

Iredell Health Foundation

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a Cure 5K

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changing local cancer care

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OF PHYSICIANS**
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begins at IHS

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tickets now on sale

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grants engage
community

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FOR A CURE**
bring advanced
cancer treatment
close to home

WELCOME TO IMPACT

ABOUT THE IREDELL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Iredell Health System established the Iredell Health Foundation, a 501 (c)3 nonprofit, to help support its programs and services through donor-centered fundraising. At the Foundation, our focus is on raising community awareness of specific programs that need funding and provide individuals and organizations hoping to make a difference and leave a legacy, the opportunity to support local healthcare needs of their choice.

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Our Distinguished Corporate Health Partnership Program provides businesses with an opportunity to engage in events and annual giving programs that touch the lives of many and make a real difference in the health and wellbeing of our community.

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Upcoming Events

10/04/2025

Lacing Up for a Cure 5k

Statesville YMCA

This 5K walk/ run is set to take place on Saturday, October 4, at the Statesville YMCA. This is the event's second year, and we are hopeful for great community support once again!

All funds raised go toward Iredell Health Foundation's Cancer Patient Support Fund, which assists anyone receiving active treatment who needs help with transportation, lodging, support group activities and other discretionary support.

The Iredell Health Foundation maintains and administers the Cancer Patient Support Fund in conjunction with the health system's oncology department.

lacingup.org



Benefiting the Iredell Health
Cancer Patient Support Fund

Register to walk or
run by Sept. 11 and
get a race t-shirt!



Registration Fee
\$30
(\$20/virtual)

tinyurl.com/LacingUp2025



Survivor Walk for Cancer @ 8:30am!



Enjoy an evening of music, food, beer
& wine to benefit the Cardiac & Vascular
Care Fund for Iredell Health System.

Friday

November 7, 2025
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Statesville Civic Center
300 S. Center Street
Statesville, NC 28677

11/07/2025

Heart of Jazz

Statesville Civic Center

Enjoy an evening of music, food,
and spirits to benefit the Cardiac
& Vascular Care Fund for Iredell
Health System.

Back by popular demand, N-Spire
hits the stage with a love for music
and energy out of this world. Their
music includes R&B, jazz, funk, pop,
old school, go-go and more.

Individuals tickets are \$100/each.

Sponsorships are also available!

heartofjazz.org

SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual
Iredell Health Foundation
INTERNATIONAL
Women's Day
BREAKFAST



"DON'T GIVE UP"

Breakfast encourages women to push forward, overcome obstacles, find balance never give up

The Iredell Health Foundation's International Women's Day Breakfast was held on Wednesday, March 5 at The Cove Church in Mooresville. The event benefits the Women's Health Fund.

More than 400 attendees enjoyed a morning of fellowship and inspiration. Keynote speaker Jessica Lynch, former POW, shared an encouraging message of perseverance during life's tough times. Women in Health speaker Alicia Ibanez, of Optimed Hospitalists, also shared a message that emphasized finding a balance amidst the challenges women have to juggle in life. The event was emceed by beloved former news anchor Molly Grantham.

Cancer survivor and food disparity activist Hope Ostone-Baucom was awarded the 2025 Uplift Woman of the Year award, given to a remarkable woman in the community who is dedicated to uplifting others, providing guidance, and encouraging individuals to live their fullest lives while striving for greatness.

Save the date for our **4th annual International Women's Day Breakfast, Wednesday, March 4, 2026** at The Cove Church in Mooresville. Leslie Mouton, former TV news anchor and breast cancer survivor, will be the keynote speaker.



CANCER CARE AT IREDELL HEALTH

Patients can receive state-of-the-art cancer treatment in Iredell County



At Iredell Health System, we understand how difficult it is to cope with cancer. That's why we offer the latest in imaging technology enabling us to diagnose cancer at the earliest stage. After a diagnosis, our cancer specialists work with you from day one to help you understand your care journey. From diagnosis to recovery, our cancer patients can be assured they're receiving the best medical care delivered with compassion and warmth.

