THE PROBLEM WE CAN SOLVE TOGETHER: TRANSFORMING DIABETES CARE

A bold vision for prevention, treatment and breakthrough research at OHSU Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center



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OVERVIEW

Diabetes is not a single disease. It accelerates harm across nearly every organ system. Diabetes is the leading cause of:

- **Kidney Failure**
- **Heart Failure**
- **Leg Amputations**
- **Adult Blindness**
- **Vision Loss**

Diabetes drives or worsens many chronic conditions, having a direct influence on their onset, progression and severity. Touching every organ system, the ripple effect on the body is unmatched.

But when diabetes is prevented or well-managed, **lives and limbs are saved.**

This is the opportunity in front of us.

HUMAN AND ECONOMIC COSTS



40M+
(1 in 8)

American **children and adults are affected by diabetes** in the U.S.



115.2M

Americans have **prediabetes, putting them at risk for developing type 2 diabetes.**



81%

Don't know they have it.



People with diabetes are at high risk of serious health complications; **stroke, blindness, kidney disease, heart disease, nerve damage and amputations**



50%+

Black and Hispanic/Latino people are more likely to have diabetes than non-Hispanic white people.

(Source: American Diabetes Association, Diabetes Analysis-Diabetes Care 2023, CDC)



YOUR INVESTMENT CHANGES LIVES

Diabetes is manageable. This means philanthropic gifts don't just support hope for the future; **they deliver on that investment today**.

- Early detection can stop decades of suffering before it begins.
- Proven care reduces blindness, amputations, hospitalizations and kidney failure.
- Digital tools and continuous monitoring are transforming daily life.
- Smart data systems help flag people at risk before harm occurs.
- Culturally tailored care ensures every community benefits.

With the right approach, diabetes intervention can produce measurable impacts in the near term.

Lives and limbs can be saved *this year*.

THE VISION

The OHSU Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center is stepping forward with a bold vision: **to transform diabetes care, advance innovation and build a national destination for prevention, treatment and breakthrough research.** Led by the Jordan Schnitzer Endowed Chair in Diabetes, **Dr. Rodica Busui**, a world-class leader in this field, OHSU is poised to translate science into real-world results for patients and communities.

WHY OHSU?

