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## Dr. Joe and Susan Story Donate \$1 Million to Baptist Health Care Foundation

**PENSACOLA, Fla. (Sept. 29, 2022)** – Dr. Joe and Susan Story donated \$1 million to support the new Baptist Hospital campus currently under construction at Brent Lane and I-110. Baptist Health Care Foundation will honor this gift by naming the Story Medical Office Building at Andrews Institute for Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine in Gulf Breeze.

Dr. Story was a co-founder and developer of the Andrews Institute. He served as the first president of Andrews Research & Education Institute and chair of Andrews Surgery Center. Susan Story recently retired as president and CEO of American Water Works, the largest water utility in the United States, and was formerly the president and CEO of Gulf Power Company. They will continue their legacy with Baptist through this transformational gift.

“We are passionate about being part of innovation and transformation that makes people’s lives better,” Susan Story said. “We are passionate about educational opportunity for everyone. We are passionate about being a hand up for those who want to run when they get up. We believe the quality of a person’s life involves the physical, mental and spiritual parts of that person, and we believe that the right medical care—in a warm and inclusive community atmosphere and where everyone has a right to outstanding care—is what Baptist is all about. So that is where our passions unite.”

The Storys said they always put their philanthropic giving where their passions lie, with a focus on impacting education, underserved communities and health and human services. They prioritize their impact through efforts that have a personal connection with them and organizations that will significantly impact the lives of so many others.

“We want to be remembered as people who really care and who use our talents and resources to make a lasting difference in the lives of others and our amazing community,” Joe Story said.

The new Baptist Hospital campus is designed to be a calm, peaceful, patient-centered environment of care that will incorporate modern efficiencies. It will open in fall 2023.

“On behalf of Baptist and the patients we serve, we are deeply grateful to the Storys for their tremendous gift,” said Mark Faulkner, president and CEO of Baptist Health Care. “This gift is an investment in providing quality health care for our community for generations to come.”

For more information, visit [baptisthealthcarefoundation.org](https://baptisthealthcarefoundation.org) or call 850.469.7906.

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*EDITORS' NOTE: Photos attached. In image JPK1849 are Dr. Joe and Susan Story. In image JPK1970 are left to right: KC Gartman, Baptist Health Care Chief Development Officer; Dr. Joe Story; Susan Story; Mark Faulkner, Baptist Health Care President and CEO*

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*About Baptist Health Care*

*Baptist Health Care is a not-for-profit health care organization based in Northwest Florida that is committed to helping people throughout life's journey. Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, four medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine and a large network of primary care and specialty physicians. Baptist Health Care is one of the largest non-governmental employers in Northwest Florida.*

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