

# CAMPAIGN FOR TOMORROW

BUILDING BETTER HEALTHCARE



# Midland Memorial Foundation gives annual endowment gift of \$1,572,687 towards Campaign for Tomorrow

Due to the generosity of donors and careful financial stewardship, the Foundation's endowment gift continues to grow each year. This year, the gift will serve as the first installment of a three-year pledge to the Campaign for Tomorrow to provide for procurement of equipment and technology, significantly strengthening the hospital's capabilities.

Thanks to the incredible support of our community, we are making remarkable strides in shaping the future of Midland Health. While we

have achieved significant progress, there is still work to be done. Every contribution—no matter the size—brings us one step closer to our shared vision.

The collective commitment of individual families, non-profits, and local foundations continues to make a difference in advancing health care in our community. Together, we are building a healthier, brighter future. Thank you for your continued support and belief in the mission of Midland Health and Midland Memorial Foundation.

### **New Board of Governors**

We are pleased to welcome our newest members to the Board of Governors: Julie Z. Edwards and H.L. "Robin" Brown, III.

Serving on the Board of Governors is a lifetime honor, and we deeply appreciate every board member's dedication and passion for ensuring high-quality healthcare remains accessible in Midland.







H.L."Robin" Brown



# **Memorial Forum 2025**

The Memorial Forum offers community leaders valuable insight into the operations, programs, and initiatives of Midland Health. Midland Memorial Foundation eagerly anticipates the expertise and perspectives this group will contribute to the Forum.

Pictured left to right:(back row) Jere Thompson, Helen Sledge, Chris Howard, Phillip Knight, Chris Renaudin (front row) Meghan Berry, Stephanie Carmona, Kendall Arrambide

*Not Pictured:* Ginny Allen, Frankie Barela, Amy Bell, Wes Gotcher, Ed Mayberry

# **Annabelle Gardaphe joins MMF as Associate Executive Director**

Richard Coats, Chairman of the Board of Governors, is pleased to present Annabelle Gardaphe as the Foundation's new Associate Executive Director under the leadership of Nancy Woodman.

Annabelle is a dedicated leader with a passion for philanthropy and community engagement. She most recently served as the Director of Philanthropic and Community Engagement and Grants Manager for the Yarborough Foundation.

Annabelle is actively involved in several organizations, currently serving as Chairman of the Board for High Sky Children's Ranch, Vice President of Hillander School, and a board member for CASA of West Texas. She is also a member of the Community Advisory Board for the Hahl Proctor and Sue Stinson Foundations. Additionally, she previously served as Chair of the Local Mission Committee at First Presbyterian Church.

Annabelle holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Spanish from the University of Texas at Austin. She and her husband, Chase, are proud parents of their two children, Witt (10) and Genevieve (8).





# Remembering Mary Dawson, a devoted friend and supporter of Midland Memorial Foundation

Midland Memorial Foundation and Midland Health mourn the loss of Mary Dawson, who passed away on October 5, 2024.

Mary earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in geology from UT Austin and UT Arlington before establishing a distinguished career in Denver. Alongside her scientific pursuits, Mary cultivated a deep love for music. She also earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Vocal Performance from Metropolitan State College of Denver and the Lamont School of Music at Denver University.

In 2017, Mary returned to Midland, where she became an active and cherished member of the community. She lent her voice to the First Presbyterian Church Choir and the Midland Odessa/West Texas Symphony Chorale. Following in her father's footsteps, she joined the Midland Memorial Foundation Board of Governors in 2020. She also served on the boards of the West Texas Symphony and various women's groups.

Mary's unwavering commitment, generosity, and passion for both the arts and healthcare will be profoundly missed. Her legacy of leadership and service will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing her.

# **Dr. Matt and Tara Friez Endowment Fund**



Pictured left to right: Avaleigh, Landry, Matt, Tara, and Henry

For over 14 years, Dr. Matthew Friez and his wife, Tara, have proudly called Midland home, raising their children in this vibrant community. As dedicated and passionate community leaders, The Friezes have built a legacy rooted in service to others.

Dr. Friez's commitment to Midland extends far beyond his medical practice. Throughout the years, he has actively invested in the next generation by coaching youth sports, including Upward Basketball and little league baseball.

He currently serves as a member of the Midland Independent School District (MISD) Board of Trustees for District 4, a position he was recently elected to. One

of his top priorities on the board is to raise academic rigor across the district at all levels, in part to better develop future healthcare professionals and physicians right here in Midland. Through this platform, he advocates for policies and programs that support the growth and success of local students and schools.

His education and professional achievements further highlight his dedication to improving the lives of those around him. He is a proud graduate of Baylor University and the University of Texas at Houston Health Science Center. His dedication to medical excellence has earned him triple board certification, a rare distinction that underscores his commitment to the highest standards of patient care.

Tara Friez shares that same heart for service. A fellow Baylor University graduate with a degree in Interior Design, has devoted herself to raising their children while giving back to the community. She is an active volunteer in multiple ministries at Midland Bible Church, where her faith and dedication continue to make a meaningful impact.

As part of their commitment to Midland, Matt and Tara have established the Dr. Matt and Tara Friez Endowment Fund at Midland Memorial Foundation. This fund will provide lasting support for MMH, ensuring the hospital can continue delivering top-tier medical care to Midland residents for generations to come. Their generosity is a testament to their deep-rooted dedication to leaving a meaningful and enduring legacy.







# Celebrating the Past Leading the Future





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