2026 GRATITUDE REPORT

Greenwood Genetic Center Foundation

Supporting the Mission of GGC



Genesis was one of the very first patients in the US to receive a new treatment for her rare metabolic condition.



GGC Celebrates Rare Disease Awareness Day



Brittany Hennigan, GGC molecular technologist, prepares a sample for testing



Dear Friends,

The Greenwood Genetic Center is at a defining moment.

For more than 50 years, GGC has built a reputation for compassionate patient care, innovative diagnostics, groundbreaking research, and engaging education. Generations of families have trusted us to find answers, and generations of donors have believed in what is possible here.

Today, genetics is evolving rapidly, opening new possibilities for diagnosis, treatment, and discovery.

As the field changes, we are asking an important question:

What does excellence look like for GGC in the next 50 years?

The answer isn't simply about becoming bigger. It's about building on what has always made GGC special — exceptional people committed to patient-focused care — while embracing new possibilities.

You have helped bring us to this moment.

Throughout this Gratitude Report, you'll see what your generosity has made possible: lives changed, answers found, discoveries pursued and opportunities created because you chose to believe in this work.

But I hope you'll also see **momentum**.

We have an extraordinary opportunity to build on five decades of excellence and shape what comes next. Philanthropy allows us to pursue promising ideas, invest in innovation and go further for the patients and families who depend on us.

As you read this report, celebrate what you have helped accomplish — and imagine what could come next. Then, help us widen the circle.

Who do you know who should know about the Greenwood Genetic Center? A friend, colleague, neighbor or community leader who shares your belief in innovation, discovery, and better possibilities for families? Introduce us. Bring someone for a tour. Invite them to an event. Share our story.

You helped build what GGC is today. Now, we invite you to help us build what comes next.

The future of genetics is unfolding quickly. With people like you alongside us, GGC can continue to be a place where science, compassion, and possibility come together to change lives.

Thank you for believing in GGC, making this work possible, and being part of what comes next.

With Gratitude,

Cady Nell Keener
Executive Director
Greenwood Genetic Center Foundation

GGC Foundation Gifts

$685,072 *was raised for the GGC Foundation through the generosity of* ***339*** *donors. Funds supported all areas of the GGC mission, including* ***$114,328*** *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,* ***$88,902*** *was paid out to assist* ***46*** *families with the cost of genetic care, testing, and/or treatment.*



Compassionate Care

5,721 *patients with genetic concerns received clinical care through in-person consultations, telemedicine evaluations, or asynchronous eVisits.*



Finding Answers

17,819 *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

6,378 *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

$1.17M *in research grant funding awarded through continued success with NIH grants and numerous awards from family-led rare disease foundations to continue long-standing projects and initiate new discoveries.*



Global Reach

70 *peer-reviewed papers were published in scientific journals to share GGC's important advances with researchers, diagnosticians, and clinicians and to benefit families around the world.*

All data reflect GGC's most recently completed fiscal year of July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026

Thanks to you!

Your GENE-rosity is INSPIRING!

Your generosity is making a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and families across South Carolina and beyond. Through your support, GGC can expand access to care, advance diagnostic testing, deepen our understanding of genetic disorders, and prepare the next generation of clinicians and scientists. Together, we are creating a brighter future for individuals and families affected by genetic conditions.



Mackenzie Lally, GGC molecular technologist, sets up a long-read sequencing run.

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

"People often see my disability first. Here at GGC, they see me first.

Usually there's an awkward conversation about disability. There wasn't one here, which was really refreshing. They just accepted it as part of me - but not all of me."

Read more about Riley here

Riley Crawford

An aspiring genetic counselor and GGC intern, who found hope through genetics and aims to spend her career bringing that same hope to other families.



Analysis

"When my genetic counselor said, 'We're 99% sure this is Pompe disease — and it's treatable,' it was the best news I'd gotten in a long time... It made life worth living.

What followed was more than a diagnosis. It was hope, support, and a care team that truly listened."

Meet Michael here

Michael Thames

After living for years with the wrong diagnosis, Michael found GGC who reevaluated his condition and found not only the right answer, but also the right treatment.



Answers

"Just knowing that something was wrong, but not knowing what it was. That was the most terrified I've ever been in my life.

We are beyond lucky that we have the Greenwood Genetic Center right here in our backyard... because they literally saved her life."

See more of Lila's story here

Chelsea Lake

Mom to Lila who was diagnosed early and found support, care, and a medical home with the Greenwood Genetic Center's Metabolic Team.



Action

"We are grateful to the Greenwood Genetic Center for their excellent care and for staying on the cutting edge of treatment for rare diseases where there are often few answers and even fewer treatments.

With their support, we were only the second family in the US to start a newly approved drug - giving us more hope for her future."

Luz Mejia

Mom to Genesis who recently started a new FDA-approved enzyme replacement treatment for arginase deficiency.

