



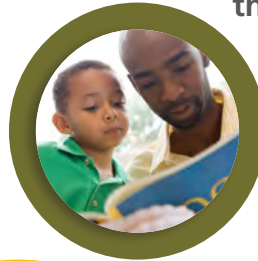
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Dean McKee, with Innocence Project of Florida (IPF) executive director Seth Miller (right), was released in January of 2018 after DNA evidence cast doubt on his 1987 murder conviction.



After spending 17 years in prison, Dwight Dubose became the 18th person released by IPF when he was freed last April. He is pictured with Anthony Scott (left) and Seth Miller of IPF.



Jules Letemps (center) with Kate Germond and lawyer Paul Casteleiro from Centurion Ministries, which IPF worked with to secure Letemps' release.

Innocence Project of Florida sees three men freed in one year

by Jessica Brown

After spending a combined 76 years incarcerated, three Florida men regained their freedom with the help of Innocence Project of Florida (IPF). Dean McKee, Dwight Dubose and Jules Letemps were released recently.

IPF receives the majority of its funding from The Florida Bar Foundation, which awarded it \$380,000 through an Improvement in the Administration of Justice grant last year.

"The Florida Bar Foundation was one of the earliest and has been the most consistent organization to invest in freeing the innocent in Florida," said Seth Miller, IPF executive director. "They have been a dedicated partner in our work, allowing us to stabilize our funding and grow to increase our capacity to help the wrongfully convicted obtain freedom and successfully reintegrate back into free society."

Dean McKee, released in January of 2018, spent 30 years in prison on a murder conviction. In 1987, then 16-year-old Dean, his older brother and friends had spent an evening at a club. On their way home, they had an altercation with a homeless man, who ended up dying from a stab wound.

Dean, who tried to stop his brother from killing the man, was framed by his brother who believed that Dean would be treated more

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Message from the President

Florida Bar Foundation President Juliette E. Lippman began her term last July. A partner with Birnbaum, Lippman & Gregoire, PLLC, she is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Law Mediator. She has received The Florida Bar Family Law Section Chair's Special Award of Merit and the Broward County Bar Association's Joseph J. Carter Professionalism Award. Lippman earned her bachelor's degree at George Washington University and her law degree at Nova Southeastern University School of Law.

As I write this, I am halfway through my term as the Foundation's president. The past six months have passed quickly, and I've had the pleasure of working with our illustrious board and dedicated staff diligently on several matters. This has been an exciting time, and I am pleased to report on the following:

The Foundation's new executive director, Donny MacKenzie, is off to a spectacular start. Donny and staff are working tirelessly on several things that will enhance the Foundation's operations and processes and increase revenues and public awareness. Our brand new Community Champions program (pg. 9) has gotten off to a promising start and has resulted in a substantial amount of increased revenue for IOTA grants. This will allow the Foundation to fund more programs and initiatives resulting in more access to justice for more people.

Also, pro bono program evaluations and our Florida Pro Bono Law School Challenge are underway. The Challenge has gotten off to a great start and will undoubtedly result in more pro bono opportunities for lawyers and students and, most importantly, more pro bono representation for more Floridians in need. Work has also begun on a spending and reserve policy; Florida's prior reserves served as an example nationally. We have also created a limited matching funds grants program and a building search committee.

In addition, the Foundation began working with Spark Policy Institute last year to create metrics to evaluate the effectiveness and the impact of the Strategic Reset. The Foundation's board reviewed and approved 11 metrics at our December meeting. The metrics include the amount of funding leveraged, the number and ways in which people are trained, the number and types of materials developed and shared, the number and percent of grantees, legal aid providers, and pro bono providers adopting best practices or shared standards of practice, the number of clients using self-help resources or accessing low-cost representation and economic benefits received by clients. We will now work to implement strategies for measuring and evaluating these metrics going forward.

Lastly, we remember with fondness and thanksgiving William A. Van Nortwick Jr., who served as the Foundation's president in 1993-94. Judge Van Nortwick was truly a champion for the cause of equal justice and a cherished and revered member of our Foundation family. The impact he had on the legal aid delivery system is immeasurable and the number of people whose lives were made better by his efforts are countless. We will miss him dearly, and we keep in our thoughts his beloved wife, and my friend, Maria, who is also an invaluable member of the Foundation family and, to date, the only non-lawyer president of our board.

Juliette E. Lippman, President

Thank you to the Family Law Section for donating \$75,000 to the Foundation's Children's Legal Services grant program in January. The section has contributed a total of \$375,000 to the Foundation since 2012. Children's Legal Services grants enable grantees to provide legal assistance to needy children in critical areas which affect their safety, well-being and future development.



New platform matches Florida law students, lawyers on pro bono cases

The Foundation launched the Florida Pro Bono Law School Challenge on Jan. 7. Using an online platform to match students with alumni mentors, Florida's 12 law schools will compete to see which can take the most pro bono cases during the spring semester.

"A core part of the Foundation's mission is to promote public service among lawyers by making it an integral part of the law school experience," Claud B. Nelson III, pro bono program director, said. "By connecting students with alumni to partner on a pro bono case from a legal aid organization, we hope to inspire both to continue volunteering as pro bono lawyers."

At FloridaLawSchoolChallenge.org, students use a new, cutting-edge interactive platform developed by SavvySuit to pick a pro bono case and be matched with an alumni mentor. Cases posted by legal aid organizations on FloridaProBonoMatters.org will populate the

law school challenge site.

The law schools with the most student and alumni participation will be recognized at The Florida Bar's annual convention in June.

"With more than 6,000 law students in Florida having access to available pro bono

cases and mentors at their fingertips, we hope to see a noticeable increase in the number of cases being taken," Nelson said.

"Florida's most vulnerable populations – the elderly, the poor, children – will have more lawyers and advocates in their corner."

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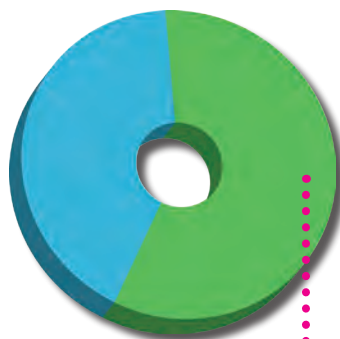
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Work your pro
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Work



58.2%... of lawyers who provided pro bono services as a law student said doing so made them more likely to provide pro bono after graduating.

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Foundation awards \$6.4 million in Community Economic Development grants

The Florida Bar Foundation board on Dec. 7 approved \$6.4 million in grants to 28 legal aid providers to address community economic development. Following a \$16.65 billion settlement agreement between Bank of America (BOA) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) in 2014, BOA agreed to resolve federal and state claims by making donations to state-based Interest on Lawyers' Trust Account (IOLTA) organizations that provide funds to legal aid organizations.

