Looking Back on 2021 with Gratitude
We are humbled by your ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life of patients and families right here in our community.
The accomplishments we celebrate are YOURS. The appreciation we receive from patients, their families, the community and our healthcare teams BELONGS TO YOU.

SUPPORT for our Devoted Healthcare Teams
3,491 warm meals, nourishing snacks and comforting personal care items provided for our dedicated caregivers teams through the COVID Employee Compassion Fund.

$47,882 in grants distributed to staff facing personal and family hardships through the COMPASSION FUND.

100+ employees utilizing ad hoc mental health appointments, provided through the COMPASSION FUND at zero cost to caregivers as they cope with and heal from mental, emotional and spiritual impacts of the pandemic.

A LIFELINE for our Most Vulnerable Patients and Neighbors
306 neighbors facing housing insecurity and homelessness served by the HEALTH Program.

474 patients with substance dependence cared for through NewStart Addiction Treatment, including 201 patients seen through walk-in appointments.

493 survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence given compassionate medical, mental and emotional care through the Forensic Nurse Examiner program.

355 home blood pressure cuffs provided for clinic patients to better manage their hypertension at home through the Area of Greatest Need fund.

HOPE AND HEALING for Kids in Crisis
900 kids admitted to Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP) from 43 counties, including from Illinois, Minnesota and Michigan.

Each CAP patient received a take-home art kit to offer opportunities for creativity and self-expression.

And each CAP patient received a take-home safe kit to offer comfort and reduce self-harm.
HELP for our Smallest Patients and their Families

4,982 babies delivered at UnityPoint Health - Meriter.

600+ tiny patients (and their families) cared for in the NICU, including those born as early as 23 weeks.

857 scent hearts and 192 infant isolette crib sheets sewn for the Meriter NICU and Birthing Center by Meriter Volunteers.

138 reduced-cost infant cars seats provided for newborns and their families through the Littlest Angels Program.

SUPPORT for the Next Generation of Healthcare Workers

39 extraordinary local high school students pursuing a career in healthcare each received a $1,000 scholarship through the Volunteer Services Healthcare Scholarships Fund.

400+ students trained at the Center for Healthcare Education and Simulation (CHES) on the high-fidelity simulator, “SimMan 3G”, purchased through the Terri and Carla Potter Fund for Nursing Excellence.

15 BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) team members enrolled in the Gloria Jones-Bey Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Scholars Program.

About UnityPoint Health - Meriter Foundation

IT BEGINS WITH OUR VISION:
A healthy community for everyone.

TODAY AND EVERY DAY, WE LIVE OUR MISSION:
To improve the health of the people and communities we serve through inspired giving.

This vision and mission inspires us to meet the needs in our region that are often overlooked. We partner with donors to support excellence in quality, safety and service, ensuring access to high-quality healthcare for patients and neighbors who need us. Together, we care for our patients, families, caregivers and our community.