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 a member of the Greenwood Genetic Center Foundation Board and family member of a patient, I have seen firsthand the profound impact GGC has on families. For more than 35 years, GGC has been part of my family's story, and I am deeply grateful for their compassionate care and lasting difference in our lives. It is an honor and privilege to give back to an organization that means so much to my family and continues to touch the lives of so many others."

Reynolds Flowe
Broker, Pintail Commercial Real Estate
GGC Foundation Board of Trustees

"For 19 years, I made the trip from Florence to serve on the Greenwood Genetic Center's Board of Directors. Each visit deepened my appreciation for the people and the work being done there. I have always been especially moved by GGC's commitment to children and the families searching for answers. Though my board service has ended, my belief in that mission remains strong. I give because I've seen the dedication behind the care, and I want to help that work continue."



Dr. Joseph Heyward
Former member GGC Board of Directors



"Nothing inspires me more than our team effort to deliver answers to the families we serve. It is my privilege and honor to be a part of the donations to make diagnosis and treatment move in the right direction. Where Compassion Inspires Progress by Giving Greater Care, I believe the answers families are waiting for may be only a few steps away, and I am proud to play a part in helping us get there."

Joan Bishop, MT,H(ASCP), CG(ASCP)
Quality Assurance Manager, GGC Diagnostic Laboratory

GGC Foundation events bring together patients, families, employees, community members, and generous supporters who share a commitment to advancing GGC's mission. Through these meaningful connections, we strengthen our GGC community, raise awareness, and help remove financial barriers to genetic care.

Together we Care

Race the Helix

Completing our 15th year in Greenwood and 12th year in the Upstate, Race the Helix continues to grow its impact across local communities with support from individuals and national sponsors. The 5K event brings people together to support the GGC Cares Fund and directly benefit families in need.



THE IMPACT
Together, the Greenwood and Upstate events raised $56,258 for the GGC Cares Fund.



Keys for Care

The GGC Foundation's third dueling pianos fundraiser was held in January, bringing together friends and supporters for a fun-filled evening of great music, food, and celebration. The event supported GGC's Care Reimagined campaign, helping to fund GGC's continued efforts to improve access, diagnoses, and treatments for all families.

THE IMPACT
$51,620 raised for the Care Reimagined campaign.
Next event: January 21, 2027

Grateful Giving Week

In May, the GGC Foundation held its first-ever Grateful Giving Week, centered on the theme "No One Should Walk This Journey Alone." Through inspiring stories shared by families, donors, faculty, and staff, the week highlighted GGC's compassionate care, advanced diagnostics, and innovative research. Employees also joined in the celebration with fun Spirit Week activities.



THE IMPACT
Over $28,000 was raised to support GGC's Care Reimagined campaign.

Thank you to our Generous Donors

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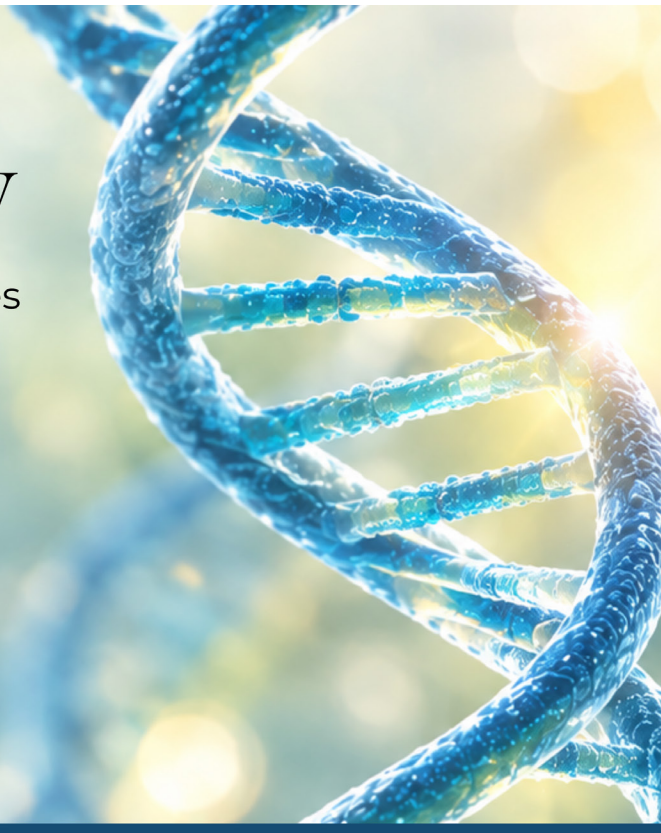
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The Mendel Society honors those who include the Greenwood Genetic Center Foundation in their estate plans - ensuring that future families continue to benefit from compassionate care, life-changing research, and innovative education.

Planned gifts, such as bequests, charitable gift annuities, or other estate provisions, may also offer financial or tax advantages while making a lasting impact on the mission of the Greenwood Genetic Center.



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To learn more or speak with someone confidentially about your estate plans, please **contact the GGC Foundation**.

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