

20 25 GRATITUDE REPORT



Lifelong GGC patient, Nikolai Madden, with Fran Annese, LMSW, GGC's Greenwood Clinic Manager and Coordinator of the Genomic Discovery Program.





Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, one word comes to mind: grateful.

I'm grateful for your generosity. I'm grateful for the incredible team at the Greenwood Genetic Center. I'm grateful for the families whose lives are being impacted every day that we may never know about. I'm grateful for your loyalty, and for the new donors who have joined us on this journey. And I'm especially grateful for your belief in our mission.

This year, we have remained committed to the goals of our **Care Reimagined** campaign. We are still in the trenches of our bold \$7 million campaign to expand access, invest in equipment that discovers answers faster for patients, and ultimately improve the quality of life for families across our region and beyond. The urgency of this work has never been clearer, and your giving helps us meet that urgency with compassion, precision, and care.

We continue to see growth in overall giving, which is encouraging and essential. But to reach our vision, we need more people to know what you already believe—**the Greenwood Genetic Center is changing lives!** What's the best way for that to happen? Word of mouth. Introductions to friends, neighbors, and colleagues remain our most effective pathway to welcoming new donors into this mission. If there is someone you would like to introduce to our work, we would be honored to meet them.

A few meaningful wins this year worth celebrating...

- The **incredible energy at Keys for Care**, our dueling pianos fundraiser - Thank you for making it such a success! Mark your calendars for January 22, 2026, for next year's event!
- The launch of our reinvigorated **Partnership Campus vision** has begun to take shape. Watch for exciting details on this progress.
- Renewed our focus on raising support for our **engaging education division**, which reaches students across South Carolina and inspires the next generation of scientists and clinicians.
- And **stories like Mabry Dill's**—a toddler now free of debilitating spasms thanks to genetic testing and surgery (see p. 6). This is a reminder to us that your gifts are pushing the boundaries of what is possible in genetic care.

There is still work to be done. But because of your generosity, we are moving forward with momentum, determination, and faith.

So simply, THANK YOU! We are grateful you are on this journey with us.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cady Nell Keener'.

Cady Nell Keener

Executive Director

Greenwood Genetic Center Foundation

A woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a white lab coat over a teal shirt, is smiling warmly at the camera. She is in a laboratory setting with various pieces of equipment visible in the background, including a computer monitor and a microscope. The lighting is soft and professional.

Thanks to you!

The impact of your generosity is ASTOUNDING!

You and your fellow donors are directly helping patients and families across SC and around the world by removing financial barriers to care and supporting GGC in improving diagnostic testing, developing a better understanding of genetic disorders, and inspiring the next generation of clinicians and scientists!

GGC Foundation Gifts

\$655,774 was raised for the GGC Foundation through the generosity of **398** donors. Funds supported all areas of the GGC mission, including **\$150,029** to directly impact patients through the GGC Cares Fund to offset the cost of vital genetic services for uninsured or underinsured families. In the last year, **\$120,828** was paid out to assist **36** families with the cost of genetic care, testing, and/or treatment.



Compassionate Care

5,824 patients with genetic concerns received clinical care through in-person consultations, telemedicine evaluations, or asynchronous eVisits.



Finding Answers

18,110 diagnostic genetic tests were completed to help identify an often long-awaited diagnosis - providing answers and the hope of an improved quality of life for patients and their families.



Future Geneticists

8,286 students in middle and high school were exposed to innovative hands-on lab experiences to improve their understanding of genetics and explore career opportunities in our exciting and rewarding field.



Research Advances

\$1.06M in research grant funding through continued success with NIH grants and numerous awards from family-led rare disease foundations. The Research team was also instrumental in evaluating cases within the Genomic Discovery Program, including establishing a disease/gene association for a newly identified X-linked intellectual disability.



Global Reach

76 peer-reviewed papers were published to share GGC's scientific advances with scientists and clinicians around the world.

Genetics Care Reimagined



GGC's Precision Medicine Initiative is changing the way we provide genetics care! Through our 'Four A's' we are envisioning a world where all patients who need services have that **ACCESS**, and through state-of-the-art and novel technologies our **ANALYSIS** will provide long-awaited **ANSWERS** which will lead to **ACTION** through effective and personalized treatments.



Access

***“We found the Greenwood Genetic Center just a little over a year after Abbie was diagnosed and found out that Dr. Skinner was a Rett specialist. So we reached out to him and scheduled our first appointment and we’ve been coming here ever since.*”**

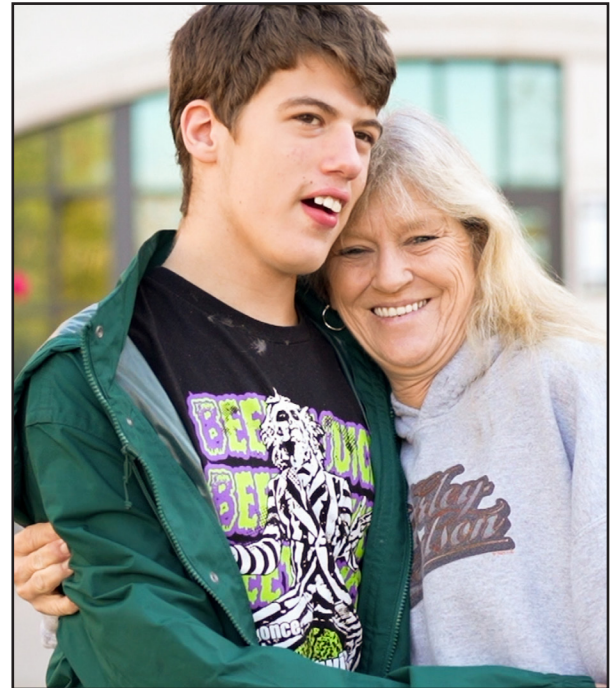
The Greenwood Genetic Center has been a little home away from home. They are like extended family.”

