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## Our Mission

To secure philanthropic support to enable Missouri Baptist Medical Center to continue to be innovative and compassionate in accomplishing its mission of providing extraordinary care.

## Help Us Make a Difference



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# Letter from the President

## Dear Friends of Missouri Baptist Medical Center,

2024 has been an exciting year for Missouri Baptist Medical Center. Thanks to your generosity, in addition to reaching important milestones, we have begun work on several projects that will increase our capacity to provide extraordinary care to our patients and adapt to fit the changing health care needs of our community.

Among many other projects, this year we added a pediatric sleep lab and began a full renovation of our fourth floor to add more state of the art, private beds. By December, construction will be completed on our new hybrid cardiovascular operating room, which will allow our surgeons to treat more complex cases. Finally, in November, we will begin renovating the Clinical Learning Institute to house our new internal medicine residency program and resident clinic. Fifteen residents will complete their medical training on our campus, allowing us to serve those most in need and cultivate the next generation of primary care physicians right here at MoBap.

Thank you, also, for your continued support of the MoBap team of caregivers. They are the heart of this organization, and their outstanding commitment to patient care was recognized once again this year with top honors. *U.S. News & World Report* named Missouri Baptist Medical Center #2 among St. Louis and Missouri hospitals, and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services honored MoBap with a five-star ranking. I am so proud to have each one of them on the MoBap team. I know you are, too.

As you read about this year's achievements and our future goals, I hope you understand how deeply thankful we are to have you alongside us on this journey. It is impossible to list here the myriad ways we benefit from your generosity. Thank you for helping to make our work possible, and thank you, for helping to make MoBap better.

Sincerely,

**Ann Abad**  
President  
Missouri Baptist Medical Center

## 2023 MoBap By the Numbers



203,196  
Total Patients



14,501  
Surgeries Performed



3,411  
Babies Welcomed



1,242  
Providers



42,253  
ED Visits



21,464  
Admissions



952  
Heart Surgeries  
Performed



23,121  
Breast Health Care  
Center Patients



1,276  
MS Infusion  
Center Patients



9,969  
Outpatient Surgeries



1,970  
Stroke & TIA  
Patients



222  
Cancer Research  
Studies



2,713  
Team Members



1,276  
Lung Cancer  
Screening Exams

## Board of Directors

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# Welcome New Board Members



### Leader and Community Advocate

**Cory Elliott**, CEO and founder of CMT, LLC, has been in the commercial construction industry since 2012 and specializes in historic renovation, health care facilities, schools and government buildings. With 20 years of prior experience as a senior executive in health care operations

and construction, Cory has led projects that improved efficiencies, patient experience and clinical outcomes. Besides her professional achievements, Cory is dedicated to supporting underserved populations. “I have a passion for health care and a deep respect for MoBap’s work in the community,” she says. “As a Board member, I’m looking forward to helping find opportunities to increase services and being a part of a mission of excellence.”



### Cybersecurity Expert and Educator

**Renita Rhodes**, vice president and audit manager for cybersecurity at Wells Fargo, is an expert in cybersecurity risk management. Also serving as an adjunct professor at Harris-Stowe State University and Maryville University, she

is helping to shape the next generation of tech leaders. Renita’s lifelong interest in medicine drives her commitment to addressing health care disparities. “I admire the commitment and dedication that Missouri Baptist Medical Center has for providing quality, patient-centered care for all people. As a Board member, I hope to encourage community health and wellness, promote preventive care initiatives and build strong connections to make a significant impact in our community.”



### Champion of Fundraising and Community Support

**Lesley Shekelton**, co-owner of an international manufacturing company, has a passion for fundraising and special events.

Before joining the Foundation Board, Lesley led

successful fundraising initiatives for causes such as The Second Chance Ranch, Pink Ribbon Good, Baking Memories for Kids and Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital. Joining the Foundation Board aligns perfectly with Lesley’s desire to give back to Missouri Baptist Medical Center. “MoBap means a lot to my family and me. It’s where we have always turned when we’ve needed medical help, and they’ve always been there for us. It’s an honor to be able to give back, and I’m excited to be involved!”



# A Heartfelt Donation to Missouri Baptist Cancer and Infusion Center

## Ken and Jan's Personal Journey Inspires Generosity

Jan and Ken Labit visit MoBap's Cancer and Infusion Center (right).



### Ken and Jan Labit's journey began with an unexpected turn when Ken was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2023.

