

President's Strategic Initiative Fund

Case for Support

Tufts Medical
Center

Tufts Children's
Hospital

When you support the **President's Strategic Initiative Fund at Tufts Medical Center, you help give every person who comes through our doors the exceptional quality, compassionate and accessible care they deserve and the greatest possible opportunity for recovery from illness or injury and a return to their normal life.**

Many of the children and adults we care for at **Tufts Medical Center and Tufts Children's Hospital** are among the sickest patients in our area. The acuity of our patient population is greater than that of most Boston hospitals, meaning that a higher percentage of our patients suffer from critical illness or traumatic injury. As a major tertiary and quaternary referral center offering the highest levels of acute care, many hospitals transfer to us their most seriously ill and injured patients for the high-complexity care for which we are widely known and respected.

We perform the most heart transplants among all hospitals in New England, are home to Level I trauma centers for adults and children, deliver the most advanced care in cancer, including bone marrow transplants and gene therapies, and provide multidisciplinary critical care to patients with the most serious diseases across all medical and surgical specialties. And based on the experiences of our patients and the countless ways in which they inspire us as their caregivers, we are devoted to research on the conditions they face that continue to elude cure or effective treatment.

To optimally serve the patients and families who depend on us for highly-complex care, we require specialized, high-cost resources. Your charitable gifts to the **President's Strategic Initiative Fund** play a vital role in helping us to obtain these resources so we can deliver to the people who need us most the kind of extraordinary health care that saves and improves lives and provides hope for a healthy future.

An Impactful Philanthropic Investment

Your gifts to the **President's Strategic Initiative Fund** are among the most impactful philanthropic contributions we receive. Under the leadership of **Tufts Medical Center's President and CEO, Michael Tarnoff, MD**, 100% of these flexible dollars are put to immediate use to help us respond to some of the most pressing needs and promising opportunities represented in our **Strategic Vision** – all directly focused on bettering the care experiences and health outcomes of the patients we are privileged to serve.

Our Strategic Vision is to maximize our impact on the lives of the people of our community by building upon what is our very greatest asset – our deep expertise in delivering outstanding, high-complexity, multidisciplinary care to patients with the most challenging diseases, conditions and injuries – achieving this vision by growing our capacities to better serve patients in need of lifesaving and life-changing care.

We consistently demonstrate excellence in the delivery of this type of care. During the coronavirus pandemic, we cared for some of the most critically ill patients with Covid-19 in the Boston area. Patients who were treated for the disease at **Tufts Medical Center** had better rates of survival than patients who were treated at a number of other hospitals, as evidenced by national surveys that benchmarked our outcomes against those of similar organizations with comparative patient populations.



After testing positive for Covid-19, Jose spent 112 days in the ICU at Tufts Medical Center, one of the longest patient stays in an ICU during the pandemic. Today, he is happy to be healthy and back to work at the Bellingham Market Basket. **Learn more** about Jose and his story during his stay at Tufts MC.

What Your Gifts Support

Your gifts to the **President's Strategic Initiative Fund** make a great impact by helping to fund some of our most immediate patient-focused needs.

Facilities

Your gifts are helping us to:

Construct a brand new, 12-bed intensive care unit (ICU) – our eighth ICU – to allow us to better serve our patients, and to provide us with the capacity to serve more people who are in need of critical care services

Renovate our Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU), a 10-bed unit dedicated to the care of patients who are suffering from life-threatening medical conditions with multisystem and multi-organ involvement

Renovate our Labor and Delivery Unit, an intimate seven-room unit with a highly-personalized approach. As the unit serves many women with high-risk pregnancies, families appreciate its close proximity to our Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU.)