The Foundation received an initial donation of \$1.395 million in 2015, and an additional \$23 million in 2016 from BOA.

The Foundation received 33 grant applications requesting \$11,194,396, and will fully fund 16 of the requests. Twelve requests will be partially funded.

The largest grant was awarded to Legal Services of Greater Miami, which will collaborate with Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Disability Independence Group, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Legal Services of North Florida and Bay Area Legal Services to provide services statewide.

This project will address the intertwined problems of the lack of affordable housing and low wages. By representing nonprofit organizations engaged in the development and rehabilitation of housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income Floridians, the project contributes to an increase in affordable housing in the communities it serves. And, by providing legal services essential to helping low-income entrepreneurs and nonprofits, legal aid programs create opportunities for low-income individuals to increase their income and assets which are necessary to move out of poverty, create employment opportunities, and strengthen neighborhoods and their business institutions.

Grant applications were evaluated and scored by a panel of six staff members. The Foundation's grants committee reviewed staff's recommendations and presented the grants for a discussion and vote at the board meeting.

1 **\$1,012,145 Legal Services of Greater Miami & partners**
Seven programs will collaborate to provide transactional legal services to nonprofits and low-income entrepreneurs.

2 **\$677,443 Florida Legal Services**
Four programs will be funded, including the Immigrant and Migrant Rights Project and Statewide Disaster Recovery Coordination.

3 **\$390,265 Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA)**
Through the Region II Wealth Building Project, immigration, consumer, and sealing and expunging projects will be funded.

4 **\$310,163 Legal Services of North Florida**
The Access Project, designed to reach rural populations, and the Tenants' Rights Project will be funded.

5 **\$304,289 Gulfcoast Legal Services**
The Financial Stability Project will continue to address housing, public benefits, employment, child support and tax issues.

6 **\$300,000 IDignity**
Funding will support civil legal assistance to low-income Central Floridians who lack legal identification documents.

7 **\$275,000 Dade Legal Aid**
Funding will support expansion of the Guardianship Project, which assists family members in obtaining guardianship over disabled relatives.

8 **\$270,500 Southern Legal Counsel**
Two programs will be funded: the Transgender Identification Initiative and the Health Law Project, which focuses on long-term care Medicaid waivers.

9 **\$251,774 Florida Rural Legal Services**
FRLS will expand its Drive to Work Project that provides driver's license reinstatement services.

10 **\$250,000 Florida Justice Institute**
FJI will continue its statewide advocacy and legal services for incarcerated persons.

11 **\$243,000 Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County**
This project includes housing, transactional support for community groups and small business owners, and creation of disaster preparedness legal kits.

12 **\$211,548 Three Rivers Legal Services**
Funding will support the Ending Homelessness Project and the Home Sweet Home project, which will work with JALA on heir property issues.

13 **\$205,306 Legal Aid Society of Orange County Bar Assoc.**
The Cultivating Empowerment by Navigating toward Stability program will focus on financial education, sealing and expungement, and tax issues.

14 **\$200,000 Americans for Immigrant Justice**
With Foundation funding, the Lucha Program will be able to continue providing legal services for immigrant victims of crime.

JALA's strategies include working more closely with social service partners by embedding staff and providing "low bono" services – legal representation that is more affordable for clients and more sustainable for providers.

BCLA's holistic approach includes obtaining protection, shelter, child support, dissolution of marriage, medical care, and counseling for survivors, ultimately enabling them to remain separated from abusers and gain permanent economic independence.

IDignity helps clients like SJ, whose husband controlled and exploited her, even requiring home births and homeschooling to prevent documentation of their three children. After enduring 21 years of physical and mental abuse, SJ escaped, but had no identification documents or resources. Without identification, she and her children could not secure stable housing for two years.

Then, SJ found IDignity. An IDignity lawyer located her home birth midwife and established critical proof needed to get court orders for the birth certificates of SJ's children. Having identification has enabled SJ and her children to obtain employment, open a bank account, buy a car, get a home, and pursue a better life, including SJ's children's dreams of a college education.

\$197,496 Bay Area Legal Services

The Senior Home Ownership Protection Program (SHOPP) helps vulnerable seniors maintain their housing.

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\$150,000 Heart of Florida Legal Aid

Litigation, Education and Advocacy (LEA) for vulnerable immigrants provides representation in immigration, family law and domestic violence proceedings.

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\$135,000 Community Justice Project

The Housing and Inclusive Development Project protects low-income and historically black communities from displacement due to gentrification.

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\$119,950 Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida

The Foundation will continue to fund CLSMF's Medical Legal Partnership with Grace Medical Home in Orlando.

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\$117,405 Legal Aid of Manasota

LAMS' Medical Legal Partnership with Sarasota Memorial Hospital provides access to civil legal aid to overcome legal barriers related to health care.

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\$114,844 Seminole County Bar Assoc. Legal Aid Society

The John Hamilton Domestic Violence Prevention Project provides expedited access to civil and family legal services for survivors and their children.

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\$113,000 Brevard County Legal Aid (BCLA)

The Survivors of Domestic Violence Advocacy Program holistically addresses the needs of domestic violence survivors.

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\$103,448 Legal Aid Service of Broward County

Funding will restart the Consumer Project, which provides legal services to people facing wage and bank garnishment, foreclosure and debt collection.

22

\$100,000 Emerald Coast Legal Aid

Funds will support legal assistance to elderly persons in rural areas and help incarcerated persons with family law issues.

23

\$93,000 Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Assoc.

Two programs will be funded: Thunderdome Pro Bono Legal Services and Promise Zone Pro Bono Legal Services.

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\$83,500 Community Law Program

The Residential Eviction Mediation Program provides low-income residents civil legal help to avoid the consequences of an eviction (pg. 7).

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\$72,022 Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida

The Family Court Self-Advocacy Program embeds a lawyer at the county courthouse to assist self-represented family law litigants.

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\$50,000 Catholic Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami

The Assistance for Immigrant Victims of Crime Project provides legal representation for law enforcement assistance, legal status and residency.

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\$50,000 Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project

The Podemos Project will serve immigrant victims of crime in family court.

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Lawyers travel to Florida Keys on Justice Bus for hurricane clinic

More than a year after Hurricane Irma ravaged the Florida Keys as a Category 4 storm, many low-income Keys residents continue to struggle with hurricane-related and other legal issues that have impacted their economic stability.

In December, pro bono volunteers from Akerman LLP and Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. (LSGMI) boarded the Justice Bus to Marathon to provide free legal assistance to residents during a one-day intensive legal clinic. They were joined by lawyers representing the Monroe County Bar Association. LSGMI currently receives Foundation grant funding for Children's Legal Services, Community Economic Development and Pro Bono Transformation.