Facing the prospect of frequent treatments, Ken began therapy at MoBap's Cancer and Infusion Center. While receiving treatment, he noticed the reclining chairs used during infusions could be improved to offer greater comfort to patients.

#### Turning Gratitude into Action

Grateful for the exceptional care they received from the compassionate nurses and doctors, Ken and Jan wanted to make a difference.

They contacted the Missouri Baptist Healthcare Foundation about donating. "We decided to use the money we had saved for a new car to purchase 10 new recliner chairs for the Cancer and Infusion Center," Ken explains.

#### A Gift with Comfort in Mind

Their donation goals were to ensure the gift directly impacted patients and improved their experience in the infusion center.

The new blue chairs are special. In addition to reclining, they offer patients heated seating and a tray for essentials, making infusions, which can last up to five hours or longer, more comfortable. The new chairs also make the nurses' jobs easier.

Ken, who has undergone multiple chemo and radiation treatments, took pride in sitting in one of the first new chairs, playfully calling it "his chair."

While their donation didn't replace all the recliners, the impact was immediate. Ken and Jan were surprised by the outpouring of appreciation from the community.

#### An Outpouring of Gratitude

"Doctors and nurses alike would stop to say, 'thank you,'" Ken says. "It's heartwarming to know we have touched lives beyond our own in a meaningful way."

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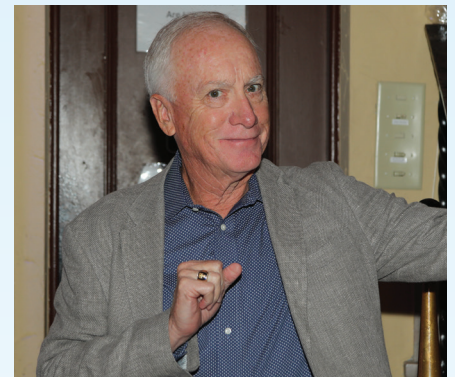
Ken Labit

# There's No Place Like Home Raises Over \$550,000

The Community Unites for MoBap NICU Renovation and Expansion



*Event chairs from left, Roy and Lisa Kramer and Arica and Steven Harris.*



*Douglas Copeland.*



*Charles Houska, Adam Day,  
Ashley Hever and Ted Wight.*



*Jeff Kapfer and Dr. David Sewall.*



*James and Lesley Shekelton.*



*Linda and Bart Haberstroh.*



*Dr. Barbara Warner and Emcee Rene Knott.*





*Mark Ellebrecht, Alisse Camazine,  
Tammi Laiderman and Steve Laiderman.*



*Rod McCann and Cindy and Kurtis Reeg.*

## **On September 14, 190 guests came together at Barnett on Washington for “There’s No Place Like Home” to support the renovation and expansion of the Missouri Baptist neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).**

The land of Oz-themed event, co-chaired by Arica and Steven Harris and Roy and Lisa Kramer, raised over \$550,000. The night was filled with friendship, stories and a shared commitment to supporting the lives of the tiniest patients and their families.

### **Meeting the Needs of MoBap’s Youngest Patients**

Each year on average, 3,600 babies are born at MoBap, and about 15% of them are admitted to the NICU at MoBap. Once there, leading specialists in premature and high-risk birth from WashU and St. Louis Children’s Hospital, one of the top pediatric hospitals in the country, work together to offer patients and families exceptional care and support.

### **A Personal Connection to the Cause**

Arica Harris explains why supporting the NICU renovations is so important to her. “Investing in our children’s future and supporting our community are causes close to my heart. The NICU renovations will create a welcoming space where babies can grow and help families during a worrisome and often traumatic time so they can go home together.”

### **Creating a Family-Centered Environment**

The plans include creating a family-centric, modernized and expanded NICU with an enhanced clinical environment. It will also feature private rooms, allowing parents to sleep or “room-in” with their infants, which increases infant bonding, breastfeeding and skin-to-skin contact and provides a supportive environment for both babies and parents.

### **A Home-Like Atmosphere for Healing**

According to WashU neonatologist and chief of newborn medicine at MoBap Barbara Warner, MD, the new MoBap NICU will create a home-like atmosphere, easing the stress many parents face while ensuring their newborns receive the individualized care they need.

### **A Commitment to Compassionate Care**

Lisa Kramer emphasizes the importance of this renovation. “When I think of MoBap, I think of extraordinary care and compassion. Most parents-to-be don’t anticipate a NICU stay, and touring the NICU made me realize how much families need a friendly, private and comfortable environment during such a critical time.”

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## During the event, three families shared their personal NICU journeys.