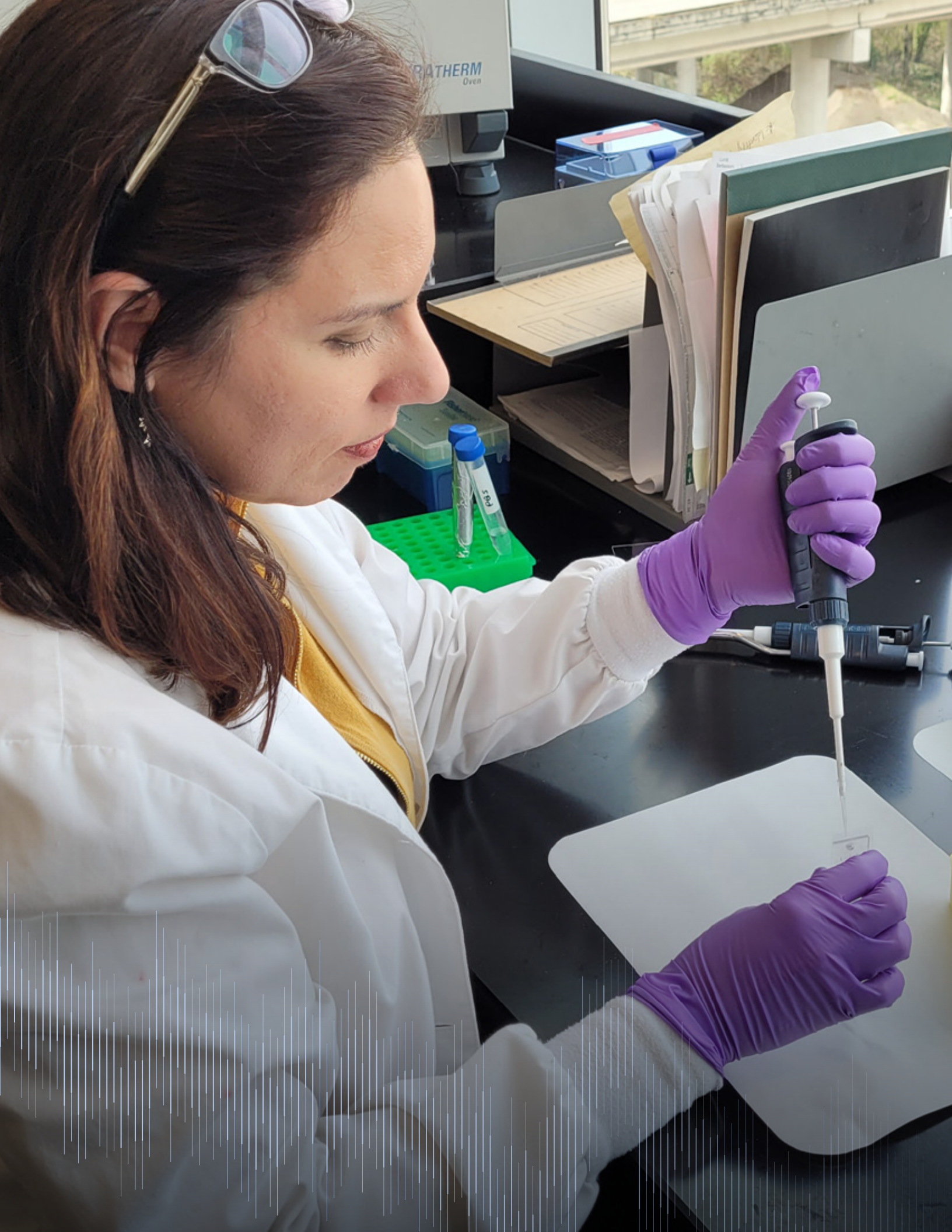
- **Integrated lifespan care:** The region's only center offering coordinated pediatric-to-adult diabetes care.
- **Leadership through innovative research:** OHSU, in partnership with University of Michigan, is home to the only Breakthrough T1D Center of Excellence focused on reversing cardio-renal complications in people with diabetes. The center embeds cutting-edge platform trials that simultaneously test multiple promising interventions.
- **National impact through clinical trials:** OHSU leads nationally recognized studies, such as SUGARNSALT and FINEONE, advancing kidney-sparing treatments in type 1 diabetes and redefining what's possible for patients.
- **A truly multidisciplinary model:** Physicians, nurses, dietitians, educators and digital health innovators partnering to deliver whole-person care.
- **Momentum to scale:** A recent $2.1 million gift from Jordan Schnitzer signals confidence in this work, kickstarting a new wave of momentum in diabetes-focused philanthropy.



Rodica Busui, M.D., Ph.D., is a nationally recognized physician-scientist and healthcare leader dedicated to improving outcomes for people living with diabetes. She serves as the Jordan Schnitzer Endowed Chair in Diabetes and leads Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Clinical Nutrition at Oregon Health & Science University, where she also directs the Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center. A former national president for medicine and science of the American Diabetes Association, Busui is a global leader in diabetes research, clinical care and policy. Her work focuses on preventing serious diabetes complications through innovative, patient-centered research.

"OHSU IS ALREADY POISED FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN DIABETES — PUTTING PHILANTHROPY 'AT THE INFLECTION POINT,' WHERE INVESTMENT PRODUCES EXPONENTIAL IMPACT."

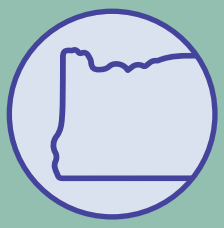
— RODICA BUSUI, M.D., PH.D.


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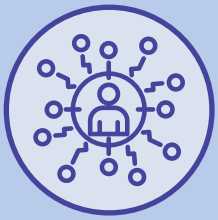
WHAT PHILANTHROPY WILL MAKE POSSIBLE

Four Program Pillars

Philanthropic investment is essential to advancing this bold vision for diabetes care, particularly to recruit and retain physician-scientists at a time of severe national shortage in endocrinology. Strategic expansion of this expert workforce will enable OHSU to bring innovation, equity and excellence to prevention, treatment and management efforts across Oregon and beyond. As these faculty leaders join OHSU, the following four integrated programs will be launched to drive this initiative forward:



Program 1: Statewide Implementation of Standards of Care



Program 2: Personalized Diabetes Care



Program 3: Diabetic Limb Preservation and Amputation Prevention



Program 4: Increasing Digital Health and AI-Enabled Platforms



Program 1: Statewide Implementation of Standards of Care

Overview Statement

Imagine if every person with diabetes — no matter where they live — received the same high-quality care. We can make this a reality.