"It's a fact that many residents of the Florida Keys are still struggling post Hurricane Irma with various legal issues including FEMA, family law issues, employment issues, and housing," said LSGMI's Pro Bono Advocacy Director Jayme Cassidy.

During the five-hour clinic, the pro bono volunteers assisted 30 families with a range of legal issues, from a Korean War veteran rebuilding his home on his own, to a Coast



Lawyers from Akerman LLP and Legal Services of Greater Miami rode the Justice Bus to Marathon, more than 100 miles south of Miami, to provide free legal assistance to Hurricane Irma survivors.

Guard employee struggling with a difficult family situation.

"Unfortunately, there simply aren't enough resources in the Keys to assist every low-income family facing legal issues," said Whitney Untiedt, Akerman's former director of pro bono initiatives.

"The time and expense to travel to Miami to meet with pro bono lawyers can be an insurmountable hurdle for many of these families. The Justice Bus was borne of the idea that justice is best served when lawyers come into the community to meet with people facing legal challenges."

Foundation funds disaster recovery grant in wake of Hurricane Michael

In November, the Foundation allocated \$50,000 for a disaster relief grant for Legal Services of North Florida (LSNF). Eleven of the 16 counties LSNF serves throughout the Panhandle were impacted by Hurricane Michael in October and federally declared disaster areas.

LSNF also applied for a Legal Services Corporation (LSC) disaster relief grant in the amount of \$330,725 in order to fund their ongoing relief effort, which includes having staff on hand at 13 disaster recovery centers within the hardest hit counties.

Since landfall, LSNF has opened 385 cases, including 147 landlord/tenant cases, in the affected counties - a 26 percent increase from the same period the previous year. LSNF anticipates serving at least 200 clients in the grant's first year.



Hurricane Michael's category four winds left parts of Florida's Mexico Beach in ruins.

LSNF will use its funding to:

- Educate affected residents on their civil legal rights in a disaster
- Prevent wrongful evictions
- Help residents receive FEMA assistance, which may include temporary housing, home repair/replacement and other needs

- Help residents apply for SBA Disaster Loans
- Appeal improperly denied Disaster Unemployment applications
- Work with residents to replace documents (ID, driver's license, SS card, EBT, custody, immigration, deed, etc.)
- Answer questions on insurance claims

Residential eviction mediation pilot launches in Pinellas

In an effort to make it easier for landlords and their tenants to resolve disputes without the tenant being evicted, the 6th Judicial Circuit launched a six-month pilot program to encourage mediation in January.

Funding for the effort will come from a 2019 Community Economic Development grant from the Foundation to Community Law Program, whose Residential Eviction Access to Justice Project will include working with the 6th Circuit to monitor and evaluate the program and support its expansion countywide.

Historically, once a landlord files a petition to have a tenant evicted, the tenant has to respond in five days and enter the disputed rent in a registry. If the tenant fails to complete either of those two tasks, a judge typically orders the tenant evicted. If, however, the tenant completes those two tasks, the case is set for a hearing.

Under the pilot program, a Pinellas County judge will now ask the landlord and tenant to leave the courtroom to see if they can work out their differences.

"One of the circuit's contracted mediators will be on hand to assist," said Michelle Ardabili, chief deputy court administrator for the 6th Circuit. If the two parties can reach an agreement outside court, both will sign a



The Residential Eviction Access to Justice Collaborative works to expand access to justice for those facing eviction.

court document to that effect, which the judge can then approve. If they cannot, the judge will proceed to hear the full case.

The pilot program will take place at the courthouse in downtown St. Petersburg, where county judges Edwin Jagger and Lorraine Kelly handle eviction proceedings.

The program is one of the efforts made by the Residential Eviction Access to Justice Collaborative to expand access to justice for those in the community facing eviction. Members of the collaborative have visited eviction mediation programs in the 15th Judicial Circuit in Palm Beach County and in the 18th Circuit in Seminole and Brevard Counties.

In addition to setting up the pilot program, the Collaborative has also successfully worked toward amending eviction notices issued by the Pinellas Clerk of Court to include information regarding inexpensive or free legal aid for beleaguered tenants, according to Kimberly Rodgers, Community Law Program's executive director.

Ardabili and Rodgers are members of the collaborative, as are various legal aid lawyers, housing officials, and retired judge David Seth Walker.

Program connects pro bono lawyers to board-certified lawyers for advice

Certified Lawyers on Call (CLOC) is a new resource created through a partnership between the Board of Legal Specialization and Education (BLSE) and The Florida Bar Foundation's pro bono program.

CLOC connects pro bono and legal aid staff lawyers to Florida Bar board-certified lawyers who will volunteer their time to advise in their area of expertise.

Since its launch in December, more than 200 lawyers have signed up to volunteer through CLOC.

If you are a pro bono lawyer who needs assistance in a particular area of law, contact the CLOC Service Contact Coordinator, Steven D. Rubin, B.C.S., at CLOC@flabarblse.com or 561-391-7992 to be connected to a volunteer lawyer.



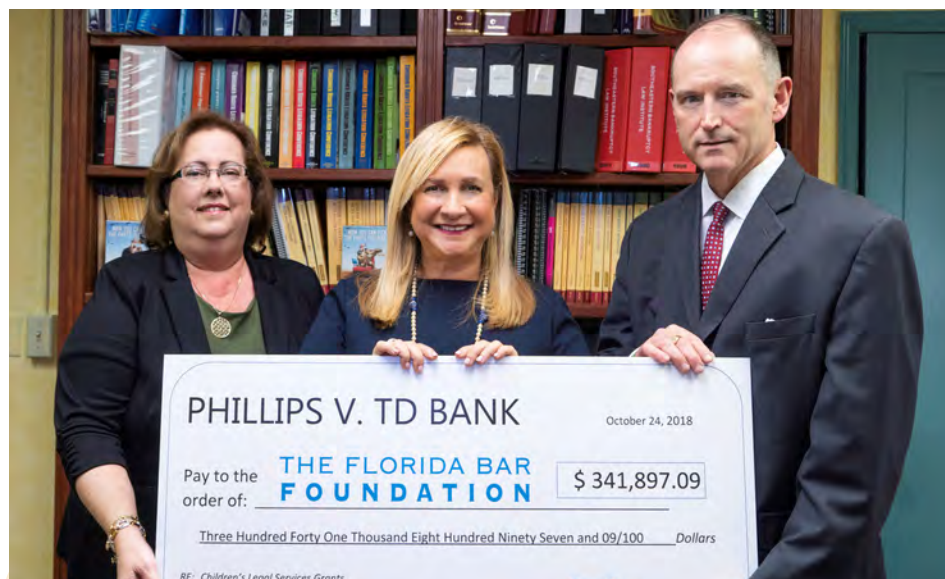
Foundation receives \$341,897 cy pres award

The Florida Bar Foundation received a \$341,897 cy pres award in October from a class action settlement in a case concerning the rights of consumers whose cars were repossessed. Ft. Lauderdale lawyer Robert W. Murphy represented the class against TD Bank, N.A.