In addition to breast cancer, Iredell Health System offers the latest technology for diagnosing cancers such as PSMA pet scans for prostate cancer, 3D mammography for breast cancer, and the Ion Endoluminal System for lung cancer detection. We are committed to providing patients with the latest and best the industry has to offer.

Iredell Health offers customized treatment and recovery plans that include surgical oncology, oncology infusions, radiation therapy and cancer rehabilitation. We also offer psycho-oncology, support group services, and oncology navigation.

Help Us Make a Difference

The J. Allen Knox Radiation Therapy Department is committed to providing the highest level of care with the latest technology. To continue offering cutting-edge treatments and support services, we aim to raise \$3.5 million to help purchase a new TrueBeam Linear Accelerator. This advanced equipment will enhance our ability to deliver precise and effective radiation therapy, improving patient outcomes and quality of life.

Your support can have a significant impact. By contributing to this cause, you are helping us provide state-of-the-art care to our community, ensuring that every patient receives the best possible treatment.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those battling cancer. Please consider donating to help us reach our goal and continue our mission of compassionate, patient-centered care.

From the front: Laura Kerzwick



RADIATION THERAPY: A JOURNEY OF COMPASSION

Laura Kerzwick, Director of Radiation Therapy, has a deep personal connection to her career choice, profoundly influenced by the loss of her best friend to Hodgkins Lymphoma at a young age. This heartbreaking experience ignited a passion within her to help others facing similar battles. Witnessing friends and family navigate cancer diagnoses and treatments further solidified her calling to this field.

While Laura finds direct patient contact incredibly rewarding, she also derives immense fulfillment from supporting the team that cares for patients. She is dedicated to ensuring that caregivers have the necessary tools and resources to provide exceptional care. Laura takes pride in being a cheerleader for her team, celebrating their successes and fostering a supportive environment.

To stay at the forefront of advancements in radiation therapy, Laura leverages a robust network of colleagues, attends national conferences, accesses professional journals, and maintains continuing education for licensure. An affiliation with Atrium Wake Forest offers additional opportunities for departmental growth and learning, ensuring that the team is always equipped with the latest knowledge and techniques.

For patients and their families considering radiation therapy, Laura and her team provide the assurance of receiving the best care possible from a highly experienced and compassionate group of professionals. She emphasizes the importance of reaching out to family and friends for support, as their help can be invaluable

during the treatment journey. Laura's dedication and personal connection to her work make her an inspiring leader in the field of radiation therapy.

Navigating the Journey of Radiation Therapy at J Allen Knox Radiation Therapy Department

At the J. Allen Knox Radiation Therapy Center, the journey of radiation therapy begins with a referral from a physician who believes radiation treatment may be beneficial. Before the consultation, the radiation oncologist reviews the patient's medical history to understand their clinical background.

Upon arrival, patients are warmly greeted by the staff, who understand the emotional weight of the journey. The initial assessment involves meeting with a nurse to review medications and medical history, followed by a discussion with the radiation oncologist about care options. If radiation therapy is chosen, a CT simulation appointment is scheduled to accurately identify the tumor.

The radiation oncologist collaborates with a dosimetrist to create a precise treatment plan, which is then reviewed for quality assurance. Once approved, the patient is scheduled for a "new start" appointment, where therapists set up the treatment as planned. Daily treatments are administered until all prescribed sessions are completed.

Patients have access to various support services, including meetings with a dietitian and assistance from an oncology social worker. The department stands out for its compassionate, patient-centered approach and advanced technology, ensuring precise and effective treatments.



For more information about cancer services, call 704.873.5661 or visit iredellhealth.org/cancer. You can also scan the QR code below!



GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES FUNDS FOR NURSING EDUCATION



➤ Iredell Health System and the Iredell Health Foundation hosted the 14th annual Iredell Memorial Golf Classic on May 15 and 16 at the Statesville Country Club.

Close to 200 golfers enjoyed playing knowing their contributions help provide nursing education for the organization.

This cornerstone fundraising event is dedicated to furthering the dreams of our nursing heroes. Over the years, funds raised through this event have helped more than 550 individuals with educational endeavors, specialty certifications and nursing leadership development.