Our Goal

By aligning expertise and standardizing best practices, we can bring consistent, evidence-based diabetes care to every community in the state, including rural and underserved communities.

How We'll Do It

- **Set a statewide standard for excellence in diabetes care.** Lead a coordinated effort to implement the American Diabetes Association (ADA) Standards of Care by partnering with health systems and primary care clinics across Oregon. This ensures evidence-based care becomes the norm, not the exception.
- **Meet people where they are.** Expand access through telehealth, community health workers and mobile clinics to reach individuals and communities who face barriers to regular diabetes care.
- **Build a statewide learning and improvement network.** Launch a collaborative that connects clinics across the state to share best practices, track outcomes and continuously improve care delivery.
- **Recruit nationally recognized experts to lead and scale this work.** Attract additional physician-scientists and clinical leaders whose expertise will accelerate implementation and sustain impact across Oregon and beyond.

The Impact

As the OHSU Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center develops and hones its statewide model, learnings can be used to inform national efforts to improve diabetes care for all.

Where Diabetes is Most Prevalent in Oregon (2025–2026 Data)

- **Rural Areas (Highest Risk):** Residents of rural areas in Oregon have a higher prevalence of diabetes compared to urban counterparts.
- **Jefferson County:** Data indicates Jefferson County experiences a higher prevalence of diabetes and related chronic conditions (such as asthma and heart disease) compared to the state average.
- **Central Oregon:** The region is a key focus area for the 2025–2029 Regional Health Improvement Plan due to high diabetes rates.
- **Southern/Eastern Oregon:** Counties in these areas also show higher rates of diabetes, often linked to socioeconomic factors and lower access to healthcare.
- **Disproportionate Impact:** Prevalence is significantly higher among Black and American Indian/ Alaska Native residents, and those with annual household incomes less than $25,000.

DIAGNOSED DIABETES



373,400

Oregon adults (9.5% of the adult population) have been **diagnosed with diabetes.** Now there are 400,000+.

PREDIABETES



38%

Of **adults in Oregon** are **estimated to have prediabetes.**

ANNUAL NEW CASES



~25,000

Adults are **diagnosed each year.**

SCREENING GAPS



ONLY 54%

Of Oregon adults aged 45+ (who do not already have diabetes) **have had a blood sugar test in the past 3 years, despite ADA screening recommendations**

LONG-TERM TREND

Over the past

20 YEARS

The prevalence of **diabetes among Oregon adults has more than doubled.**

"Diabetes prevalence is **consistently higher in rural areas than urban areas,** and **Oregon is among the few states where this gap cannot be explained by common risk factors alone,** pointing to structural and access-related causes." — cdc.gov



Program 2: Personalized Diabetes Care

Overview Statement

A bold effort to deliver diabetes care that truly fits each person — because people experience this disease differently. Biological factors, age and life stage, pregnancy status, genetics and social circumstances all shape how diabetes develops and how treatment works. By recognizing and addressing these differences, we can provide more effective, equitable and personalized care for every individual.

Our Goal

Establish one of the nation's first models for truly personalized diabetes care, improving outcomes by ensuring treatments align with biological and lived experience differences.

How We'll Do It

- **Discover what works and for whom.** Launch an integrated research and clinical program to understand how different populations experience diabetes treatments and complications, and why responses vary across individuals.
- **Build smarter, more personalized care pathways.** Design tailored prevention and treatment approaches that reflect biological, social and life-stage differences — and track real-world improvements in outcomes over time.
- **Equip clinicians and communities to deliver the right care.** Provide targeted training, tools and community outreach so evidence-based care reaches the right people at the right time, wherever they live.
- **Attract the experts who can turn insight into impact.** Recruit nationally recognized clinician-scientists whose expertise will accelerate discovery, translate research into practice and make high-quality, personalized diabetes care a reality for communities most in need.

The Impact

By generating new evidence, building personalized care pathways and equipping clinicians statewide, the program has the potential to reduce complications, close equity gaps and set a new national standard for precision diabetes care.



Program 3: Diabetic Limb Preservation and Amputation Prevention

Overview Statement

No one should lose a limb to diabetes when early, coordinated care could prevent it. Too often, amputations occur not because they are inevitable, but because warning signs were missed or care arrived too late. By intervening earlier, we can preserve mobility, independence and quality of life for people living with diabetes.