Judge John B. Bowman of the 17th Judicial Circuit in Broward County approved the cy pres distribution. Under cy pres, courts can approve a charitable donation out of unclaimed class action funds. The Foundation will use the funds to support legal aid organizations throughout Florida.

"For most Americans, especially those persons of modest means, the car is the biggest investment in the family," Murphy said. "We made a point of negotiating hard to make sure that no money went back to the defendant bank and any money that was left in the residual would go to a nonprofit. Because the Foundation provides funding for legal services offices throughout the state of Florida, Judge Bowman readily approved the designation."

The case, Lynn Phillips v. TD Bank, N.A., involved a financially distressed senior whose vehicle was repossessed by her bank. The lawsuit challenged the way the bank disposed of repossessed vehicles. After an appeal, Murphy mediated the case and settled for \$1.85 million in cash for 942 class members,



Foundation board member Maria C. Gonzalez, left, and Foundation President Juliette E. Lippman accept a cy pres donation from lawyer Robert W. Murphy.

STEVEN MARTINE

and \$7.2 million worth of waivers to forgive loan balances due on the class members' vehicles.

"I would encourage both practitioners and judges to recognize that there's going to be a potential for a cy pres in every single class action that involves money being paid out," Murphy said. "Civil legal aid is a natural cy pres recipient for unclaimed settlement funds."

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Access to justice organizations like the Foundation are grateful recipients of cy pres or residual funds awards in class action suits. If you are interested in facilitating a cy pres award, contact Donna Marino Kirtland, CFRE, at 407-960-7000.

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Helen Von Dolteren Fournier began making recurring automatic quarterly donations in 2016. After becoming a Fellow, she vowed to make at least that same commitment to civil legal aid each year. "I want to help, and believe many of my colleagues do also, but with busy lives and full caseloads we run out of time. So, I put my philanthropic good deeds on autopilot."

To set up your recurring gift – quarterly or monthly – please visit

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Community Champions program recognizes banks that go above and beyond

In December, the Foundation introduced a recognition program for participating banking institutions that go above and beyond the IOTA rule requirements of Florida's Interest on Trust Accounts (IOTA) Program.

These "Community Champions" are committed to ensuring the success of the IOTA program and the mission of the Foundation by fostering a partnership to enhance and increase funding for legal aid to Florida's most vulnerable populations.

When a bank pays 10 basis points over comparable rates on IOTA balances of \$100,000 or more and does not deduct permissible service charges and fees from interest earned, it will be recognized as a Platinum Community Champion. Diamond Community Champions pay 10 basis points over comparable rates on IOTA balances of

\$100,000 or more.

The first bank to be recognized through the program was Wells Fargo Bank, which was named a Gold Community Champion. It is paying comparable rates on IOTA balances and does not deduct permissible service charges and fees from interest earned.

The rise of interest rates in 2018 will give the Foundation an estimated \$7 million more in projected revenue. The interest generated

will fund civil legal aid, enabling stronger communities and a more robust economy.

In fact, a recent study shows that for every dollar invested in Florida civil legal aid, \$7.19 is generated in community investment. These dollars increase property values, keep communities intact and lower crime.

Community Champions make a significant, meaningful and positive difference in the lives of all Floridians.



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leniently as a juvenile. Dean was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison. His brother served one year.

Dean maintained that he was innocent, and in 2007 he petitioned the court for a DNA test of biological evidence from the victim. IPF entered the case using DNA results that showed Dean was not the person who stabbed the victim. And, new witnesses testified to the fact that he was framed by his brother. His conviction was overturned.

Dean became IPF's 17th freed client, and he now lives with his fiancé.

Just months after McKee's release, Dwight Dubose, 45, also walked out of prison.

Dubose was convicted of murder in 2001 in Tampa and received a mandatory sentence of life without parole.

The murder victim had been found strangled, and witnesses pointed to Dubose. However, there was no physical evidence found to link Dubose to the crime.

Dubose contacted IPF, which reviewed his case and concluded that DNA testing was needed. The victim had DNA under his fingernails, so IPF filed a request to test it. The results were exculpatory – the DNA did not match Dubose – and the court vacated his conviction. IPF then worked through a state appeal.

Dubose was met by his son and

grandchildren when he was released.

Like Dubose, Jules Letemps was convicted for a crime in which there was no forensic evidence linking him to the victim.

In 1989, Letemps, a Haitian immigrant who spoke little English, was sentenced to four consecutive life sentences for a sexual assault.

Though a rape kit was not performed, a robe that the victim used to cover herself after the attack was kept as evidence. The robe had a stain from the perpetrator, but it was too small to identify the blood type.

When the victim later visited the crime scene, she saw Letemps walking to work. She identified him as the man who assaulted her.

Based on that identification, Letemps was found guilty, though he and his partner said he was home at the time of the attack.

In 2010, staff from Centurion, an organization dedicated to vindicating the wrongfully convicted, began investigating Letemps' case. They found that the stain on the robe was sufficiently large enough for blood type identification, and that it had actually excluded Letemps. That evidence was not used by Letemps' lawyer; in fact, she had moved to suppress it during the trial.

Centurion called on IPF's Miller as additional counsel on the case as they litigated. A retrial was granted, but the prosecution dismissed the charges in 2016.

"Every single one of the individuals we have freed, who have spent a combined 375 years in prison wrongfully, might not have achieved this vindication without the Foundation."

– Seth Miller, executive director,
Innocence Project of Florida

Unfortunately, Letemps was not immediately released. He was taken into immigration detention, but won his immigration case. He has now reunited with his family in Miami.

IPF is currently working on 30 cases that are in litigation and hundreds more that are in some stage of screening.

"Every single one of the individuals we have freed, who have spent a combined 375 years in prison wrongfully, might not have achieved this vindication without the Foundation standing with IPF on behalf of those clients," Miller said.

Wrongful conviction contributing factors

According to IPF, "the exonerations of innocent people have shown that our criminal justice system is fundamentally flawed. DNA exonerations do not solve the problem – they provide scientific proof of its existence, and they illuminate the need for reform." IPF recognizes five major contributing factors to wrongful convictions:



Perjury/False Accusation
In more than 2,000 cases of wrongful conviction counted by The National Registry of Exonerations, more than half involved perjury or false accusation.



Official Misconduct
Destroying evidence, withholding exculpatory evidence, misleading jurors, and other behaviors contribute to wrongful convictions.



Mistaken Eyewitness ID
Mistaken eyewitness identification plays a role in more than 70 percent of convictions overturned through DNA testing nationwide.