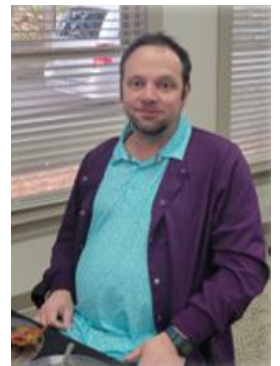
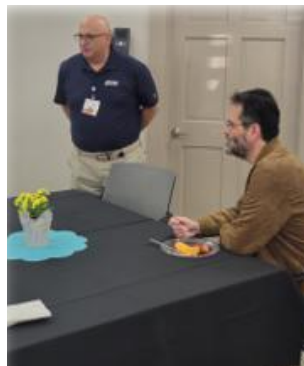
Our nurses are essential to the mission of Iredell Health System. Providing continued opportunities for learning are at the core of The Institute for Nursing Excellence at Iredell.

This year's event raised approximately \$125k.

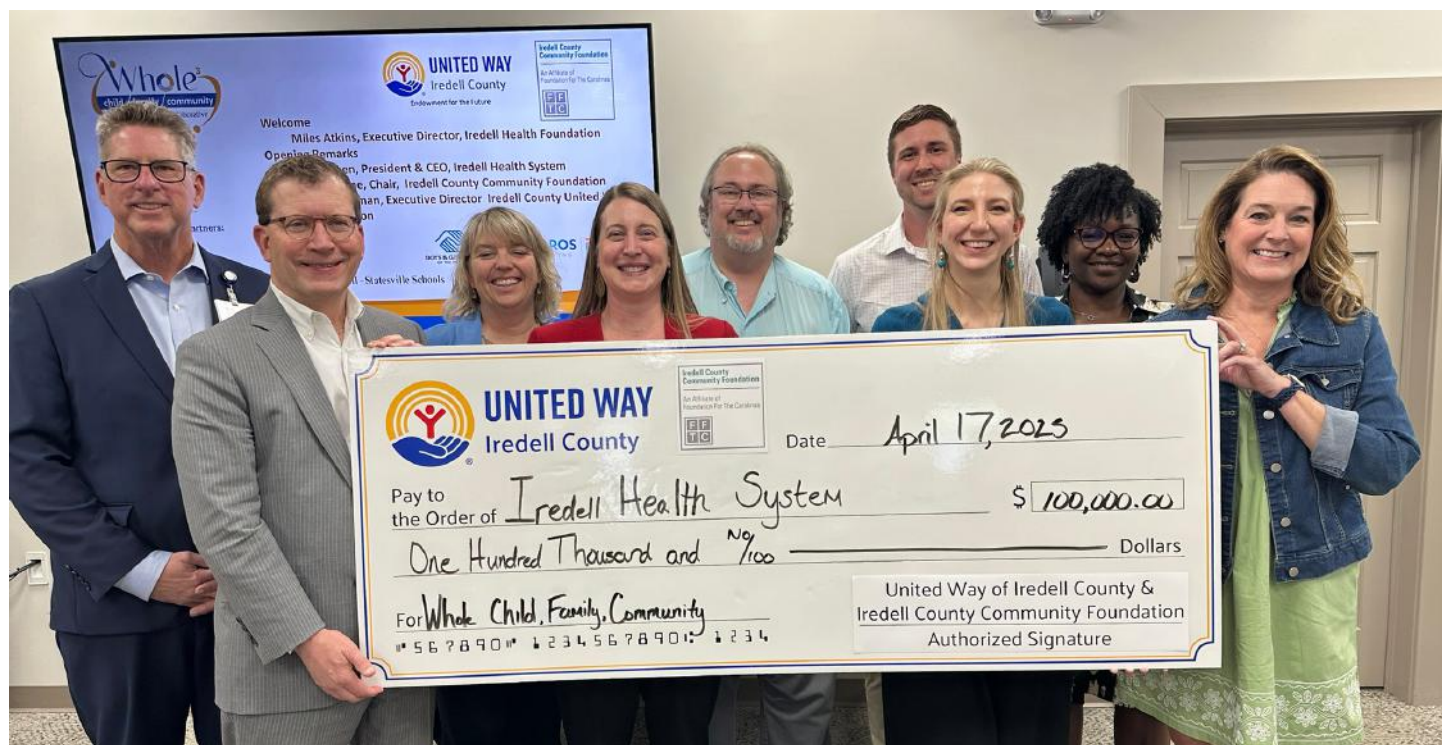


DONOR APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Thank you to all who attended this year's Donor Appreciation Breakfast, held Saturday, April 12. This breakfast is just one of many ways the Iredell Health Foundation shows its gratitude for the unwavering support of our donors.



GRANTS IN THE



New community collaborative bridges gaps for children

Whole3 is a cross sector collaborative effort that seeks to address the critical needs of children and families in Iredell County by focusing on healthcare, education, and social services. The goal of Whole3 is to move from awareness and cross referral to true collaboration. With Whole3, institutional barriers come down, and member agencies leverage collective expertise, research, data and resources.

The Iredell Health Foundation is the lead agency for Whole3, but there are many other collaborating partners in our community. Whole3 provides direct services through various departments and facilities, mental health support, community and professional training, early care and education, vocational training and mentorship programs. The program uses a two-generation approach and utilizes a family navigator program. Focus

areas include early child development, education, employment opportunities, social capital, healthcare access, and economic self sufficiency.

Whole3 is made possible thanks to the generous donations of the **United Way of Iredell County** and **The Iredell County Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the Foundation of the Carolinas.



Scan the QR code to learn more

SPOTLIGHT

Behavioral Health coming to Taylorsville



NCDHHS

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Office of Rural Health recently awarded the Iredell Health Foundation a \$450,000 grant to provide behavioral health services to the Taylorsville community.

The grant will cover the expenses of a full time licensed, clinical social worker and full time medical assistant who together will provide behavioral healthcare services and support. Patients will be seen at Family Care Center of Taylorsville, a part of the Iredell Physician Network.

