

CARE CHAMPION SPOTLIGHT



20 YEARS



**Labor and Delivery** 

## Ciera Wilford

Q This year marks your 20th year of service at Jennie Stuart Health. What has inspired you to continue your career here, and what keeps you committed to the field of Labor and Delivery?

"My mother worked at Jennie Stuart for 33 years, so I essentially grew up here. It's home for me. After 20 years in labor and delivery, I can honestly say it's the people and the moments that keep me here. I truly love what I do."

Q You helped bring the Foundation into the conversation as solutions were being developed to address patient barriers identified through the patient needs assessment. Why was it important to include the Foundation in the Maternal Quality Team, and how do you envision this partnership impacting the future of maternal care at Jennie Stuart Health?

"Knowing how much the Jennie Stuart Health Foundation already does to support our hospital, it only made sense to partner with them for our Maternal Quality Team. This partnership strengthens our ability to support families before, during, and after birth, paving the way for more equitable, compassionate, and comprehensive maternal care at Jennie Stuart Health."

Q In Labor and Delivery, you are present with mothers and families during some of their most meaningful and vulnerable moments. What do you find most rewarding about caring

for patients during this time in their lives?

"What I find most rewarding about caring for mothers in labor and delivery is watching a family's joy and knowing I played a part in making their birth experience a positive one."

Q As the team lead, you play a significant role in setting the tone for patient care. How do you approach leading your team, and what do you feel is most important in guiding and supporting them?

"As team lead, I try to lead by example. I think it's important for my team to always feel supported and know that we're in this together. I stand beside my team, not above them."



### COMMUNITY **IMPACT**

In 2025, your Annual Fund contributions have offered meaningful care, support, and encouragement to the patients, employees, and providers of Jennie Stuart Health.

A copy of the Foundation's Form 990 may be found on our website.



In 2025, Tree of Life funds provided patients undergoing cancer treatment with the following:

- Food assistance
- Medication assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Printed materials for patient support
- Welcome bags for first time chemotherapy patients
- Financial assistance for patients experiencing additional barriers to treatment and healing



To date in 2025, fifteen (15) Jennie Stuart Health employees received financial assistance to help overcome an unexpected financial hardship.

"I want to thank the generous donors of the Jennie Stuart Health Foundation. During a time of need, the Foundation stepped in with compassion and support for my family. Your kindness made a meaningful difference in our lives, and I am truly grateful."

> Anonymous, 2025 **Operation Love Recipient**



To date in 2025, 96 members of #TeamJennie have been recognized as Care Champions for going above and beyond in providing exceptional care.

Since the Care Champion program began in 2020, 586 Jennie Stuart Health providers and employees have been honored by grateful patients for their outstanding service.

**Angie Yates** Resource Nurse, Team Lead **Outpatient Infusions** 



Pictured: Tracey Williams, Malcolm Blane, Gail Blane, Sarah Francis, and Eric Lee

#### Tree of Life Art Installation **Dedication Ceremony**

Located inside Jennie Stuart Medical Center is a meaningful display, made possible by Gail and Malcolm Blane. It was created to embody the mission of the Foundation's Tree of Life Fund.

Rooted in the vision of the Howard Stone Memorial Fund (1976) and carried forward through the Tree of Life Fund (1996), this effort continues to support patients and families of the E.C. Green Cancer Center.

The fund helps ease burdens like transportation and medication costs, provides resources and equipment that enhance treatment, and offers a meaningful way to honor or remember loved ones.

The newly dedicated installation, a sculpture paired with a digital screen, now stands as a lasting symbol of hope, remembrance, and generosity. It reflects the power of how philanthropy and partnership transform patient care, reminding us of what becomes possible when generosity meets vision.

<mark>"On behalf of Outpatient Infusions, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the Foundation's generous</mark> support and commitment to our department and community through the Tree of Life Fund. Your contributions have made a significant impact, and we truly are honored to have you as part of our organization.

Thanks to your support of gas cards/food cards, helping with filling prescriptions, financial support, welcome bags and more, we are able to provide essential resources to underserved community and cancer patients.

On behalf of the entire team, OPI, we express our deepest thanks. Your support aids in our commitment to continue providing the highest quality service to our community. Once again, thank you for your demonstration of faith work in our work and standing beside us in our outreach to support and care for our rural community."



#### A Word From Our Board Chair

Tracey Carter Williams, Chair

The 2025 theme for the Jennie Stuart Health Foundation could be "Donors Continuing Their Generosity Through Change.'

While the Jennie Stuart Health System has undergone major changes in management and ownership, the Foundation's donors have continued to support the programs close to their hearts. The E. C. Green Cancer Center, the Tree of Life Fund, and the other donor established funds have continued to grow and support patient and staff needs.

And JSHF has experienced internal changes. Tracey Clark retired after 7 years of building the structure of the Foundation, cultivating strong donor relationships, leading a successful capital campaign, and establishing an endowment of nearly \$1 million to support cancer care. The Board is profoundly grateful for her leadership.

Just as Tracey Clark was the right leader seven years ago, the Board is confident that the right person to guide us now and into the future is Sarah Francis, Sarah's promotion reflects our belief in her passion for the Foundation's mission and her commitment to advancing our important work.

In conclusion, I assure you that the Foundation Board, chaired in 2026 by Eston Glover, has never been stronger or more committed to assisting donors in meeting patient and staff needs. Thank you for your gifts that enrich the lives of patients and staff who work hard to care for the health needs of our neighbors.



## A SEASON OF CHANGE AND GRATITUDE

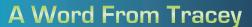
This year marks a meaningful season of change for the Jennie Stuart Health Foundation.

