsin and today perform more valve replacements than all hospitals in the state combined.

Recognized for cardiac and stroke care by the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association – received a three-star rating in 2015 for the three most common heart surgeries in the U.S. Only 1.17 percent of U.S. heart centers have received this rating.

First in the nation and the only hospital in Wisconsin with a heart care team on site 24/7, 365 days a year.

World-class neuroscience team, led by an internationally renowned neurosurgeon who pioneered the minimally invasive expanded endonasal approach for removing brain tumors.

**Organ Transplant**
As a leader in transplant surgery and advanced heart and vascular care options, we are internationally recognized for our exceptional specialty programs and consistently meet or exceed national benchmarks for patient survival (100% for 30-day heart and 30-day pancreas patients; 95% for one-year heart patients). We are Medicare-approved for heart, liver and kidney transplants and offer 24-hour access to doctors and transplant coordinators. We’ve performed more than 800 heart transplants, which places us in the top 5% of hospitals nationwide for volume of heart transplant procedures.

Supporting the heart transplant program is one of the largest ventricular assist device (VAD) programs in the country. We’ve performed hundreds of successful abdominal transplants, including kidney, liver and pancreas. Our team has pioneered the innovative En Bloc procedure where the kidney and liver are stitched together and then implanted with a singular incision into the patient. Our kidney transplant team includes top surgeons and nephrologists specializing in laparoscopic kidney donation. We are also proud to offer a Living Donor Kidney Program.
Recognitions

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Designated for the fourth consecutive time as a Magnet hospital. The Magnet Recognition Program was developed by the American Nurses Credentialing Center to recognize health care organizations that provide nursing excellence.


Services

In addition to comprehensive specialty care, we offer:

Aurora at Home
- Home care and hospice

Aurora Behavioral Health Services

Aurora Pharmacy

Back and Spine Services

Comprehensive Wound Care and Hyperbaric Oxygen Medicine

Critical Care Medicine

Diabetes

Diagnostic Imaging
- Breast Imaging (full-field digital mammography, MRI)
- CT (64 slice, 16 slice)
- General Radiography and Fluoroscopy
- MRI (3.0T, 1.5T) and the new 1.5T Wide Bore
- Nuclear Medicine (PET, SPECT, Gamma)

- Picture Archiving and Communication System
- Ultrasound

Emergency Services – 24/7

Endocrinology

Family Practice

Gastroenterology (GI)/Endoscopy
- Pancreatic Biliary Services

Healing Garden – Vince Lombardi Charitable Funds Healing Garden and the Agnes and Morland Hamilton Healing Conservatory

Interpretive Services

Interventional Radiology
- Kyphoplasty/Vertebroplasty
- Neuroendovascular (diagnostic and therapeutic)
- Oncologic (diagnostic and therapeutic)

- Uterine Fibroid Embolization
- Vascular (diagnostic and therapeutic)

Ophthalmology Surgery Services

Orthopedics

Palliative Care

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Audiology
- Occupational Therapy
- Pain Management
- Physical Therapy
- Rehabilitation Inpatient Program
- Speech Therapy

Pulmonary Services/Respiratory Therapy
- Pulmonary Diagnostic Lab
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation

Urology

Outreach/community education programs

For a current list of programs, visit Aurora.org/Events.
Caring for someone else is the common thread that connects us all.

Your gift to Aurora Health Care Foundation, the charitable arm of Aurora Health Care, impacts countless lives and helps more people in our community live well.

Your donation is used in full to enhance programs and services that directly affect people and communities served by Aurora Health Care.

Gifts to Aurora Health Care Foundation will help our exceptional physicians and caregivers:

LEAD - Quality health care is people powered. Thanks to you, our caregivers are able to receive the latest training in their respective fields to advance their skills, knowledge and expertise.

INNOVATE - Your gift helps expand investments in new technologies, create better ways to deliver care and make discoveries that bring the latest in medicine to the forefront of our practices.

THRIVE - You help provide the latest resources that empower the people we serve, so that every person has the opportunity to live well - before and after receiving care.

ENGAGE - Together, we create a stronger community where access to quality health care is attainable, especially for those who need it most.

In 2015, more than 19,000 donors helped to raise a record breaking $15.8 million to support Aurora Health Care Foundation funds. Aurora funds enhance programs and initiatives that ultimately help more people in our communities live well.

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Aurora Health Care Better Together Fund

Aurora Health Care, the state’s largest not-for-profit health care provider, made a $10 million donation of cash and in-kind contributions in 2015 to support health initiatives in the communities we serve – an initiative called the “Better Together Fund.” In 2016, this commitment was extended for an additional $5 million. Dollars from the fund help support the expansion of primary care and behavioral health services, as well as sexual assault and domestic violence prevention and treatment programs – areas that, through recent community needs assessments, had previously been identified as those with greatest need. With the help of the Greater Milwaukee foundation, nearly four dozen community organizations received grants from the Better Together Fund in 2015 to advance their work. This fund helps to organizations across Aurora Health Care's service area in eastern Wisconsin, touching every socio-economic background and diverse community throughout the system.