Misuse of Forensic Science
Misapplication of forensic science, like contaminating specimens or using unreliable methods, is found in 45 percent of DNA exoneration cases.



False Confession
More than 1 out of 4 people wrongfully convicted but later exonerated by DNA made a false confession or incriminating statement.

Retired lawyers, law professors now eligible to take pro bono cases

Understanding the importance of helping those who cannot afford a lawyer, Lawrence "Larry" Moncrief began pro bono work when he was a corporate lawyer in the '80s. Though he retired in 1991, Moncrief's legal career was far from over. In fact, he still had decades of pro bono work left to do.

Now, at 91, Moncrief volunteers as a pro bono lawyer for Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County (LASPBC). And, thanks to a Bar rule amendment that took effect in 2018, more retired judges, law professors and lawyers like Moncrief are eligible to provide pro bono services. The Florida Bar amended rules to expand the pool of individuals eligible to serve as pro bono emeritus lawyers for legal aid organizations.

"Larry continues to exemplify all that is best in the legal profession by serving every one of his clients with compassion and respect regardless of their circumstances or socio-economic status," said Robert Bertisch, executive director of LASPBC. "He has impacted the lives of hundreds of disabled individuals by his outstanding legal skills and representation resulting in significant social security disability back and future awards. It has been an honor and privilege to have him."

Moncrief makes his own hours, usually visiting the LASPBC office once a week to help three to four clients. The organization provides a place for pro bono lawyers to meet with clients as well as support staff as needed.

"I spend 10 hours a week on research," said Moncrief. "I do most of my work at home."

Moncrief enjoys the flexibility of pro bono work, and the appreciation he gets from clients and organization staff.

"It makes me feel great," Moncrief said. "My life is worthwhile. I still have something to consider – to help other people."

Moncrief was particularly affected by a client who suffered a brain injury and could not work. When Moncrief began working on his case, the client was homeless.

"We got him social security disability, and they gave him retroactive pay," Moncrief said.



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"With that, he got himself an apartment, and he lives well now because of our help. Otherwise he'd still be in the street."

While Moncrief's expertise was in corporate law, his pro bono work has focused on social security disability appeals. He wasn't hesitant to try out a new practice area.

"In law school, you have a very broad education in very different fields. Lawyers learn how to handle cases of all kinds in law school," Moncrief said. "So, even though I specialized in corporate law, I knew how to handle cases. I attended a couple seminars that were helpful, and I read the books and read the law."

"Retired attorneys sometimes worry that they will be asked to handle a case outside of their experience or comfort level," said Kimberly Rommel-Enright, supervising attorney of LASPBC's Pro Bono Project. "We provide training and mentoring in areas of the law that they may not initially feel comfortable handling. We can also pair them with a staff attorney who has knowledge in that particular area, and they can handle a case with a team approach. In addition, we have opportunities such as clinics and intake that do not require representation."

Moncrief wants other lawyers to know they are needed.

"You can help a lot of people out there who need legal aid, who don't have the money to afford it," he said. "You have expertise that could help. Get back in the game."

The Bar rules encourage inactive and retired lawyers to provide pro bono service and specify that lawyers who have voluntarily chosen inactive status remain 'members in good standing.' The rule changes also provide that retired judges and current or former law professors, among others, may register as emeritus lawyers to provide pro bono services.

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IMPACT REPORT

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

American Sign Language for Parents

Nearly all deaf and hard of hearing children (92%) have parents who are not deaf or hard of hearing. This is important, because parents are vital language models for their children.

Most hearing parents do not know American Sign Language (ASL) when they learn their child is deaf. That leaves children without early access to any language. Compared to hearing children who are consistently exposed to spoken language from birth, a deaf child without language often falls behind in cognitive and social development. Too frequently, critical time passes while hearing parents determine how best to provide language to their deaf or hard of hearing child.

Importantly, studies show that deaf children exposed to ASL at an early age do better academically than those who are not. And because of you, our parents and families can learn ASL. Your donations make online ASL classes available.

Many FSDB families live in rural communities where there are no other ASL learning opportunities, or their home is too far away to attend an ASL class in person on our campus. (Yes, we do offer those as well).

Thank you for helping parents of deaf children gain vital skills to communicate and model language vital for a child's future success!



"I enjoyed the classes immensely. It was so beneficial with practical vocabulary and usage. I enriched my ASL and most importantly I am communicating with my two year old Deaf son, Finn. I'm grateful I had the chance to take these classes and soak up all I could." Finn's Mom Melissa

FSDB's online ASL instruction is accessible anywhere with internet and a webcam. Online classes are "live," and limited in size. Attendees can ask the instructor (or each other) questions and practice their skills. Because motion, specific hand shape and location play a significant role in the meaning of signs, the live classroom environment works well.

Building a Tradesman

Building a Tradesman or "BAT," is part of our Career and Technical Education. BAT helps students develop competencies essential to the building construction industry. This includes skills and knowledge of safety practices, proper use of hand and power tools, reading plans, rough carpentry and framing as well as cabinetmaking and woodworking skills.

And, our students apply their knowledge in the community. BAT students have worked with Habitat for Humanity and have made repairs to a community garden damaged in hurricanes.

BAT also impacts FSDB's campus. They hone their skills maintaining and repairing KidsTown, a miniature village playground created for our younger students. Recently, BAT students completed a 10-foot octagonal gazebo at FSDB. Students used mathematical application,



fractional measurement and critical thinking to construct the gazebo from scratch – no 'kit' or pre-assembled materials were used.

Your gifts provide many of the resources needed to build a tradesman!

Blind Ski Club

Generations of visually impaired students have participated in the FSDB Blind Ski Club. The goal is to challenge, support, and empower our students. This is entirely made possible by donors, including many Florida ski clubs.

In February, four FSDB students attended a specialized winter sports camp in Winter Park, Colorado. They participated in snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snow tubing, a sleigh ride in the mountains, and downhill skiing. The students met other visually impaired individuals from all over the United States. Conversations during camp often reflected that blindness does not define the campers; it is “just part of who they are.”

Each athlete was paired for one-on-one instruction on downhill skiing. Yes, many were nervous and did not think that they could do it, but that changed!

FSDB student Jackie shares, “It helped me build confidence and proved I can do challenging things. Skiing was hard. With practice and patience my confidence increased, and my ability to ski got better.”

Another student, Angie, says, “This opportunity definitely gave me the confidence to try things that I never thought I would have done. At camp they never called you blind or visually impaired – they called you an **ATHLETE!**”

Our students love snowmobiling. On a mountain top, each athlete may drive a snowmobile. Our blind students have big



smiles. They will never get a driver's license. But they love having the control of the snowmobile – and the speed!

The students also experience air travel. (Even with vision, airports can be difficult!) Guided by their club sponsor, an FSDB Orientation and Mobility instructor, the students learn how to check in, navigate through the airport and transfer planes.