**When they needed it the most, the Nahliks found care and compassion in the MoBap NICU.**

“They sensed our fear and were calm, attentive and honest with us. The NICU staff was amazing in both their care and compassion for our girls. We’re forever grateful.”

***Ellen and Rob Nahlik, parents of twins***



**The Lancasters gained the support and guidance they needed in the NICU.**

“We are so thankful to the doctors, nurses and staff at MoBap for their support and guidance as we navigated the NICU journey. I feel like my babies were in the best hands at Missouri Baptist's NICU.”

***Abigail and Jeremy Lancaster, parents of quadruplets***



**To the Sappersteins, the MoBap NICU made a world of difference.**

“During the hardest moments, the NICU staff knew how to support us, including being a shoulder to cry on. We’ve never forgotten how much that meant to us. The kindness we experienced made all the difference in the world.”

***Sarah and Andrew Sapperstein, parents of twins***



Her husband, Roy Kramer, added, “Through my involvement on the Missouri Baptist Healthcare Foundation board, I’ve seen firsthand the passion and dedication of the doctors and administration. They are always looking for ways to improve, and this NICU renovation is evidence of a shared commitment to provide excellent health care.”

## Families Share Their Stories of Hope

During the fund-the-need portion of the event, three families whose children are NICU graduates shared their stories. Their experiences highlighted the role the NICU plays in providing exceptional care during some of the most challenging times for families.

With plans in place, construction of the new NICU will begin in 2026.



*Kelly Webb and Andy Arnold.*



*Charlotte and Joe Moro.*



# A Lifelong Connection Inspires Giving Back Through Champions for Care

**Missouri Baptist Medical Center and BJC HealthCare have always been a part of Linda Martinez's life.**

Linda was born at Missouri Baptist Hospital when it was in the city of St. Louis, her mother graduated from Missouri Baptist School of Nursing, her father trained as a doctor at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and she currently serves on MoBap's Community Advisory Board. When Linda needed lifesaving surgery, she didn't hesitate. She chose Missouri Baptist, describing MoBap as "an amazing place with an incredible support system, state-of-the-art equipment and the best nurses and doctors who care for patients and their families."

Wanting to give back for the exceptional care she received, Linda turned to Missouri Baptist Healthcare Foundation's Champions for Care program. Each year, the Champions collectively designate their giving to one fundraising project that will improve patient care and enhance the patient experience.

## Supporting Lifesaving Care

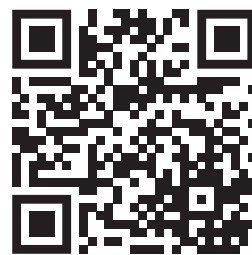
"Champions" are donors who give \$500 or more annually. Since 2016, Champions for Care has provided much-needed equipment, education and lifesaving screenings. In 2023, Champions for Care raised \$192,000 to purchase new patient recovery recliners for the orthopedic department. This year, Champions for Care is raising \$200,000 to help fund a modernized and expanded neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

## The Power of Shared Giving

As an annual donor, Linda says the Champions program is close to her heart. "I donate to Champions for Care because I want to help ensure that others receive the same excellent care that I did," she explains. "I especially like the collective nature of the Champions program, which allows me to contribute alongside other donors toward a larger goal and see how our efforts directly impact patients. This program is a perfect example of how every dollar makes a difference!"



Linda Martinez.



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**Join Champions for Care and help us fund a modernized and expanded NICU.**

Your support will make a lasting difference, helping babies grow strong and families feel supported. Be a part of building brighter futures—one newborn at a time.

# Internal Medicine Residents Will Join the Missouri Baptist Care Team in July 2025

## Addressing Primary Care Physician Shortages in the St. Louis Area

Nitin Anand, MD, chief medical officer (right).



**In 2021, the federal government established funding to develop additional medical residency training opportunities. Recognizing the shortage of primary care physicians (PCPs) in the St. Louis region, BJC HealthCare, in collaboration with Washington University, selected Missouri Baptist Medical Center as the site for a new internal medicine residency program.**

Program donors Mike and Carolyn Rayner state, “We support the residency program because it will bring in young doctors from around the world and give them the opportunity to learn from experienced mentors about the exceptional medicine and compassionate care at MoBap. We believe the doctors will come to love the St. Louis area and will ultimately want to live, work and play here.”

The Rayners also see the program as a solution to help alleviate long wait times in area emergency departments (ED). “Currently, 25% of patients in the ED do not have primary care physicians. This project is not just an economic tool but one that will benefit families and the medical community in metro St. Louis,” they add.

