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IU Health Launches New IU Health Foundation in Aim to Help Make Indiana One of the Healthiest States in the Nation

1/30/2018—INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana University Health today announced the formation of a new entity – the IU Health Foundation – designed to appeal to the philanthropic nature of Hoosiers and encourage communities to join together to improve the health of the state. IU Health leaders say stimulating philanthropy at all of its locations around the state will play an important role in its vision of making Indiana one of the healthiest states in America.

“One of my priorities since joining IU Health has been to increase the role of philanthropy in supporting our aspirations to improve the health of our patients, our communities and our state,” said Dennis Murphy, president and chief executive officer for IU Health. “We’ve been fortunate to have a number of successful philanthropic organizations supporting our hospitals. With the creation of a single IU Health Foundation, our collective efforts will be more impactful as we move toward achieving our vision.”

The new IU Health Foundation will focus its philanthropy on people, progress and partnerships. More information detailing those focus areas can be found [here](#).

“As a nonprofit health system, philanthropy is absolutely essential in making our shared vision of improved health a reality,” said Crystal Miller, IU Health chief philanthropy officer and president of the IU Health Foundation. “Our new team will be able to direct the generous giving of others to help support new innovative medical treatments and programs to treat the most aggressive diseases and health challenges facing the residents of Indiana. The Foundation also will support efforts to improve hospital operations and attract and retain the most talented care professionals to serve patients.”

According to the United Health Foundation’s America’s Health Rankings annual report, Indiana now ranks as the No. 39 healthiest state in the U.S. To improve upon this ranking, the IU Health Foundation will pursue strategic partnerships to achieve better health outcomes overall and tackle several imperatives including: behavioral health, tobacco and opioid addiction, infant mortality, obesity and more. For more information on the new IU Health Foundation, go to iuhealth.org/foundation.

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