The program is set to be in place before the end of 2025.



Family Care Center of Taylorsville will be home to the area's behavioral health program.



1954 LEGACY SOCIETY

Iredell Health Foundation

The Iredell Health Foundation created the 1954 Legacy Society as a tribute to the citizens of Iredell County who bravely embarked on bringing quality health and preventive care to its residents with the building of Iredell Memorial Hospital in 1954.

The 1954 Legacy Society honors those donors who have selflessly made a legacy gift by including Iredell in their estate plans in support of the

continued work of Iredell Health System.

A Planned Gift is simply a financial arrangement you make now that will benefit the Foundation when you are gone. Planned Gifts also can reduce taxes like capital gains, estate, and income taxes and of all the various giving types, planned gifts offer the highest return on investment.

Susan Tolle, Charter Member

"I became a Charter Member because doing so gives me both the opportunity to show my deep appreciation for Iredell Health System, as well as to offer my support for its mission of Inspire Wellbeing - Together. At the same time, this membership accommodates my own personal and philanthropic goals. My planned gift, along with gifts from others, will ensure that Iredell Health can develop and sustain the healthcare services our community needs, including funding critical community health improvement projects. I am so grateful to have the Legacy Circle as a tool to make a meaningful contribution to the Iredell Health Foundation."

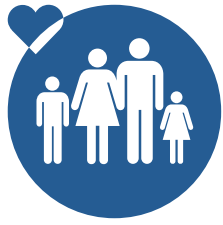


**LEARN
MORE**

Contact the
Iredell Health Foundation
at 704.878.7669

Why Make a Planned Gift:

1. Sustainability – Your planned gift allows for the Foundation to achieve its goals and remain financially strong for years to come.
2. Greater Impact and Reach – You can provide a larger planned gift than a gift you might otherwise give from current income or cash. A larger gift means you enable the Foundation to expand its programs and help more people.
3. Flexibility – A planned gift allows the Foundation to use your gift for a variety of purposes to accommodate changing needs and perhaps expansion
4. Inspiration – Your planned gift could inspire others to give.