Primary Care and Behavioral Health Grant Recipients include:

- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Milwaukee County: $100,000 to expand behavioral health services in Green Bay, Appleton, Milwaukee and Kenosha
- Albrecht Free Clinic, Washington County: $80,000 to expand psychiatric care and social work services
- Benedict Center, Milwaukee County: $100,000 to expand behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services for women in the criminal justice system
- Bread of Healing Clinic, Milwaukee County: Two separate grants totaling $200,000 to expand behavioral health services and increase access to primary care services
- Catholic Charities, Milwaukee County: $65,000 to hire a bilingual behavioral health therapist
- City on A Hill, Milwaukee County: Two separate grants totaling $173,000 to renovate clinic space to increase primary care capacity and expand staffing for diabetes case management
- CORE/El Centro, Milwaukee County: $100,000 to enhance integrative clinic services and expand access to primary care services
- Health Care Network, Racine County: $100,000 to expand services to additional underserved people across Racine County
- Kenosha Community Health Center, Kenosha County: $500,000 to purchase and staff a mobile clinic to provide primary care services in the City of Racine
- Lake Area Free Clinic, Waukesha County: $94,794 to expand clinic programs related to primary care and behavioral health services
- Lakeshore Community Health Center, Sheboygan County: Two separate grants totaling $1,000,000 to acquire and equip building space for two new clinics in Sheboygan and Manitowoc
- Milwaukee Health Services, Milwaukee County: $431,295 to recruit and retain six additional health care providers
- Open Arms Free Clinic, Walworth County: $100,000 to expand behavioral health services to underserved residents
- Outreach Community Health Center, Milwaukee County: $467,838 to upgrade existing clinic space and launch a behavioral health services pilot program
- Penfield Children’s Center, Milwaukee County: $100,000 to support behavioral health services for toddlers and children
- Progressive Community Health Centers, Milwaukee County: $1,700,000 to create two new sites to provide expanded access to primary and urgent health care services
Aurora Health Care Better Together Fund continued

Salvation Army - Wisconsin/Upper Michigan, Milwaukee County
$91,813 to hire a full-time mental health counselor to care for homeless individuals

Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers, Milwaukee County
Two separate grants totaling $1,000,000 to expand behavioral health and primary health care facilities and services

United Community Center, Milwaukee County
$25,000 to expand and transition its health center to a collaborative partnership with Carroll University, allowing for training of future health professionals

UWM College of Nursing Free Clinic, Milwaukee
$85,453 to increase access to primary care services

UW-Oshkosh Living Health Community Clinic, Winnebago County
Two separate grants totaling $132,919 to extend clinic walk-in hours and expand behavioral health services

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Grant Recipients include:

Advocates of Ozaukee County, Ozaukee County
$16,500 to further train crisis counselors, social workers and advocates to better assist the victims of domestic and sexual violence in Ozaukee County

Association for the Prevention of Family Violence, Walworth County
$20,498 to expand domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy services for two at-risk populations that are currently being underserved in Walworth County – teens and elders

Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Brown County
$47,367 to add a crisis counselor to the organization and to provide additional counseling services to victims of sexual assault in Brown County

Friends of Abused Families, Washington County
$25,000 to increase the capacity of the Transitional Living Program for victims of perpetrator violence

HELP of Door County, Door County
$28,500 to expand the safe shelter program, allowing more families to stay in a safe shelter for extended periods of time

Hmong American Women’s Association, Milwaukee County
$21,000 to support the Young Leaders Anti-Violence Program in increasing community awareness around gender-based violence

Jewish Family Services, Milwaukee County
$48,325 to provide mental health and trauma related counseling sessions to adults who are survivors of sexual assault and/or domestic violence

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan, Racine County
$17,200 to help operate and further expand sexual assault programming to help meet the growing needs of those in the county

Marquette University, Milwaukee County
$209,429 to support the Creating a Safe Campus Environment program which works to prevent sexual violence and support survivors

Meta House, Milwaukee County
$31,716 to provide much needed in-depth trauma services and advocacy

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, Milwaukee County
$20,455 to expand sexual assault and domestic violence advocacy services to the underserved population of LGBTidentified individuals in the Milwaukee area

Near West Side Partners, Milwaukee County
$499,998 to staff the PARC – Promoting Assets and Reducing Crime – Initiative, which will help address sexual assault violence in the Near West Side neighborhood of Milwaukee
Aurora Health Care Better Together Fund

Pathfinders, Milwaukee County
$30,000 to increase and improve sexual assault advocacy service delivery and capacity to underserved populations

Reach Counseling, Winnebago County
$30,000 to expand support and services to victims of sex-trafficking

Safe Harbor, Sheboygan County
$44,000 to increase capacity to serve victims of domestic and sexual abuse

