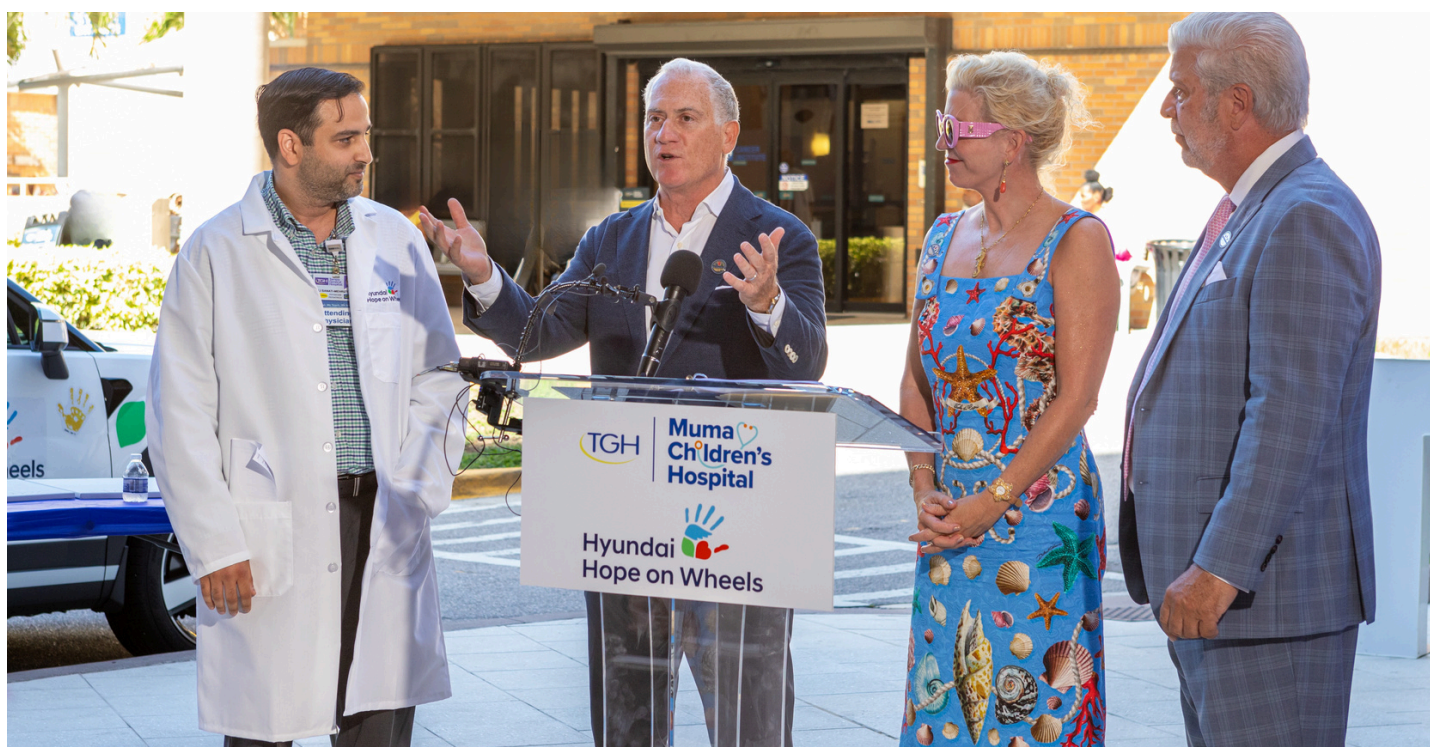


FOUNDATION **FORWARD**

Hyundai Hope on Wheels, Balasco Family Foundation Announce Generous Gifts



In June, the TGH Foundation announced another combined \$200,000 impact grant and regional grant from Hyundai Hope on Wheels to support the academic health system's pediatric oncology program in the fight against childhood cancer. The grants were awarded during a check presentation June 20 at TGH. The event was attended by system leadership, patients, physicians and members of the Tampa Bay Lightning, including team mascot ThunderBug.

Greg Balasco, owner of Lakeland Hyundai, announced a five-year, \$2 million pledge from Balasco Family Foundation and Lakeland Hyundai to support Muma Children's Hospital at TGH, where they will name the day hospital. He and wife Meredith Balasco presented a check for the first \$200,000 on Tuesday. "It's extremely humbling for Meredith and me to have a part in taking care of young children with cancer," Balasco said. "We appreciate the efforts of TGH, especially the physicians and care teams, in the fight against pediatric cancer. We're excited to continue to work closely with Muma Children's Hospital on its renovation."



