YOU ARE AMAZING!

The outpouring of support from you to our health care heroes during the COVID-19 pandemic has been nothing short of amazing.

You were there. From charitable gifts, hand-made masks, fabric and elastic to meals, snacks and gift cards, the generosity from people like you is incredible. Your donation has helped ensure those on the front lines, who are ready and willing to help no matter what the crisis brings, are able to provide the very best care possible.

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED TO COVID-19 CRISIS FUND $229,570

CLOTH MASKS 10,000

PIECES OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT 179,714

GIFT CARDS 8,740
Thank you for making a difference. Your gift to help our health care heroes is already being put to good use. Your donation has helped ensure those on the front lines have what they need to show up, every day for you.

This report shows the impact your generosity is already having on our patients and staff. While our team continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and all the other health care needs of our community, please know your support is with them.

Thank you!

A Gift for Our Employees
Your generosity has been felt. Because of you, every single member of our UnityPoint Health – Des Moines team (over 8,000 employees), received a $20 gift card to Fareway or Hy-Vee.

A special thank you to Fareway and Hy-Vee who partnered with us to show their support by matching the donations from you and our community.

“Fareway is excited to partner with the UnityPoint Health – Des Moines Foundation to provide gift cards to our incredible health care workers,” said Fareway President and CEO Reynolds W. Cramer. “We hope this gift serves to uplift those who work tirelessly to care for the health and safety of others.”

“By providing food and painting ‘thank you’ chalk murals outside hospitals throughout our eight-state region, including those in the Des Moines metro area, we are proud to support those who are taking care of our community members during these unprecedented times,” said Tina Potthoff, Hy-Vee’s Senior Vice President of Communications.

Our staff has gone above and beyond to show up every day for you. Thank you for showing up for them. You are providing a meal for the weary after a long day, gas to get to and from work, and most importantly, relief and a boost of support for the important work they do.

Virtual Support for Patients
You connected patients to family and friends. In response to the COVID-19 visitor restrictions, the Patient and Family Support Team led the effort to help make it possible for patients to safely and confidentially connect with their loved ones virtually through the purchase of six new iPads.

You helped Sally, a 90-year-old woman who was able to connect with all four of her children who live in different states after being admitted to the hospital. Her family was so relieved when they could see her face on the iPad that they cried tears of joy at how much their mother had improved.

Due to the pandemic, John Stoddard Cancer Center support groups are not currently able to meet in person. Thanks to you, virtual meetings for our cancer patients and caregivers are offered at no extra charge to help keep them connected throughout their treatment.

Meals that Matter
You made a meal. In direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic, nutritionally balanced, ready-made meals were made available for cancer patients and their caregivers at no cost. This service helps ensure patients are receiving the nutrition they need to support healing and health, and also provides an opportunity to limit exposure and offer financial support.

“What a pleasant surprise it was to be offered a meal after I finished my treatment,” says David, one of the first patients to receive a meal. “I can’t tell you how much I appreciate this. It is so nice of donors to provide this for us.”

Support for New Mom
You offered a place to stay. Your support helped a mom and her baby find a safe place to quarantine after testing positive for COVID-19 until they could safely return home. Your gift helped keep her safe and made sure she did not expose other family members.