Sojourner Family Peace Center, Milwaukee County
$1.4 million to help with construction costs for the new facility and to provide a specially-trained sexual assault nurse and counselor on site at the facility for the next five years

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Foundation, Brown County
$127,786 to develop the Relationship and Sexual Violence Program, which will provide education around the topic of sexual violence

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee County
$255,000 to create a comprehensive approach to sexual violence on campus – increasing awareness of sexual violence, enhancing prevention and expanding bystander education

University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Kenosha County
$407,750 to develop a collaboration between UW-Parkside, Carthage College, Gateway Technical College-Kenosha Campus, and Women and Children's Horizons, Inc., which will then create and provide a consistent, cohesive approach to sexual violence awareness and victim services

Walworth County Alliance for Children, Walworth County
$34,000 to expand the Walworth County multi-jurisdictional sexual response unit

Women and Children's Horizons, Kenosha County
$15,476 to support programs designed to assist victims of domestic and/or sexual violence in the county

Women’s Center - Waukesha County
$45,000 to support collaborative efforts with The Child Advocacy Center of Waukesha County and to help increase staff counseling capacity

Women’s Resource Center of Racine, Racine County
$25,000 to support the expansion of emergency shelter services in the community

Caring connects us all.
Aurora Research Institute

Research and innovation

- Aurora Health Care has emerged as a national destination for bench, translational and patient-centered clinical research. Aurora Research Institute unifies the innovative research efforts throughout the integrated health system’s 15 hospitals and more than 150 clinics.

- Funding for research at Aurora comes from a variety of sources, including industry, foundation support and local, state and federal agencies, which provided $3.3 million in 2015 to fuel the local economy.

- Aurora has 500 clinical, laboratory-based and translational research projects, including about 300 clinical trials, supported by about 170 caregivers. This provides enormous benefit and options to patients, giving them access to more drugs and devices before they become readily available.

- Aurora actively participates in the education and training of the next generation of health care providers. Over 2,400 residents, interns, fellows and students in medicine, nursing and the allied health professions learn in Aurora facilities each year.

- Aurora has affiliation agreements with more than 100 academic institutions, including a number of prestigious universities and academic medical centers.

Aurora research successes

- Striving to improve patient outcomes for cancer, cardiovascular disease and neurological disorders, Aurora opened Discovery Laboratory, a place where researchers work from the molecular to cellular levels to gain a better understanding of genes and proteins and how they react to new and existing therapies.

- Led by cardiovascular researcher Arshad Jahangir, MD, the Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani Center for Integrative Research on Cardiovascular Aging launched a stem cell research program in which cells are grown from donated patient tissue and studied to develop new prevention and treatment strategies for heart disease.

- Aurora’s Biorepository and Specimen Resource Center has amassed an inventory of more than 70,000 whole blood, plasma and serum samples donated by patients for future research studies.

- Breast oncology surgeon and researcher Judy Tjoe, MD, is leveraging Aurora’s biorepository of tissue and blood samples with a data-rich electronic health record to find hidden clues, or biomarkers, that predict risk of malignancy. Her program, TORQUE, spans laboratory-based, clinical and survivorship breast cancer research. Dr. Tjoe cofounded Team Phoenix, a survivorship program that blends prescribed physical activity with exercise research.

- Believing a cure for cancer is achievable, Aurora researchers and Aurora Neuroscience Innovation Institute clinicians led by Amin Kassam, MD, have established a stem cell bank of brain tumor cancer cells and are exploring ways to better understand their characteristics to develop new targeted therapies.

- Clinical trial research at Aurora has contributed to Food and Drug Administration approval of the latest devices and therapies, including the Micra Transcatheter Pacing System, the first leadless pacemaker in the world, Evera MRI, the first implantable cardioverter-defibrillator safe for use with magnetic resonance imaging, WATCHMAN, an alternative to long-term warfarin therapy for stroke risk reduction in patients with atrial fibrillation and CoreValve, a minimally invasive alternative for heart valve replacement.

- Collaborative relationships with academic and commercial institutions include start-up company APN Health LLC for its advanced three-dimensional cardiac mapping system and Marquette University for the future Athletic Performance Research Center.

- More than a dozen intellectual property disclosures were made by Aurora clinicians and researchers in 2015.

- Aurora is able to offer more clinical trials to patients than ever before because of its designation as a National Cancer Institute Community Oncology Research Program site, one of only 34 in the nation. Michael Thompson, MD, PhD, and Thomas Saphner, MD, lead the program at Aurora.

Peer-reviewed, scientific journal

On Feb. 28, 2014, Aurora launched Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews, a quarterly publication dedicated to reporting advancements aimed at improving patient outcomes and the first peer-reviewed journal in Aurora’s history. Led by an array of experts from primary care, cardiology, obstetrics/gynecology, cancer, neuroscience and other disciplines, the journal features scientific articles targeted to a diverse audience of physicians, nurses, bench and clinical researchers, and patients. Each issue may include: original research, systematic reviews, narrative reviews, editorials, topic synopses and patient-centric caregiver essays.

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