**Impact Report 2023** 

# **BECAUSE OF GRADY**





## The future of Grady begins with you

#### Community support vital to ensuring equitable access to care

For more than 130 years, Grady has been a powerful healthcare force for Atlanta. **Thank you for being an important part of our story.** 

As we headed into 2023, the impact that the closures of Atlanta and South Fulton Medical Centers would have on our community was still unclear. Today, we are experiencing increases in volume throughout our health system – from our neighborhood clinics to our labor and delivery unit to our Level 1 Trauma Center. Grady has not only stepped up to meet this demand, we are actively working to expand access so that everyone who needs us can get the care they need when they need it.



Your support is critical to Grady's ability to continually

rise to the healthcare challenges our community faces. Our power to do so also stems from our unwavering commitment to quality and equitable care and the resiliency of the incredible women and men who deliver hope and healing each and every day. Our 2023 Impact Report highlights just a few of the lives we've touched this year. **Your support allows us to continue to save and change lives, and we are so grateful.** 

Your generosity, and that of other compassionate individuals, companies, and organizations who share your belief in the transformative power of healthcare, allows Grady to continue to provide world-class services to our community, while ensuring access to a robust continuum of care that affords everyone the opportunity to live their best life. Atlanta can't live without Grady – and Grady can't thrive without you.

Thank you for supporting Grady.

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## Celebrating impact and partnership

### **Correll Pavilion transforming healthcare for Atlanta**

Thanks to the partnership and collaboration of many, Grady's Correll Pavilion was added to the Atlanta skyline in early 2023, marking a new era for our health system. A true public-private partnership, the facility was funded through bonds provided by DeKalb and Fulton Counties and \$96 million in private philanthropic support. This new state-of-the-art outpatient facility features advanced surgical services, outpatient clinics, imaging, and rehabilitation services.



Grady Health System executives, community stakeholders, and government leaders gathered to celebrate the grand opening of Correll Pavilion. Pictured L to R: DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond; Fulton County Commission Chairman Robb Pitts; Elizabeth Correll Richards, President, The Correll Family Foundation; Shannon Sale, Chief Strategy Officer, Grady Health System; John Haupert, CEO, Grady Health System; Larry Gellerstedt, Chair, Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation; and Shan Cooper, Chair, Grady Health Foundation.



The Correll Pavilion dramatically expands Grady's ability to serve patients, offering 25% more operating room capacity and 45% additional clinic capacity. The new facility is named in honor of A.D. "Pete" Correll, chairman emeritus of Georgia-Pacific and former chair of both the Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation and Grady Health Foundation boards of directors, who passed away in 2021. We are forever grateful to the many supporters who came together to build what is a major advancement in medical care at Grady.

Designed with patients in mind,

all waiting areas and infusion bays feature floor-to-ceiling windows with city views, creating a healing and comfortable environment.

### Serving our public servants





Frank reflects on his time at Grady and how the Burn Unit team impacted his life. "Grady is for you and me and your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers," says Frank. "We've got to make sure Grady is always ready to care for all of us." When you support Grady, you change lives and make recovery for burn survivors like Frank possible.

### Severely injured firefighter now thriving thanks to Grady's Burn Center

Thanks to Grady, firefighter Frank Barker is able to keep saving lives. In early 2023, this US Army Veteran responded to a house fire that quickly escalated. As the fire raged, Barker found himself trapped and threw himself out of a window to escape a sudden fire surge. While he survived, Barker suffered serious injuries with third-degree burns to 20% of his body. When he arrived at Grady's Walter L. Ingram Burn Center, a dedicated team of highly specialized doctors, nurses, and support staff were waiting for him. The injuries to his left hand were so severe that he feared he'd lose it. Thanks to the expertise of Grady's clinicians, Frank's wounds were treated, and he was able to return to work again.

Grady's Walter L. Ingram Burn Center is **the leading resource for burn care in Atlanta** and **the largest pediatric burn care provider in the metro area.** We are grateful to The Imlay Foundation and many other donors, whose support allows Grady's Burn Center to remain a regional resource for burn care, welcoming patients in need from all across Georgia and surrounding states.

> "I'm going to carry the scars forever. But Grady's Burn Center is the reason I'll be able to return to work. It's the reason I'm going to be able to play with my kids again."

> > - Frank Barker

## Access to care saves lives -

#### Grady is on a mission to prevent heart disease and provide hope

Betty Johnson, a lifetime Atlanta resident and Grady Baby, knows what it is like to need ongoing care for heart disease, something that impacts far too many in Georgia. Diagnosed with congestive heart failure years ago, Grady has helped Betty manage her condition and was there when the disease worsened. "My lungs started filling with fluid, and I started struggling for my next breath," said Johnson. It was a scary situation for Betty and her family. Thanks to the multidisciplinary team at Grady's Heart & Vascular Center, Betty received expert care and returned home better able to manage



her heart condition. "They made sure I got better," Betty explains. Without Grady and support from donors like you, Betty may not be here today.

### DONOR SUPPORT ENABLES US TO:



Although cardiovascular disease is preventable, it is the leading cause of death in Georgia, contributing to more than 22,000 deaths a year. In both Fulton and DeKalb Counties, Grady's service area, rates of cardiovascular disease are significantly higher than the national average. Grady's Heart & Vascular Center goes beyond the treatment of heart disease – it plays an active role in disease prevention and offers complete cardiovascular care for conditions ranging from heart attacks to hypertension.

