

## Practice Makes Perfect

### What We Do

Serve as a tertiary referral center for the Midwest, offering exceptional health care in more than 50 medical specialties, enhanced by medical education and research

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**Malaika Woods, M.D.,  
OB-GYN resident at  
Saint Luke’s Hospital**

### Hospital training for residents like Malaika Woods, M.D., helps launch careers in medicine and research that may one day save your life

For some, the 12-hour workdays of OB-GYN resident Malaika Woods, M.D., could be a relentless grind: delivering babies, performing abdominal surgery, then treating patients in one of Saint Luke’s Community Service Clinics.

But to Dr. Woods it’s a higher calling. Not only is she working, she’s also learning at the elbows of some of the region’s best medical staff.

Saint Luke’s plays a unique role in the community as an independent academic medical center, where doctors,

nurses, and other medical specialists not only treat some of the sickest patients in the region, but also conduct life-saving research. Philanthropy plays a vital role in maintaining such programs not supported by patient fees.

#### Funding the Future

Unrestricted, general donations from donors like you are both versatile and critical to sustaining Saint Luke’s unique role in the community as a private teaching hospital, a center for research, and a provider of charity care.

Such gifts fund the areas where the needs are greatest. For example, they help support our Community Service Clinics’ two-fold mission: providing hands-on experience for doctors and first-class health care for patients with little or no insurance. And they also enable us to train the minds and hands of resident physicians, including Dr. Woods.

“I’ve received excellent mentoring and training at Saint Luke’s,” Dr. Woods said. “It has equipped me to be a confident and capable physician with an appreciation for the needs of the less fortunate.”

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[saintlukeshealthsystem.org](http://saintlukeshealthsystem.org)  
to make an immediate gift



### How You Can Help

Contributions are essential to maintain programs and services not covered by patient fees, such as:

- \$50** Medical reference book for the Health Sciences Library, which is used by residents, students, and staff
- \$100** Support for community education programs
- \$250** Travel assistance for a resident to attend a medical conference
- \$500** Medical journal subscription
- \$1,000** Support for Pediatric Life Support Training for residents