This was a trip of a lifetime. FSDB student, Perrii, shares, “Ski Club changed my life! It pushed me to do things I never would have done. This trip showed me that I can do things out of my comfort zone.”

Jackie agrees, “The ski trip taught me to believe in myself and to never give up. The biggest thing I have learned is to try, try, try again, and you will always succeed and be proud of yourself.”

Tutoring – A Vital Tool for FSDB Students

Tutoring is an important resource for our students. Your donations provide after-school academic tutors so FSDB students will have the tools they need to learn.

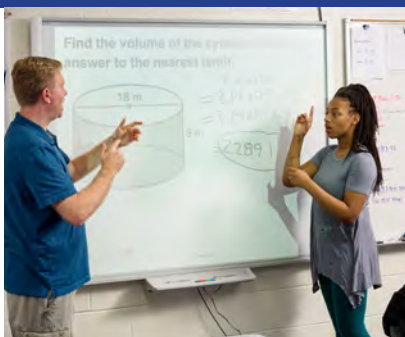
During the 2016-2017 school year, over 400 tutoring sessions were provided. Students, primarily in Middle and High School, access academic help through three programs:

Night Library Homework Help – Drop-in program is available two times per week.

Classroom-Based Help – Students are referred with special emphasis on achieving Florida's Education Standards requirements.

High School Small Group Tutoring – Certified teachers provide help to a group of two or three students. For example in Algebra, required in Florida for a High School diploma.

The tutors are experienced in Deaf and/or Visually Impaired Education. Most are highly qualified, certified teachers.



Like all public school students in the state, FSDB students are held to Florida Standards. FSDB makes instruction, materials and tutors accessible to overcome the additional challenges our students face because they are deaf or blind. Your donations give our students the best opportunity to reach academic milestones.

Dorm Life Includes Teaching Responsibility

The FSDB Boarding Program provides more than a place for our residential students to sleep each Sunday evening through Friday morning during the school year. Students as young as five participate. It is fun, and a welcoming place to be!

Students interact socially, bond and learn in a vibrant community that promotes camaraderie and lifelong friendships. Residential staff enhance students' educational and life skills.

You, our wonderful donor, fund many of these activities including "Reach for the Stars." This program, established by residential staff in Middle School dormitories, encourages teamwork, positive communication, and interactions between students and staff.

Your support encourages community service. This school year, middle schoolers completed the following activities:

- Girls crafted vases and tissue flowers, which they delivered on Valentine's Day for senior ladies in a local retirement home.
- Girls used a knitting loom to make hats for elderly persons.
- Girls made "Adopt Me" bandanas for animals at a local humane society.
- Girls sewed simple dresses for an orphanage in Honduras.
- Boys made hats, scarves and blankets for elderly persons.
- Boys made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for homeless people.

Your gifts help these young teens learn to become caring adults, and through their compassion to show the world that deafness and blindness needn't be barriers to helping others.



Reahna's Story

At seventeen, Reahna has faced many challenges. Born blind, she spent many of her early years in schools that could not provide specialized resources to help her. During middle school, all her lessons were auditory, as none of her teachers knew Braille. Reahna could only listen and memorize lessons. She had to tell another student what to write for her.



Life at home was a struggle, too. She was often told that she would never succeed. When Reahna was fifteen, her parents were no longer able to care for their large family. Reahna and her brothers moved to Florida to live with their grandmother and great-grandmother.

Despite every hardship, Reahna now has hope. In ninth grade, she began attending FSDB. She improved her Braille reading and writing skills, subjects at which she was always very good. But as for math, Reahna says, "I'm bad at math... but I was going to try." She took Algebra, which was required to earn a high school diploma, but she did not pass the Algebra End of Course Exam.

Because of people like you, our wonderful donors, math tutoring is available at FSDB. With this extra help, Reahna passed the exam retake. She's overcome her biggest hurdle. Now she knows that she'll obtain her diploma!

"I learned that I'm actually OK – I need to give myself more credit," Reahna says. "I'd tell others in my shoes to keep trying. Don't give up. It is worth it to succeed, and great to prove to those people who don't believe you can, and to prove them wrong."



Giving with Heart and Hands

Elizabeth Glidden “retired” three times, but she still likes staying busy. Her diverse occupations have included being an ordained United Methodist Deacon, serving as Chaplain for a hospice, and working in communications for church-related agencies. Along

peace among all people and that begins with kindness and love for one another. When I think something is worthy, I want to give.”

She enjoys volunteering for several departments at FSDB as a proofreader – reviewing grammar, punctuation, spelling and word usage – and says she likes “making complex or tedious but important details clear and meaningful for readers.”

Mrs. Glidden also donates regularly to FSDB. “I love reading about FSDB students; I’m engrossed in their stories. I know that my gifts, no matter the size, do help.” One great reward she finds in volunteering is that in everything she reads she learns more about FSDB, its mission and its students.

She adds that she loves the school’s motto of ‘Do More, Be More, Achieve More.’ “I like knowing that my proofreading efforts, as well as my financial gifts, go to help FSDB’s deaf and blind students in accomplishing their goals,” Mrs. Glidden says.

the way, she’s also volunteered for her local church and as a nursing home “ombudsman,” among other things.

Following her husband’s death, Mrs. Glidden moved to St. Augustine several years ago to live with one of her children, Dr. Jeanne Glidden Prickett, FSDB President.

Today, FSDB reaps benefits from Mrs. Glidden’s support as a volunteer and as a donor. Her faith, which is central in her life, motivates her to contribute financially as well as through hands-on “time, talents and service,” she says. “I wish for



Statewide Mission

75% of our students live on campus Monday – Friday, returning to their home county each weekend.

Number of students from home counties indicated by red numbers on map.

Campus & Parent Infant Total Enrollment
983 Students



FSDB Class of 2017

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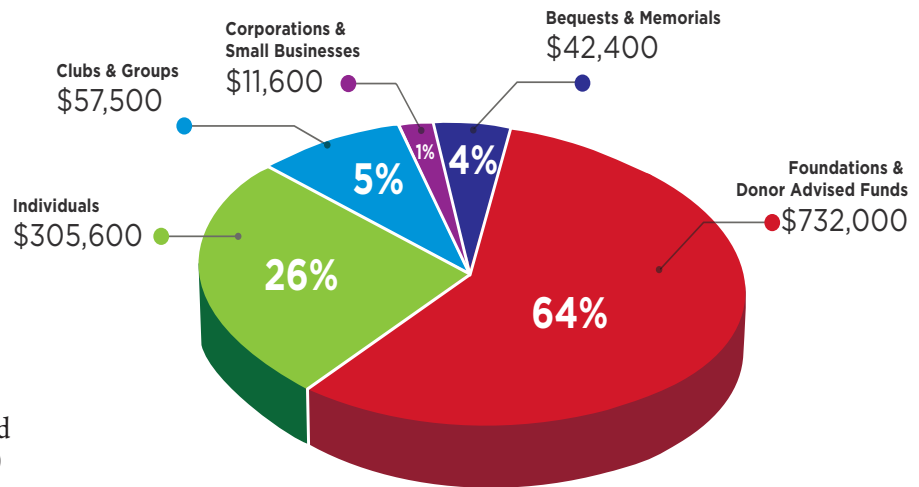
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As part of Florida's education system, FSDB receives general revenue funds that cover the basic cost of educating students, teacher and staff salaries, utilities, food, transportation and maintenance of facilities. Unlike other public school districts across the state, FSDB does not receive local tax dollars from property assessments or any lottery dollars.

