About the Edward Foundation

Philanthropy plays a critical role in augmenting Edward's reputation as a premier healthcare provider. It costs Edward $1.6 million a day to operate and its operating margins are shrinking in an era of economic challenges and health care reform.

The mission of the Edward Foundation is to raise funds to help Edward Hospital & Health Services provide the best and highest quality services, technology, and staff to the communities it serves. To this end, we solicit donations from individuals, corporations and foundations to help patients heal. Recent accomplishments include:

- Donating $600,000 for Edward's GI lab to fund the latest diagnostic technology for more accurate diagnosis of masses or cysts in the digestive tract and nearby organs.

- Donating $100,000 for HealthAware, Edward's online screening program that allows individuals to assess their risk for heart disease, lung and breast cancer, stroke, sleep disorders and depression, and to help them manage their health and prevent disease at its earliest stages.

- Raising $1.4 million for the KidsCare Campaign—the renovation and expansion of Edward's Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care Units where we treat the most fragile children, as well as the construction of the first Ronald McDonald Family Room in Illinois so families can have a place to rest steps away from their child's bedside.

- Donating $1 million for the expansion of Linden Oaks at Edward, our behavioral health hospital which receives over 100,000 calls per year to its 24/7 helpline from people struggling with anxiety, depression, addiction, Alzheimer's, anorexia and other behavioral health issues.

- Donating $1 million for the creation of a hybrid operating room—one of only 4 in Illinois and 25 across the nation, which will allows both open heart and endovascular surgeries to be performed in a single location.

- Donating $500,000 to provide Access to Care, to help working poor and uninsured patients access health care in the early stages of their medical troubles.