

# Changing lives is part of who we are at UF Health Jacksonville.

**WE** should all be proud of our mission to heal, comfort, educate and discover. The work we do has made a difference to thousands of residents in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. Through our combined efforts — faculty, staff and volunteers — we have achieved remarkable things.

The work we do through organ donation is one example. During the past year, 34 patients became organ donors here, giving life to 96 others. While the tragedy of a life lost is devastating, many families find comfort in knowing that their loved one's sacrifice gives a second chance to someone else.

In 2007, a group of extraordinary nurses and staff members formed the Donor Council. The council has worked tirelessly to promote awareness of organ donation and ensure those who give that ultimate gift — as well as their families — are

treated with honor. UF Health Jacksonville hosts an annual Tree of Life Ceremony to remember our donors. Family members and staff gathered in the LRC Auditorium on April 27 to remember loved ones or the patients for whom they cared.

I thank all of you who work compassionately and skillfully during difficult life transitions. Our critical care, trauma, emergency and perioperative teams, transplant services personnel, physicians and staff are second to none.

Whether it's through our efforts to save lives, improve quality of life or help families as their loved ones make their end-of-life journey, we remain committed to making a difference in the lives of our patients who are at the center of what we do at UF Health Jacksonville.

As always, it's a privilege to be your CEO.



## The final tally is in, and it's impressive.

In three weeks, the 2016 Give Where You Live spring employee giving campaign raised more than

**\$172,500!**

Thanks to your generosity, we surpassed last year's giving and our community will reap the benefits. The committee thanks all UF Health employees who participated and we look forward to another successful donation drive next spring.