### Hands-On Training for Future Internists

The program’s goal is to train future internists in a community setting, providing hands-on experience and practical knowledge from leading community internists.

Ranked the No. 2 hospital in both the St. Louis region and Missouri by *U.S. News & World Report* for 2024–2025, MoBap has high standards that create a strong educational foundation. The collegial relationship between physician and non-physician staff fosters a collaborative learning environment where residents will be treated as valued future colleagues.

Washington University School of Medicine, one of the premier medical schools in the country, is the program’s academic partner. The residency program has also been formed as a member of the Washington University School of Medicine–Barnes Jewish Hospital–St. Louis Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education Consortium, further enhancing the resources available to residents.

### Building a State-of-the-Art Residency Clinic

While the federal government is funding the residents’ salaries and benefits, the Missouri Baptist Healthcare Foundation is raising money for a new residency clinic on MoBap’s campus where patients will be treated. Donations will also be used to fund technology, such

*“By year three, our residents will be able to support the community by seeing 12,000 appointments annually. This program is designed to bring accessible care to patients and prepare compassionate, well-trained physicians who understand the needs of our community and are committed to making a lasting impact on local health.”*

Nitin Anand, MD

as medical simulation manikins that allow residents to practice procedures in realistic clinical scenarios, as well as curriculum development, research and teaching.

### **Dedicated Leadership and Expert Guidance**

The residency program is led by Daniel Goodenberger, MD (program director), Rebecca Wiesehan, MD, and Vinay Kamat, MD (associate program directors) and Margaret Kendrick, MHA (program coordinator).

Residents will work alongside other health care providers, adding an extra layer of care for patients seen at MoBap and enhancing the patient experience. They will also work on any patient floors where hospitalists currently round, and in ICUs and the ED, ordering tests, performing consultations and completing minor procedures.

In the Residency Clinic, residents will serve patients without a PCP and see those needing same-day or next-day care, supervised by primary care physicians.

The residency program will start on July 1, 2025, with 15 categorical internal medicine residents per year (three-year program) and 13 transitional interns per year (one-year program).



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## **Residency Program Leaders**



Daniel Goodenberger, MD  
Program Director



Vinay Kamat, MD  
Associate Program Director



Rebecca Wiesehan, MD  
Associate Program Director

## **Among the Region's Best**





# Nursing Awards Celebrate Excellence

## Honoring the Legacy of Anne G. Perry, EdD, MSN, RN, FAAN

The newly established Anne G. Perry, EdD, MSN, RN, FAAN, Excellence in Nursing Practice Award at Missouri Baptist Medical Center honors the legacy of Anne Perry. Created by her co-author and friend Patricia Potter, PhD, RN, FAAN, this award celebrates Anne's distinguished career and commitment to nursing excellence.

"This award honors Anne through the excellence it seeks to promote in nursing and upholds the high standards she championed throughout her career," Patricia says.

The award's first recipient, Lawrence Tarbox, BSN, RN, RRT, exemplifies the qualities Anne valued. While caring for Anne at MoBap, Lawrence's background as a nurse and respiratory therapist and his patient-centered approach left a lasting impact. Both Patricia and Anne admired his knowledge, compassion and responsiveness.

Following the presentation of the first award, Patricia established this award as an endowment, a lasting gift that will honor Anne's memory and support nurses for generations to come.



*Lawrence Tarbox, BSN, RN, RRT, receives the 2024 Anne G. Perry Excellence in Nursing Practice Award with Anne's family. From left, Cora Bryan; Rebecca Bryan; Lawrence Tarbox; Patricia A. Potter, PhD, RN, FAAN; Robert J. Micketts; Samuel Perry-Cox.*

## The Importance of Endowments

An endowment is a commitment to excellence and an investment in the future. At Missouri Baptist Medical Center, endowed funds enable dedicated health care teams to advance patient care and professional growth. These endowments ensure resources are available for continuous education and innovation, directly benefiting patients and their families. With the support of endowed funds, the foundation can empower caregivers and uphold a standard of compassionate, state-of-the-art care that strengthens the community for future generations.

**To learn more about how to establish an endowment at Missouri Baptist Medical Center, please call Deborah Kersting, Foundation Director, at 314-996-5054.**



# The Nancy A. Ross Awards

Each year, Missouri Baptist Medical Center presents awards recognizing nursing excellence. Established over 20 years ago through a generous donation by Don Ross to honor his wife, Nancy, a retired pediatric nurse, and “the amazing nurses at MoBap,” these awards have continued to grow in number over the years. The awards acknowledge nurses of all experience levels and across various categories, including nurse of the year, preceptor of the year and rookie of the year.