Meet Abbie's family here.



Michelle Montgomery

Mom to Abbie who joined the GGC family following her diagnosis with Rett syndrome. GGC is a Rett Syndrome Center of Excellence.



Analysis

***“We’ve been coming to Greenwood Genetic Center since Nikolai was a year and a half old. It’s really important to have someone who is always determined to find the cause and never give up.*”**

GGC has been helpful in guiding us in the right direction for specialized care and helped with resources in Nikolai’s transition to adulthood.”

Susan Arnold

Grandmother of Nikolai Madden who has been a patient at GGC for 15 years. While a diagnosis has not yet been identified, GGC’s team perseveres and reaches out to this family anytime a new test is available.



Answers

“No stone has been left unturned. We have been really impressed with the care we’ve received at the Greenwood Genetic Center.

We’ve just been blessed to work with this incredible team. They have given us immense peace of mind as parents.”

See more of Mabry’s story here.



David and Jillian Dill

Parents to Mabry who has had extensive testing at GGC providing information that confirmed her eligibility for life-altering surgery to eliminate seizures.



Action

“With support from Gene Spotlight, a leading nonprofit dedicated to medical research and advocacy, our team has identified a class of well-known FDA-approved anti-inflammatory drugs showing great promise in treating symptoms of mucopolysaccharidosis type 1.

This partnership and groundbreaking work is advancing personalized medicine and uncovering new treatment targets for patient care.”

Rich Steet, PhD

GGC’s Director of Research whose collaboration with Gene Spotlight is reimagining precision care for patients with specific rare disease variants.

OUR MISSION

The Greenwood Genetic Center is a nonprofit institute organized to provide clinical genetic services, diagnostic laboratory testing, educational programs and resources, and research in the field of medical genetics.

What's your Why?

Maybe you give because the Greenwood Genetic Center has directly impacted you or someone you love, or because you want to support an organization that is committed to compassionate care, or maybe you're really excited about the science...



If you'd like to share your reason for giving, please scan the QR code.

“As the treasurer of the Greenwood Genetic Center Board of Directors, I see where the hard-earned funds come from and the significant number of families that are served. Julie and I have the good fortune to be able to give a little of our resources to several organizations when we can actually see that it really helps other people. We are honored to be able to help GGC in anyway we can.”



John A. Miller, Jr.

*President Emeritus, AnMed Health System
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“As a founding donor of the Greenwood Genetic Center, The Self Family Foundation deeply appreciates the dedication of the Center’s staff in advancing research to improve diagnoses and pursue treatments and cures for families seeking answers. Over the past fifty years, the Foundation has taken great pride in the Center’s growth, global collaboration, and educational opportunities, confident that the late Jim Self would be proud to see their initial investment continuing to change lives and shape the future of genetics.”

Mamie Nicholson

President, The Self Family Foundation

“In my 18 years at the Greenwood Genetic Center, I’ve witnessed the extraordinary impact of our work—parents finding answers and hope after years of uncertainty, and children whose futures are brighter because of the care they receive here. Every day, our dedicated providers and talented scientists make a lasting difference. I’m proud to financially support this work and and play a small part in this meaningful mission.”



Lori Bassett, MS, CGC

*GGC's Director of Communications
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Events allow us to connect on a personal level with many of our supporters and donors and also to share our work with new friends.

Events like Race the Helix and Keys for Care directly support the GGC Cares Fund providing genetic services, testing, and treatment for families who need financial assistance. Your participation makes a direct impact on the life of a GGC family.

Expanding our Reach

Race the Helix has evolved into a 5K event that spans the country with tremendous support from the local Greenwood and Greenville communities as well as national sponsors from SC to California!

Race the Helix - Greenwood (year 14) and Race the Helix - Upstate (year 11) jointly raised \$47,585 for the GGC Cares Fund to ensure that cost is never a barrier to quality genetic services, testing, or treatment.



Keys for Care

The GGC Foundation's 2nd dueling pianos fundraiser, Keys for Care, was held in March and raised \$31,000 for the Care Reimagined campaign! This wonderful event attracted longtime supporters as well as those just learning about GGC for a fun evening of food, drink, and amazing music from Uptown Dueling Pianos who played audience requests and the favorite songs of some of our beloved GGC patients.

Join us for the next Keys for Care on January 22, 2026! Learn more at event.gives/keysforcare2026



Double Helix Society

The GGC Foundation's Double Helix Society recognizes donors who made an annual gift of \$1,000 or more to help transform genetic care. In October, Lomax and Marilyn Murphy, Double Helix Society members, hosted this generous group at a reception to celebrate the difference their philanthropy is making in the lives of children and families like the Shenals (pictured here with Cady Nell Keener, and GGC's President and CEO, Dr. Steve Skinner). To learn more about GGC's giving societies, reach out to Cady Nell at ckeener@ggc.org.



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Learn more about the campaign by contacting the Foundation or using the QR code.

Leave a Legacy of Hope

A gift in your will or estate plan can change lives for generations. Join the **Mendel Society** and help ensure that future families benefit from the compassionate care and research of the Greenwood Genetic Center.

To learn more, contact our Foundation team.

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