Our Goal

Reduce preventable diabetes-related amputations by identifying high-risk patients earlier and delivering coordinated, evidence-based limb-preservation care — before wounds progress to crisis.

How We'll Do It

- **Unite expertise to act early and decisively.** Build a coordinated, multidisciplinary care team—bringing together endocrinology, podiatry, vascular specialists, primary care and rehabilitation — to identify risks early and intervene before complications escalate.
- **Harness AI to anticipate risk before harm occurs.** Develop predictive models using electronic health data to identify individuals at highest risk for limb complications, enabling earlier outreach and timely, targeted care.
- **Bring limb-saving prevention directly into communities.** Deliver culturally responsive education, proactive foot care and mobile clinical services that meet people where they are—reducing barriers and preventing problems before they become crises.

The Impact

Fewer amputations. More mobility. Better lives — starting with those most at risk.

"MANY DIABETES-RELATED AMPUTATIONS CAN BE PREVENTED. BY IDENTIFYING RISK EARLY AND RESPONDING QUICKLY WITH COMPASSIONATE, INTERDISCIPLINARY CARE, WE CAN TRULY CHANGE LIVES AND REDUCE AMPUTATIONS."

— CYAANDI DOVE, D.P.M., *director of the Diabetes Foot program in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Clinical Nutrition and the Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center, Oregon Health & Science University*



Program 4: Increasing Digital Health and AI-Enabled Platforms

Overview Statement

Delivering the right care at the right time requires more than information — it requires connection, insight and action. Digital health platforms, like electronic health records and AI-enabled tools, bring together data, technology and clinical expertise to create a smarter, more responsive system of care. By integrating real-time patient information, advanced analytics and continuous feedback, clinicians are empowered to make more informed decisions while learning what works across diverse populations.

Our Goal

A learning health system that continuously gets "smarter" — helping patients thrive and giving donors a chance to accelerate the future of personalized care.

How We'll Do It

- **Connect every element of care into one clear view.** A unified digital hub brings together electronic health records, telehealth, patient-reported data and remote monitoring — giving clinicians a complete, real-time picture of each patient's health.
- **Use AI to power smarter, more personalized care.** Advanced analytics identify gaps, predict risk and tailor support to individual needs — so challenges are addressed earlier and outcomes improve.
- **Turn insights into action, continuously.** Intuitive dashboards highlight what's working and where care can improve, fueling ongoing learning and improvement across the entire program.

The Impact

A system that ensures every patient receives the right care at the right time, while giving clinicians real-time insight into what's working. This platform turns data into better decisions and better outcomes.

PHASE I

Immediate Impact

Start-Up Packages, Innovation Fund, Programmatic Support

Recruit 2–4 early-career clinician scientists

Establish research support teams

Launch limb-preservation specialty

Implement evidence-based guidelines across OHSU

Build quality improvement infrastructure

Establish industry partnerships for trials and device/technology innovation

PHASE II

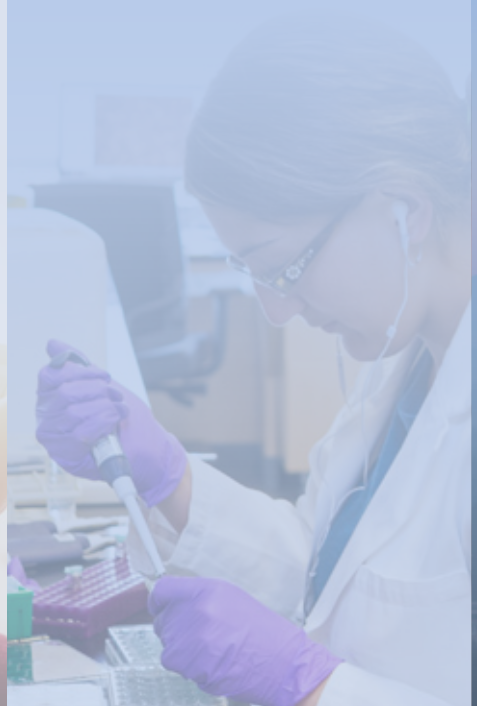
Growth and Expansion

Facilities and Equipment Funds, Research Endowment Additions

Expand clinical capacity and research space

Grow patient access and specialized care offerings

Expand state-wide affiliates



PHASE III

Sustainable Excellence

Endowments, Major Capital Gifts

Position the Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center as a national leader