After years of dedicated service and steadfast leadership, Tracey Clark retired from her role as Executive Director. Tracey was recruited to lead the newly established Foundation in September 2018 and is credited with shaping its structure and building strong community support.

During her tenure, she cultivated lasting donor relationships that have greatly benefited Jennie Stuart Medical Center, led a successful capital campaign, and established an endowment of nearly \$1 million to support cancer care. As we honor Tracey's legacy, the Foundation also welcomes Sarah Francis as its new Executive Director/Foundation Officer. Sarah brings six years of impactful service to the Foundation, where she has been a driving force behind program development, donor engagement, and strategic initiatives.

This transition marks both gratitude for the past and confidence in the future. A reminder that while leadership may change, our organization's purpose remains the same: turning generosity into impact, because together, we truly do make a difference.





As I reflect on the past seven years I spent with the Jennie Stuart Health Foundation, I am filled with awe and gratitude. I was honored when I was asked in 2018 to help establish a Foundation to support the services, patients, providers, and staff of our community's hospital. I was also thrilled to bring Sarah Francis into the organization in 2019 as we were preparing to publicly launch the Foundation and its programs. Then 2020 arrived with its many challenges.

What we could not have anticipated about the pandemic was how you would embrace the Foundation as a means to support our patients and care teams. You stepped up in numerous and immeasurable ways to ensure that our hospital could weather the worst days in our history. And you have continued that tremendous support, enabling us to move beyond crisis and into very meaningful endeavors that have had tremendous impact.

Together we built a strong Tree of Life Cancer Support Fund to help patients of the E.C. Green Cancer Center and their families through difficult days. We have grown our Operation Love Fund and provided relief to countless hospital employees who encountered unexpected hardships, including the natural disasters experienced in our region during recent years. Together, we pulled off a tremendously successful capital campaign to provide important elements of comfort for patients in the new Cancer Center. And together, we have established a lasting endowment to keep our Cancer Center viable for many generations to come. I have been continually touched by your willingness to give graciously, and I am extremely proud of what we have all accomplished together. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your generosity, kindness, and support of me and of our hospital Foundation.

It is always bittersweet when a significant chapter ends, but it is infinitely easier when you are confident that you are leaving things in such capable hands. Under Sarah's leadership, in collaboration with our incredible Board of Directors, I know the Foundation will continue to grow. I am certain there are many exciting things ahead for the JSH Foundation. I hope you will join me in supporting Sarah and Audrey as they continue to fulfill the Foundation's mission of ensuring exceptional health care close to home for all of us.

With heartfelt gratitude, Tracey "The impact Tracey has made is immeasurable. I am honored to continue strengthening the Foundation's mission and building on the legacy she established. I look forward to leading the organization into a future defined by purpose and meaningful impact."

Sarah Francis
Executive Director/Foundation Officer

### Better Together



On Oct. 1, Jennie Stuart Health officially joined Deaconess Health
System, marking a significant milestone in the region's
healthcare landscape. This transition strengthens Jennie Stuart
Health's ability to expand services, enhance resources, and
ensure continued access to high-quality care close to home. It
also supports the ongoing work of the Jennie Stuart Health
Foundation, which will continue to keep its funds local and
maintain local board governance while benefiting from expanded
opportunities within the Deaconess system.

"At Deaconess, we deeply value the Jennie Stuart Health Foundation's longstanding commitment to this community," Deaconess CEO Shawn McCoy said. "Through this affiliation, the Foundation will continue directing support where it's needed most locally, while gaining access to the enhanced resources and partnerships available across our system."



Shawn McCoy
CEO of Deaconess Health System

This partnership preserves the strong local presence Jennie Stuart Health has built over decades, enhances services and coordinated care, and expands opportunities for community-focused investment. Together, Jennie Stuart and Deaconess are advancing a shared commitment to patient-centered care, strategic growth, and improved access across the region.

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"For more than a century, Jennie Stuart Medical Center has served Christian County and the surrounding region through strong community partnerships. The Jennie Stuart Health Foundation enables individuals to actively join us in our mission to provide exceptional health care close to home. Last year's outstanding \$2M fundraising for the Cancer Center Capital Campaign - which allowed us to grow the Lily Endowment to nearly \$1M - exemplifies the power of this collaboration. These investments support our patients today while strengthening our capacity to expand and enhance services in response to our community's evolving health care needs."



Eric Lee, CAO Jennie Stuart Health

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The Jennie Stuart Health Foundation is deeply grateful for the contributions made in memory of cherished friends and loved ones.

We are honored to be a part of the remembrance of these special individuals.

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Lauren Lee, 2025 Foundation Donor

"My gift to the Jennie Stuart Health Foundation is a meaningful way for me to honor and memorialize my beautiful mother, Ginny Goff, whose strength and grace continue to inspire me every day. She lost her battle to an aggressive form of brain cancer known as a Glioblastoma on April 2, 2020. She was truly my rock - source of courage, love, and resilience. Supporting this cause allows me to honor her memory and help others fighting cancer, just as she did with such determination and faith. Her favorite Bible verse was, "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10. That verse continues to ground me, reminding me that even in loss, God's presence and purpose remain steady. Each time I walk by the memorial wall and see her name, I'm reminded that her life and even her death was not without purpose. It brings me peace knowing her legacy continues to touch lives and offer hope to others."

#### **OUR MISSION**

To improve quality of life in the communities served by Jennie Stuart Health by ensuring access to exceptional health care and supporting initiatives that promote well-being.

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