FSDB's Endowment provides assurance that important programs will continue while maintaining separation of state funds from your donated funds.

Total FY 2016-2017 Revenue, apart from funds provided by the state of Florida, includes donations of \$1,149,100 and \$390,000 Endowment fund dividends & interest.

Students' fundraising provides additional funds for their classes & clubs.



Your private donations fill the gap and provide enhanced programs and services.

EXPENSES

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Infant/Pre-K & Outreach: early intervention for deaf/blind babies – toddlers & their families, parent education, long distance learning, outreach to future students, families and professionals

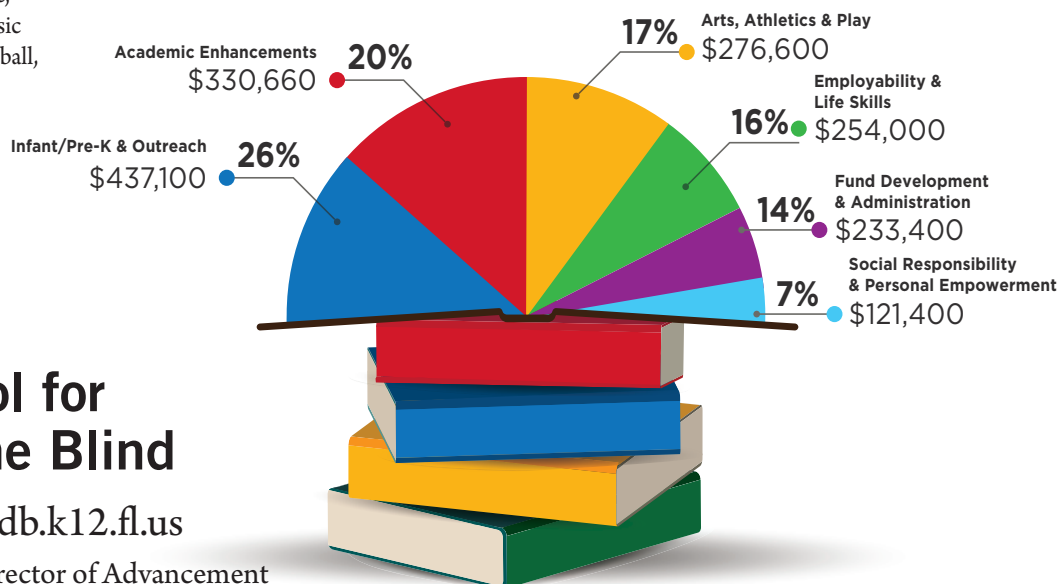
Academic Enhancements: specialized reading programs, tutoring, library/classroom resources and assistive-adaptive technology

Arts, Athletics & Play: blind elementary theatre, performance bands Outta Sight & N'Vision, music lessons, Dance Troupe, athletics (football, volleyball, swimming, basketball, wrestling, cross country, soccer, track, tennis, cheerleading & goalball) as well as all after-school recreational activities and playgrounds

Employability & Life Skills: independent living/apartment program and workforce development/career training

Fundraising Development & Administration: staff training/recognition, unexpected/emergency projects and fundraising costs

Social Responsibility & Empowerment: good citizenship/personal responsibility programs, community service/volunteerism and self-advocacy programs



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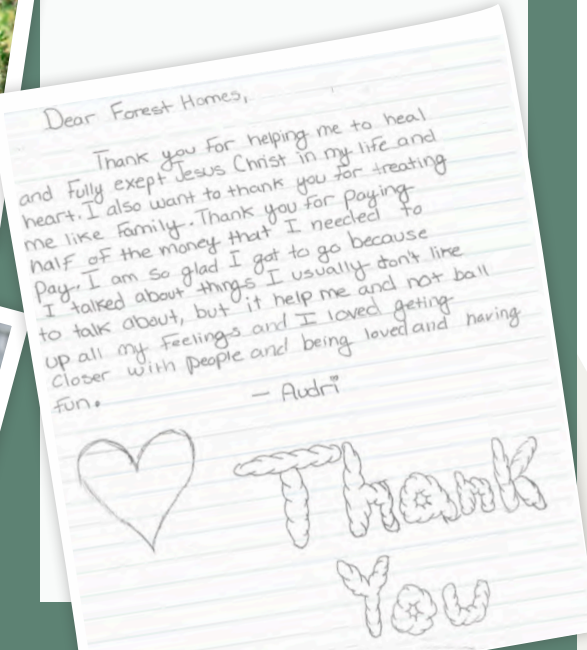

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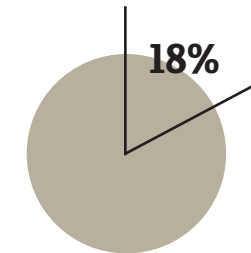
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Each year, more than **50,000 children, youth
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900 campers will make **first-time decisions** to
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3,500 campers will make **other life-changing
decisions** that will impact their walk with Christ.

On average, Forest Home awards **\$450,000 a year
in camperships** to 2,400 recipients.

PRAYER CALENDAR

JANUARY

Winter Camps: Junior
High and Children's

FEBRUARY

Winter Camps: High
School and Children's

MARCH

Mother/Son Retreat

APRIL

Women's Retreat and
Men's Retreat

MAY

Father/Daughter
Retreat and Memorial
Family Camp

JUNE

Summer Camps:
Family, Children's,
Junior High, High
School, Neighborhood
Day Camps

JULY

Summer Camps:
Family, Children's,
Junior High, High
School, Neighborhood
Day Camps

AUGUST

Summer Camps:
Family, Children's,
Junior High, High
School, Neighborhood
Day Camps

SEPTEMBER

Mother/Daughter
Retreat

OCTOBER

Women's Retreat

NOVEMBER

Home for the Holidays

DECEMBER

Year-round Guest
Conference Retreats at
Mill Creek and Ojai

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224 youth and children kicked off 2018 by making a first time decision to follow Jesus during Winter Camp!