Sustain long-term research programs through endowed mechanisms

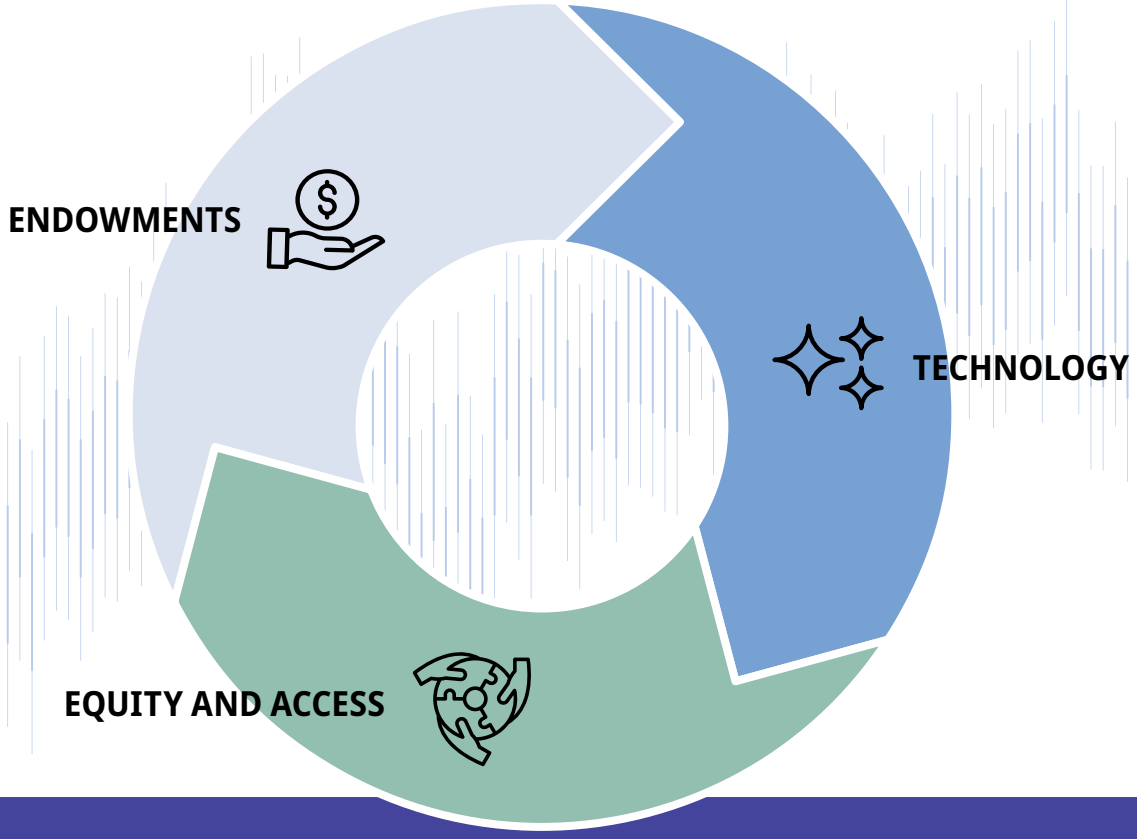
Establish permanent, scalable infrastructure for statewide and national impact