To further support nursing excellence, in addition to establishing the Nancy A. Ross Nursing Awards Endowment, the Rosses donated \$1 million through the Missouri Baptist Healthcare Foundation to create the Nancy A. Ross Chief Nursing Executive Endowment.

“This endowment under the leadership of the Chief Nursing Executive enables the continuing education and professional growth for all nurses at Missouri Baptist, which is an essential component for MoBap’s Magnet®-designated status,” says Don.



Award day (from left), award recipient Alyssa Stewart, BSN, RN; Nancy A. Ross, RN; Patti Crimmins Reda, MSN, RN, VP, The Nancy A. Ross Endowed Chair, Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer; and award recipient Tonya Byrd, MSN, RN.

## Creating a More Welcoming Environment

### Suite 112 Renovations Designed with Patients in Mind

Suite 112 in Physician Office Building B, adjacent to the main tower on Missouri Baptist Medical Center’s campus, is a shared space for patients receiving imaging services, dietary counseling and laboratory services.

According to Jackie Skaer, laboratory director, patient surveys indicated lower scores for the environment, highlighting the need for a refresh. “The outdated finishes in the waiting and patient rooms did not reflect the quality of care we strive for,” she explains.

With the partnership of the Missouri Baptist Medical Center Auxiliary, led by Lois Wright, who has dedicated 47 years to MoBap, \$200,000 was secured for the renovation.



From left, laboratory director Jackie Skaer and Auxiliary representatives Joyce Barton and Lois Wright, RN.

Through various Auxiliary sponsored sales throughout the year, such as the Laurie’s Shoe sale and jewelry, book and plant sales (among others), the Auxiliary raises funds throughout the year that are used to directly benefit patients and employees.

The MoBap construction team spearheaded the updates, which included new flooring, paint, LED lights, registration desks and modern furniture in the waiting room. Additionally, accessibility has been improved, and laboratory areas and staff facilities have been updated.

Even through construction, patient feedback has been positive, with many praising the welcoming environment.



From left, Joseph Scherrer, PhD; Leroy Love; Nitin Anand, MD; Jim Berges and Elizabeth Mannen Berges; Ann Abad; Aaron Bobick, PhD.  
(Photo by Diane Anderson.)

# Operational Excellence Cohort

## Finding Solutions for Everyday Health Care Challenges

**The Operational Excellence (OE) cohort at Missouri Baptist Medical Center empowers clinical leaders to tackle hospital challenges and improve patient care through business insights.**

Through the generosity of the Berges Family Foundation, these leaders develop operational excellence skills to achieve the most efficient, compassionate and effective processes for delivering care.

“We saw the OE cohort as the optimal way to combine the resources of people, their talents and the efficiency of their time to work toward solving everyday problems that could significantly benefit patient care. That made it a slam-dunk investment for us,” say Jim and Elizabeth Berges.

*“This was a slam-dunk investment for us.”*

Jim and Elizabeth Berges, Donors

Together, the Missouri Baptist performance improvement team and Washington University McKelvey School of Engineering professors have created a curriculum that teaches leaders about analytics, culture and optimization for excellence.

Each OE cohort has participants from various departments. Working together, they present problems, find solutions using engineering principles and implement changes.

Since 2020, OE cohorts have addressed challenges such as bed management and laboratory turnaround times, among others. As a result of the program, the waiting time for in-patient beds for patients in the emergency department has improved. Also, MoBap’s lab result turnaround time has become the most efficient in the BJC system, and its process has been adopted by other hospitals in the network.

Elizabeth Berges describes the medical professionals in the cohorts as “extraordinary individuals dedicated to improving patient care.” After seeing the results achieved at MoBap, the OE methodology is being adopted throughout the BJC HealthCare System.



# Investing in Heart Health

## State-of-the-Art Cath Lab Renovation Scheduled for 2025

**As a designated Level 1 Time Critical Diagnosis ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) Center, Missouri Baptist Medical Center treats some of the region's most complex cardiovascular cases. In addition to its role as a Level 1 STEMI center, Missouri Baptist is a comprehensive cardiology center, offering a leading electrophysiology program.**

Thanks to a very generous donation and a \$500,000 matching gift opportunity from the August A. Busch III Charitable Trust, the Missouri Baptist Healthcare Foundation offers donors the chance to double their impact by supporting an essential renovation of the cardiac catheterization lab.