Grateful Patients & Families

Iredell Health Foundation

Each year, the Iredell Health Foundation provides funding for projects at Iredell Health System that aim to enhance patient experience at the organization's facilities. Through an application process, departments within IHS submit proposals. For the 2024–2025 year, six projects were selected. These projects are funded through the Grateful Patients & Families Fund, which is supported through donations from grateful patients and families, as well as others within our community.

Comfort/Grieving Baskets

Providing grieving families with comfort items and demonstrating Iredell Health System's compassion toward our community during their time of grief.

Recreational Therapy Supplies

This project benefits Iredell Davis Behavioral Health Hospital by providing recreational therapists with needed supplies to enhance patient experience.

Dressed for Discharge

This project provides clothing to patients being discharged from the emergency department or hospital who would otherwise not have clothing to wear home, due to circumstances of their arrival. Often, clothes are soiled or have been cut to administer treatment, and these individuals are unable to wear their own clothing home. Dressed for Discharge provides them with a t-shirt or sweatshirt, and a pair of sweatpants, helping patients maintain their dignity.

Toy and Comfort Items

To purchase toys and other items of comfort for pediatric patients and those who have dementia.

POC Ultrasound Training

To incorporate point-of-care ultrasound training for Iredell Health's residency program. POC ultrasounds are ultrasounds performed by clinicians bedside to aid in immediate patient care.

Spark – Wellness

To promote health awareness, positive behavior and healthy lifestyle habits in the community.



Comfort/Grieving baskets are given to families who have lost a child in The Birth Place.

DONATE

Interested in contributing to the Grateful Patients & Families Fund? Visit IredellHealthFoundation.org.

GUARDIAN ANGELS AT IREDELL HEALTH

Throughout the year, patients and families are encouraged to share their story and give a gift of gratitude to the Iredell Health Foundation in honor of a specific employee who made a difference in their lives. These honored employees receive a special pin that designates them as a Guardian Angel. The individuals named below received a pin between July 2024–June 2025.



Alexia Edelbrock, CNA
Alicia Bland
Alley (Andraea) Royal
Allison Simmons
Angie Johnson
April Church
Ashleigh Heiberger
Ashley Branch
Ashley Haynes
Ashley Propst
Asia Smith
Autumn Naylor, MOA
Brandi Settle
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Cecilia Rodriguez-Luque
Ches Duncan
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Stephanie Russell
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Susan Drum
Tao Cui, MD
Taylor Cranford, OTC
Tori Bumgarner
Vijay Nappal, MD
Wanda Bryan *



KEY

physician/APP

recognized twice

recognized three times

*deceased

Share your story at
IredellHealthFoundation.org,
or scan the QR code.



Welcome New Residents!

Our Graduate Medical Education program recently welcomed its first class of Internal Medicine residents. These individuals will complete their residency requirements at Iredell Health over the next three years.



Xixi Yi, DO



Nunta Campbell, MD



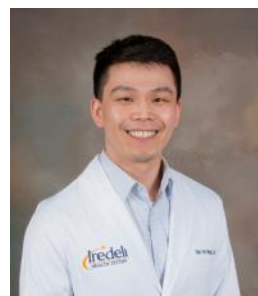
Vihoale Kpadenou, MD



Akshay Varsani, MD



Juliana H. Namutebi, MD



Yan Fei Wang, DO



Aparna Jayaram, MD

The Graduate Medical Education program offices are housed with the Iredell Health Foundation building, located at 734 Hartness Road, Statesville. To learn more, scan the QR code or go to IredellGME.org.



A special thank you to The Duke Endowment, who's grant for \$1.15 million helped establish the residency program at Iredell Health.



Bring Advanced Cancer Treatment Close to Home

Inspire

HOPE

for a cure

Cancer patients in our community deserve access to the best treatment and care.

Help us raise \$3.5 million to transform cancer treatment at the J. Allen Knox Radiation Therapy Center at Iredell Memorial Hospital.

For more information, contact Kim Holland or Miles Atkins
at foundation@iredellhealth.org or 704.878.7669.

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Inspire Giving

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