FUTURE-FORWARD, EQUITY-CENTERED

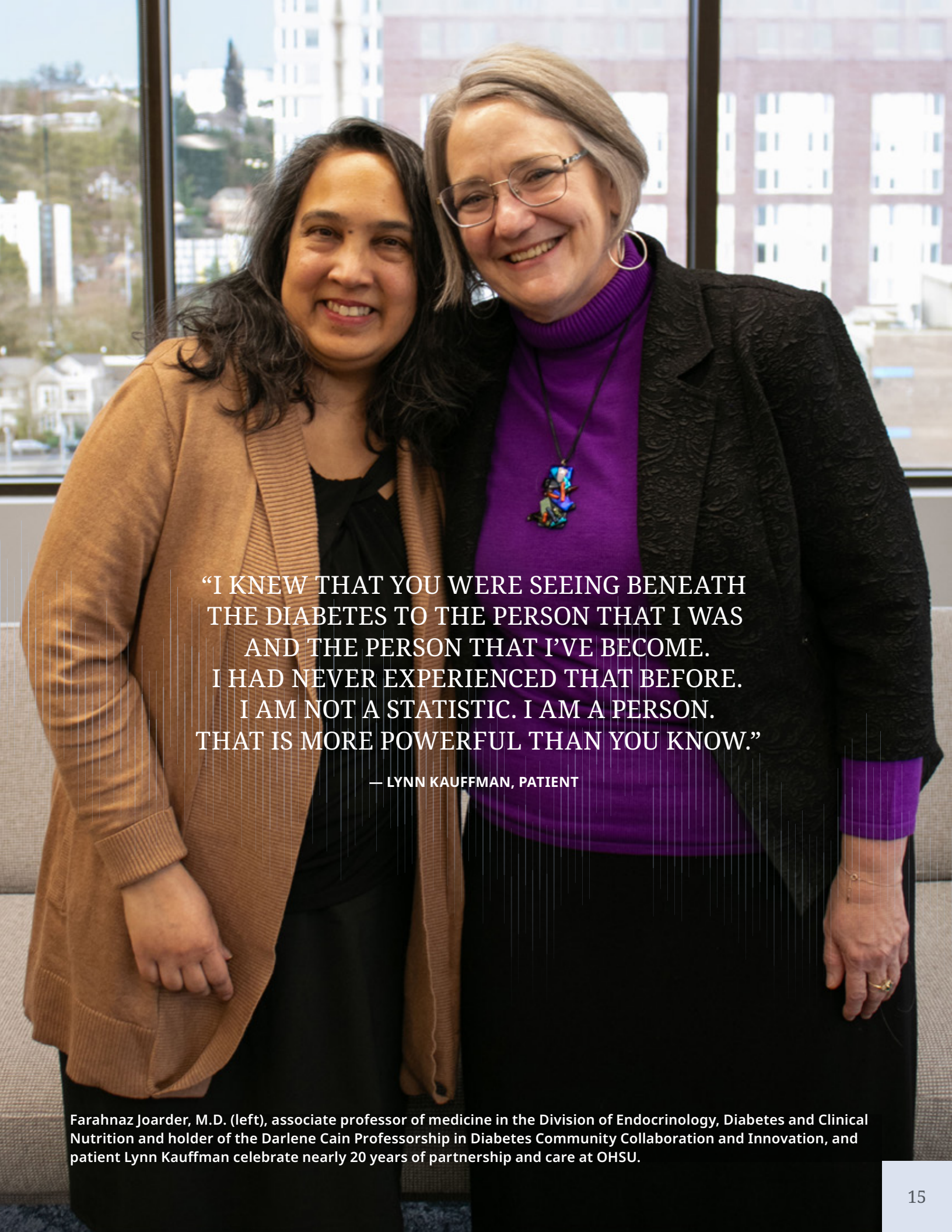
Create impact that never expires
Endowments provide strategic, flexible and durable funding that attracts and retains top-tier talent, enables innovation and sustains excellence. Your investment allows the OHSU Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center to think — and act — for the long-term future.

Build a smarter, more responsive system of care
Investment in technology will revolutionize personalized care. By investing in digital health and AI, clinicians can detect risk earlier, personalize care and continuously improve outcomes. Donor support directly accelerates this shift from reactive care to proactive, personalized medicine.

Set the national standard for equitable care
Where someone lives should not determine the quality of diabetes care. By delivering evidence-based care to every community — urban, rural, and underserved — we can improve outcomes for all Oregonians. Your investment closes long-standing gaps while creating a national model for equity-centered care.



Your gift fuels the kind of progress that changes medicine — and lives. Join us in our unwavering commitment in ensuring that every person with diabetes can get the care and support they need.



“I KNEW THAT YOU WERE SEEING BENEATH THE DIABETES TO THE PERSON THAT I WAS AND THE PERSON THAT I’VE BECOME. I HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED THAT BEFORE. I AM NOT A STATISTIC. I AM A PERSON. THAT IS MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU KNOW.”

— LYNN KAUFFMAN, PATIENT

Farahnaz Joarder, M.D. (left), associate professor of medicine in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Clinical Nutrition and holder of the Darlene Cain Professorship in Diabetes Community Collaboration and Innovation, and patient Lynn Kauffman celebrate nearly 20 years of partnership and care at OHSU.

THANK YOU

Your investment in this initiative powers the talent, research and clinical innovation that will change the future of diabetes care. Every contribution accelerates high-impact science and expands access to life-saving care across Oregon and beyond. Together, we can create a center of excellence that delivers real breakthroughs for real people, now and for generations to come.

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