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ENSURE access to cardiac services



**DELIVER** timely care



IMPROVE outcomes for more patients

# Grady ensures a continuum of care for all

646,759

**Total patient visits** 



World's first

World's first 24/7 Sickle Cell Center



Internationally recognized Marcus Stroke and Neuroscience Center

113,741 Emergency Department visits

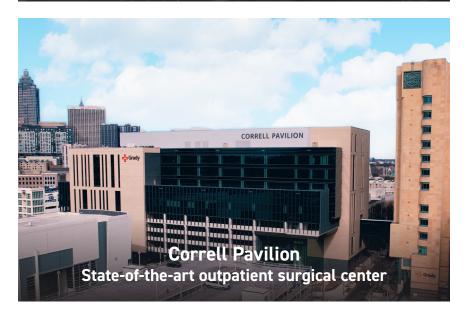


141,360 EMS repsponses



Georgia's first Med-Psych Unit







Georgia's premier teaching hospital



Crestview, largest skilled nursing facility in the state



60+ Specialty care clinics



Full array of inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services



Georgia's first Cancer Center for Excellence



### Standing ready to save lives

#### Grady's Marcus Trauma Center one of the busiest, best in the nation

If you find yourself at Grady, you can rest assured that your life is in the hands of the best medical providers in trauma care. In the wake of nearby hospital closures, Grady is caring for more patients than ever, with trauma activations rising 36% since last year. Thanks to investments from the community, we remain strong and ready to care for anyone who comes through our doors. Past generous support from The Marcus Foundation allowed Grady to develop a state-





of-the-art facility, enhancing our role as the state's leading provider of trauma care and ensuring that we were ready for more patients in their time of need.

Grady is innovating new programs to prevent injury and halt the cycle of violence before it begins. The IVYY (Interrupting Violence in Youth and Young Adults) Project at Grady is a violence intervention program, offering wraparound services designed to reduce re-injury. The team works closely with community partners to provide trauma-informed care to interrupt the cycle of violence.

## We never give up on hope

#### Grady's Ponce Center has been impacting lives for 30 years

Chris Harris, a longtime patient at the Ponce Center, recalls receiving an HIV diagnosis in the early days of the epidemic. "They gave me 12 to 14 months to live and told me to get

my affairs in order." He was devastated but determined to live as long as possible for his young daughter. Chris wasn't in the fight alone: the Ponce Center team never gave up on helping him survive and thrive. As a result of the excellent care he received, Chris was able to see his daughter graduate from college. "I was at her wedding. I was able to be at the birthing of my grandchildren. All of these things were not even a dream for me when I was first diagnosed."





Today, over 8,000 patients are served each year with HIV treatment, prevention, and supportive services, making the Ponce Center one of the largest, most comprehensive HIV programs in the nation. Thanks to a remarkable public-private partnership that funded the extensive renovation and expansion of the Ponce Center, Grady is helping even more people access expert clinical care and supportive services. Without Grady, Chris would have missed a lifetime with his family. "We don't treat a disease here. We treat human beings," says Dr. Jonathon Colasanti, Medical Director of Grady's Infectious Disease Program. "This program is a beacon of hope in the community for people from all walks of life...from lawyers and doctors to CEOs."

Atlanta is a better place because of Dr. Phyllis Kozarsky. Her work as a physician, clinical researcher, and teacher spans 35 years. She began her career at Grady's Ponce De Leon Center, and now a new space in the building is dedicated to her service. Thank you to Dr. Phyllis Kozarsky, her husband, Eliot Arnovitz, and their entire family

for their generous support.





### Mobile Integrated Health for New Moms

Hypertensive disorders complicate 5–10% of pregnancies and are the leading cause of maternal mortality. Grady's Mobile Integrated Health program helps hundreds of moms with hypertensive disorders by continually monitoring them for complications – all from the comfort of their own homes.

#### **Centering Pregnancy**

**Expectant mothers** at Grady get great support from our Centering Pregnancy program that offers a peer-based model of prenatal care integrated with health assessment and education. Participants are less likely to utilize emergency OB services and have a significantly lower percentage of preterm births.



### Demand for newborn, maternity care on the rise

### Expert prenatal clinicians, remote monitoring, and pregnancy support programs help families thrive

Newborn babies requiring intensive medical attention are often admitted into a special area of Grady called the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Because of reduced access to care in other areas of the city, Grady's **newborn deliveries have increased by 40% and NICU volume by 50%.** OB admissions via emergency transports have also increased



from an average of two per day to five or six. Thanks to community support that funded the transformation of the Women's and Infants' Center, we were ready when demand rose. This includes a generous gift from The Zalik Foundation Fund to help expand our NICU by adding specialized care rooms for babies and their families. Continued community support helps to ensure that our smallest patients have a chance at a healthy life.

### Grady Health Foundation 2023 Board of Directors

The Grady Health Foundation Board of Directors works to ensure that we have the resources and community support necessary to sustain excellence in patient care, foster medical innovation, train medical professionals, and improve the overall health of our community. We are grateful for their leadership and dedication.

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### Because of you, lives are saved

Grady will always be there

For the Piper family, Grady is the place where Sarah and Scott first met. It is so meaningful to the couple that they named their son Grady. Years later, Scott found himself at Grady's Marcus Trauma Center after falling off his roof. "I wasn't sure if I was ever going to see my dad again," says Grady Piper. Thanks to Grady's incredible team of trauma surgeons and healthcare professionals, Scott's life was saved through emergency surgery. After ten days

"Providing support to Grady helps you take care of people you may never meet, but you can change their lives." at Grady, Scott received rehabilitative care and began his journey to recovery. When you give to Grady, you help families just like the Pipers and so many others who rely on exceptional healthcare.



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- Sarah Piper