“Our cardiac cath lab has been a cornerstone of life-saving procedures for more than 15 years, and this renovation is essential,” says Gus Theodos, MD, a BJC Medical Group interventional cardiologist at Missouri Baptist. “The upgrades will enhance our ability to provide faster, safer and more efficient procedures, ultimately improving patient outcomes.”

Patients come to Missouri Baptist for a full range of cardiovascular care, from diagnostics and interventions for heart and peripheral vascular conditions to treatments for structural heart issues. Missouri Baptist also offers specialized electrophysiology services, including studies, ablations and the placement of pacemakers and implantable cardioverter defibrillators.

This planned renovation will modernize the cath lab with state-of-the-art technology to support these advanced procedures, along with significant updates to the facility's cardiology/electrophysiology swing room.

Once completed, the project will reduce radiation exposure by 50%, enhancing patient safety, and streamline procedural times. Additionally, Missouri Baptist will expand its electrophysiology services to meet the rising demand in a field expected to see



outpatient growth of over 30% and inpatient growth of 18% nationwide within the next three years.

For donors, this project offers a unique chance to make a lasting impact on heart care in our region. With the matching gift, every contribution goes twice as far—helping us deliver tomorrow's heart care today.

*“Our cardiac cath lab has been a cornerstone of life-saving procedures for more than 15 years, and this renovation is essential. The upgrades will enhance our ability to provide faster, safer and more efficient procedures, ultimately improving patient outcomes.”*

Gus Theodos, MD



# Swing the Hammer Event Celebrates Construction of Cardiovascular Hybrid Operating Room Suite

## Creating a Collaborative Space for Advancing Patient-Centered Heart Care

**In June 2024, Missouri Baptist Medical Center held a “Swing the Hammer” event to celebrate the construction of the new cardiovascular hybrid operating suite, which is scheduled to open in December.**

The Busch family, longtime supporters of MoBap, helped fund this \$5.1 million project. “We are grateful for the excellent care our family has received from MoBap over the years and are proud to support this cutting-edge project that will directly impact current and future patients,” says Steven Busch.

### Enhanced Collaboration for Complex Procedures

This new suite will allow cardiothoracic surgeons and cardiologists to collaborate on complex procedures in one operating suite instead of scheduling separate interventions on separate occasions.

### Advancing Patient Care in Cardiovascular Health

Supporting the rapidly growing number of patients coming to MoBap needing minimally invasive structural heart procedures, the new cardiovascular hybrid suite will improve the patient experience and help the medical team meet the specific needs of patients.



*Steven Busch with interventional cardiologist Christopher Speidel, MD.*



*Cardiothoracic surgeon Linda Schulte, MD; Chari Gay, CRNAFA; cardiothoracic surgeon Nicholas T. Kouchoukos, MD; and cardiothoracic surgeon Michael Mauney, MD.*





Jeff Harris.

# Jeff's Commitment to MoBap

## A Sustaining Donor's Increased Giving

**Since 2019, Jeff Harris has been a sustaining donor to Missouri Baptist Medical Center, contributing to the Foundation's unrestricted fund. Sustaining donors are those who contribute monthly.**

At a recent Legacy Society/Champions for Care event, Jeff learned about the challenges infants and families face in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

Inspired by the planned renovations for the NICU that will allow parents to sleep or "room-in" with their infant, Jeff increased his donation and directed it to the 2024 Champions for Care NICU renovation project.

"The idea of families being able to stay with their babies and have more bonding opportunities resonates with me and is important," Jeff explains.

Thank  
You

## Your Generous Support Improves Patient Care

We extend our gratitude to each of our donors for their generosity and support. Your contributions have allowed us to meet critical needs, enhance patient care and invest in innovative programs that make a difference in the lives of those we serve. On behalf of our patients, their families and our entire team, thank you for making an impact that goes far beyond the walls of Missouri Baptist Medical Center.

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(\$1,000,000+)

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(\$100,000+)

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The Butler Family Foundation  
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(\$50,000+)

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Drs. Azfar and Maheen Malik  
Deborah Manne MSN, RN, RDH  
Patricia A. Potter, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Don and Mary Pillsbury Wainwright

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(\$25,000+)

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Ken and Jan Labit

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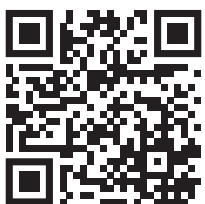
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