Renovate our Emergency Room, where we deliver full-service care for all adult and pediatric emergencies and operate a Level I Adult Trauma Center and a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center

Clinical Programs

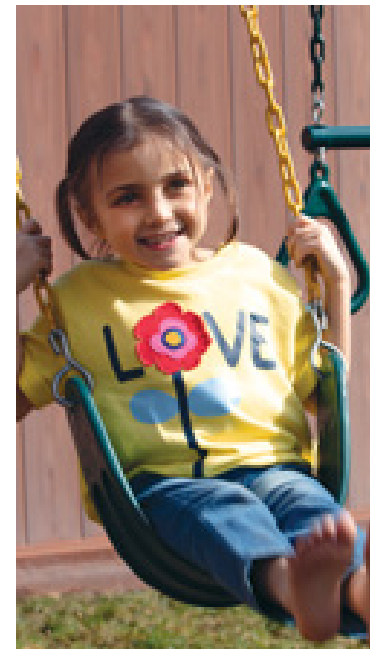
Your gifts are helping us to:

Increase the capacity of our Cancer Center so we can serve more patients who will benefit from our tremendous expertise in the treatment of blood cancers and other hematological diseases and solid tumors

Build upon the success of our CardioVascular Center in saving and improving the lives of patients with the most challenging cardiac diseases and conditions

Invest in our Department of Neurosurgery so more patients can benefit from its world-class delivery of minimally invasive care for complex neurologic diseases, including brain tumors, epilepsy, aneurysms and spinal problems

Expand services at Tufts Children's Hospital so we can serve more children and families who will benefit from our years of experience in delivering child and family-centered care to patients from birth through adolescence



Ruby spent three and a half years in treatment for cancer at Tufts Children's Hospital, her "home away from home."

Ruby was diagnosed with late-stage neuroblastoma when she was three. After numerous rounds of treatments and surgeries, Ruby, now seven, is a very confident, smart child.

Learn more about Ruby and her time at Tufts Children's Hospital.

Enhance our model of patient and family-centered care through support of our Nursing Programs, including our journey to achieve the prestigious Magnet Recognition® in nursing, and nurse-led clinical research initiatives focused on improving patient outcomes

Research

Your gifts are helping us to:

Advance research in our Cancer Center, including research focused on the development of gene therapies that hold important potential in the treatment of many types of cancer

Advance research in our CardioVascular Center, including the development of temporary cardiac assist devices that can save the lives of patients experiencing the most devastating cardiac events

Advance research at Tufts Children's Hospital, through its **Mother Infant Research Institute**, focused on improving pregnancy and birth outcomes for mothers and their babies

Your Chance to Make a Difference

Perhaps you, a member of your family or a friend has received excellent care at Tufts Medical Center or Tufts Children's Hospital, and you want to give back in a meaningful way. Or perhaps you are interested in us because you know of the role we play in the health of the people of our community. Whatever the reason for your interest, please know that we are incredibly grateful for your partnership and support.

To make your gift to the **President's Strategic Initiative Fund**, please contact the **Tufts Medical Center Development Office** at 617-636-7656 or at giving@tuftsmedicalcenter.org, or visit www.tuftsmedicalcenter.org/giving.

We invite you to learn more about the patients whose stories appear on these pages, who have all benefited from the generosity of friends like you, by clicking on the links provided.



Amy, at the age of 21, was driving on Superbowl Sunday at 4:45 pm when another driver hit her vehicle head-on. She was brought to Tufts Medical Center via MedFlight with massive injuries, spending 3½ weeks in the ICU and undergoing eight surgeries. Today, Amy is in school and working full-time, and is incredibly grateful to Tufts MC for saving her life. **Learn more** about Amy and her experiences at Tufts Medical Center.



Justin, a healthy 28 year old, was diagnosed with testicular cancer and thyroid cancer, and also had a mass on one of his kidneys. Justin, who is cancer free, recently completed a certificate program to become a pharmacy technician, and became engaged to his girlfriend. **Learn more** about Justin and his experiences at Tufts Medical Center.



Frank was transferred to Tufts Medical Center from his local hospital in the spring of 2020 with severe Covid-19. As his condition began to improve – he was able to come off intubation – it was discovered that he had a golf-ball-sized tumor in his stomach, which surgeons successfully removed. Today, Frank is healthy and grateful, and happy to share that Tufts MC saved his life twice. **Learn more** about Frank and his experiences at Tufts Medical Center.