[Learn more here.](#)



Foundation Celebrates Donors at Muma Children's Hospital Phase 2 Ribbon Cutting

Muma Children's Hospital at Tampa General Hospital recently completed the second construction phase of its renovated pediatric facilities. This phase, part of the overall master plan to build a state-of-the-art children's hospital within a hospital, includes several new facilities. The additions feature an activity center and the Fishman Family Foundation Teen Lounge.

At the July 8 ribbon-cutting, the TGH Foundation thanked Phase 2 donors including Pam and Les Muma, Jeff and Brandy Fishman, Tristan Wirfs and Jennifer and Randy Stolberg. The foundation also celebrated the incredible \$2 million gift from Greg and Meredith Balasco to name the day hospital, which is scheduled for renovation in the third phase of construction.

"The transformational gifts from Pam and Les Muma coupled with additional generous investments like the one from Greg and Meredith Balasco enable Tampa General to match our world-class care with world-class facilities," said Frann Leppla, executive vice president and chief philanthropy officer at Tampa General. "The generosity of our donors is unparalleled and these renovations mark key milestones of our Elevating Excellence campaign. We are both grateful and excited for what's to come as we continue our work to innovate tomorrow's TGH."

[Learn more here.](#)

PROGRESS REPORT

ELEVATING EXCELLENCE

INNOVATING TOMORROW'S TGH | THE CAMPAIGN FOR TAMPA GENERAL

\$166,569,379

Elevating Excellence: Innovating Tomorrow's TGH is the comprehensive campaign that unites skilled medical, academic, research and support professionals in an ecosystem and environment that will enrich every aspect of care. Support for this bold vision will attract the world's best and brightest physicians and scientists, drive medical innovation and discovery and further support TGH's vision to the safest and most innovative academic health system in America. The \$200 million, six-year campaign will conclude in 2027 as TGH celebrates its 100th year of caring for the sickest and most complex patients. Opportunities remain to make your mark on Elevating Excellence at TGH. [Learn more about the campaign here](#) or email Taylor Baker at TaylorBaker@tgh.org.



Copperhead Charities Supports Veterans Program

Copperhead Charities presented the TGH Foundation with a check for the Home Base Warrior Health & Fitness Program at Tampa General Hospital in June. This impactful program offers a transformative 90-day journey for veterans and their families, focusing on customized physical activity, education and social support. The Tampa General Hospital Foundation is so thankful for Copperhead Charities, joined by their board Co-General Chair Ronde Barber, for their support of this initiative and dedication to our nation's heroes.



TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOP FOR A CAUSE

Shop at Dillard's, Support TGH Perinatal Health Program

Dillard's at International Plaza Store (2223 N. West Shore Blvd. Unit 500 Tampa, FL 33607) will host a shop for a cause event from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5 and Saturday, Sept. 6. At designated registers on those days, 10% of all sales will support a new Perinatal Mental Health program housed within the TGH Women's Institute, which is ranked in the top 10 nationally by US News & World Report. This program is designed to support the mental health needs of mothers during pregnancy and up to a year after birth, bridging the gap as they transition into parenthood. You can learn more about the perinatal health program and the #TGHMovement4Moms [here](#). For more information, contact Christina Stevens, director of annual giving, at christinastevens@tgh.org.



The TGH Foundation team is excited to shop for the 2025 Gala at Dillard's on Sept. 5 and 6!

Eating out in September? Another chance to support TGH!

Join us during September for the 28th Annual Columbia Community Harvest! Dine at any of the locations of Columbia Restaurant plus Cha Cha Coconuts, Ulele and Casa Santo Stefano, and select TGH on your voting ballot when you receive your check. When you choose the TGH Foundation, the restaurant will make a donation equaling 5% of your check to support the TGH Foundation. There's no additional cost to the guest!

The seven Columbia locations include Ybor City in the historic district of Tampa, St. Armands Circle in Sarasota, the historic district of St. Augustine, Sand Key on Clearwater Beach, Central Florida's town of Celebration, the Columbia Cafe on the Riverwalk in downtown Tampa at the Tampa Bay History Center and the Columbia Restaurant Cafe at Tampa International Airport. Cha Cha Coconuts is located on St. Armands Circle in Sarasota. Ulele and Casa Santo Stefano are in Tampa. This offer includes take-out orders as well as banquet meals during September.

Over the last 26 years, this program has provided \$4 million to Florida non-profit organizations. We are grateful to the 1905 Family of Restaurants for including TGH in this year's ballot and hope you can enjoy sangria, a Cuban sandwich, a 1905 salad or pasta – "Eat Well. Do Good."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

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6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

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