

Frequently Asked Questions

If your question is not answered below, please contact:

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What is the Spirit of Giving campaign?

An opportunity for you – an Ascension Michigan associate, leader, executive, physician or resident – to make a personal gift in support of our healing Mission and the needs of our patients, associates and the communities we serve.

How will I receive my Spirit of Giving campaign packet?

In an effort to be efficient and reduce costs, all Ascension associates in Southeast Michigan will receive their packets via email. If your pledge form is not returned by May 22, 2021, it will be given to your manager to hand deliver to you or mailed to your home (depending on COVID-19 pandemic guidelines).

Do I have to make a gift to the Spirit of Giving campaign?

It's your choice to make a gift or not; it is not a condition of your employment.

How do I make a gift to the Spirit of Giving campaign?

Fill out the pledge form and select how you would like to make your gift:

Payroll deduction:

Recurring payroll deduction*: Set it and forget it. Your donation continues until you tell the Foundation to cancel or change your gift. You can change the amount of your gift and/or the fund(s) you are supporting at any time by contacting the Foundation at 313-343-7480.

***Recurring payroll deductions are the easiest kind of gift to give and process.**

Year-long payroll deduction: Your gift is divided over 25 pay periods. *If your pledge form is received by June 18, 2021, your deduction will start on July 30, 2021. Gifts received after June 18, 2021, will start within the next 1 to 3 pay periods.*

One-time payroll deduction: Your gift will be deducted on July 30, 2021.

Check or Cash: Please return your check or cash in the envelope provided.

Credit Card: Please call Heidi or Michael.

How do I return my Spirit of Giving pledge form?

You can scan your pledge form and send it to Michael or Heidi, or you can place it in the return envelope and send it to the Foundation through interoffice mail:

Site Code 10A (MOB Suite 102), Ascension St. John Foundation, Attention: Michael Palmer

You can also return it via USPS to: Ascension St. John Foundation, Attn: Michael Palmer, 19251 Mack Ave Ste 102, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

What projects and programs can I support?

There are more than 80 funds to choose from on the back of your pledge form. Please select up to 3 funds/programs to support. If a fund is not listed or you would like more information about a fund, please reach out to Heidi or Michael.

Do my dollars go to Ascension in St. Louis?

Your gift stays local; we do not send donations to St. Louis.

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes, to the full extent allowed by law; please consult with your tax advisor.

Can I change the amount of my payroll deduction?

Yes. You can change the amount at any time; just reach out to Heidi or Michael.

Is my decision to make a gift or not make a gift confidential?

We do not share your decision to make a gift or not to make a gift with your manager or any other associate. We do ask you to return your pledge form to ensure that you had the opportunity to review it and make your own decision.

What should I do if I did not receive a Spirit of Giving campaign packet?

Please reach out to your manager or campaign ambassador. They have blank forms available. Please make sure to fill in your employee ID number, department number and preferred contact phone number.

What happens when associates transfer to other departments, are on a leave of absence or have left Ascension?

We ask our managers or campaign ambassadors to return these packets to the Foundation through interoffice mail. An update may also be sent via email with a note addressing why the packet was not given to the team member; e.g., LOA, transfer, no longer at Ascension, etc.