Moms and sons spent quality time together at this year's Mother/Son retreat. 5 campers surrendered their lives to Jesus for the first time.



Ojai Valley Outdoor Adventure Camp: 60 students engaged the Creator and His creation. 4 children accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and 14 rededicated their lives to Christ.



278 men rallied around 1 Corinthians 16:13 "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" at the Spring Men's Retreat. 33 men made first time decisions for Christ.



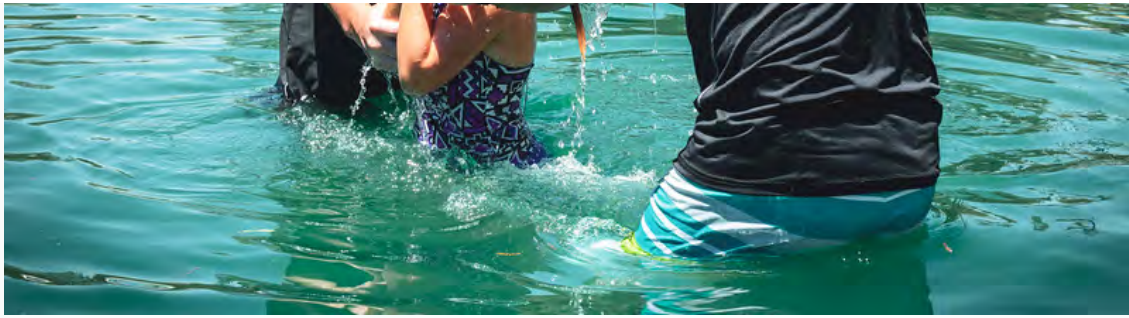


440 women gathered around 2 Corinthians 3:18 with the theme "Transformation: Reflecting an Image of the Lord" for the Spring and Fall Women's Retreats.



Dads and daughters bonded at the Father/Daughter retreat focused on the "Ultimate Gift", the gift of grace.





During Summer Family Camp, families celebrated baptisms and 44 campers surrendered their lives to the Lord for the first time.

Of the 75 families who received camperships this year, 31 were military families and 44 were non-military.



Youth and children engaged their world by inviting friends to camp to learn about Jesus.

357 campers made first time decisions during summer youth and

children's programs on the mountain.



Neighborhood Day Camps: 24 total events, 2,331 campers, \$192,000 in camperships, 553 children made first time decisions for Jesus Christ!





Moms and daughters leaned into God's word together during the Mother/Daughter retreat. The theme was Wildflowers: Growing in God's love.



248 guests attended Home for the Holidays for a time of rest and refocus with activities celebrating Jesus' birth.

- ☐ This week I decided to commit my life to Jesus for the first time!
- ☐ This week I decided to recommit my life to Jesus!
- ☒ This week I decided to...

Stop living in the dust

and allow God to speak to
me and tell me who I am.
I will no longer let the
past define me.
I want to spread
the gospel with the
help of the Holy Spirit.

In total, 1,224 campers made a first time decision for Jesus Christ and 6,065 made other significant decisions to follow God's leading in their lives. What a great year!

Your gifts to Forest Home help bring families closer to each other and men, women, boys, and girls closer to Jesus.

A year-end gift **by December 31st**, through the link below or by calling 909-389-4370, will further the reach of the gospel to impact lives for eternity.

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Geisinger Health Foundation
12-month calendar for 2019



Message from Geisinger interim president and CEO

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Your generosity makes a significant difference in the lives of our patients and their families, our communities, caregivers and students every day of the year. The impact is so far-reaching, we're going to take all of 2019 to celebrate it with this calendar. You can also find the expanded online experience at geisingergiving18.org. The site will feature enhanced stories and web-exclusive content such as photo galleries and videos.

Thank you again for your continued support and trust in Geisinger.



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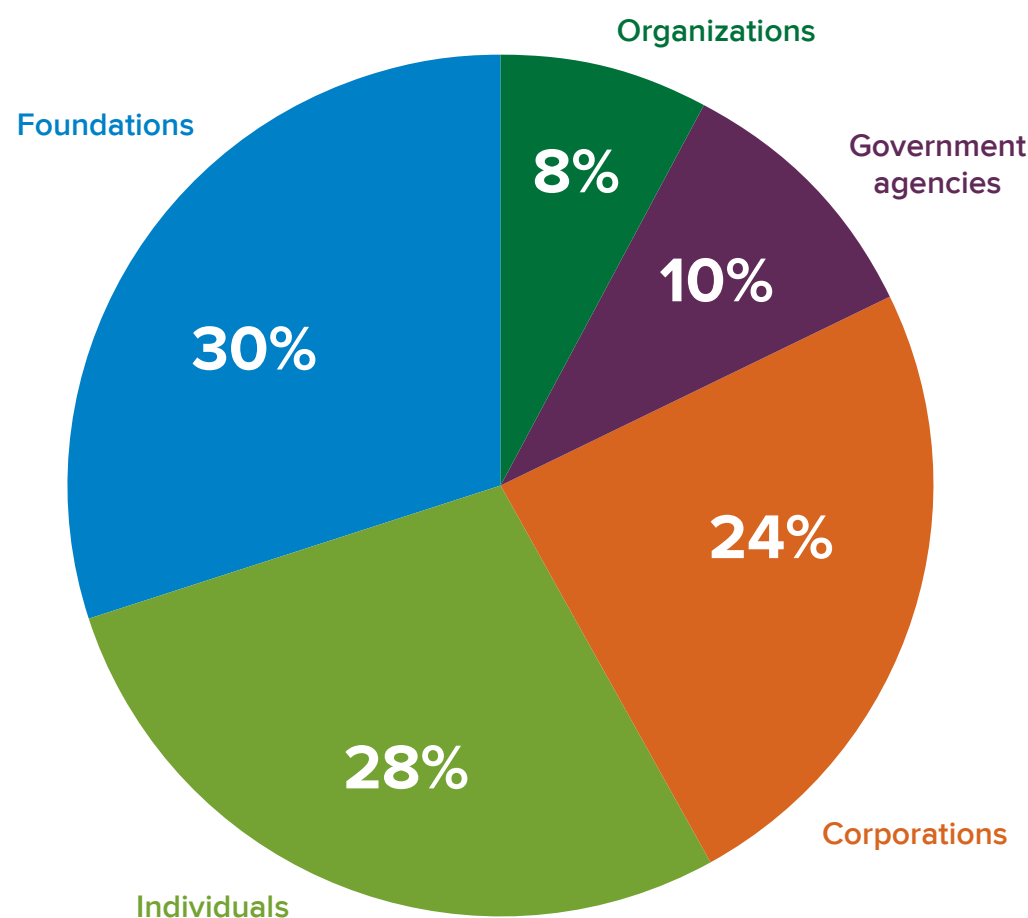
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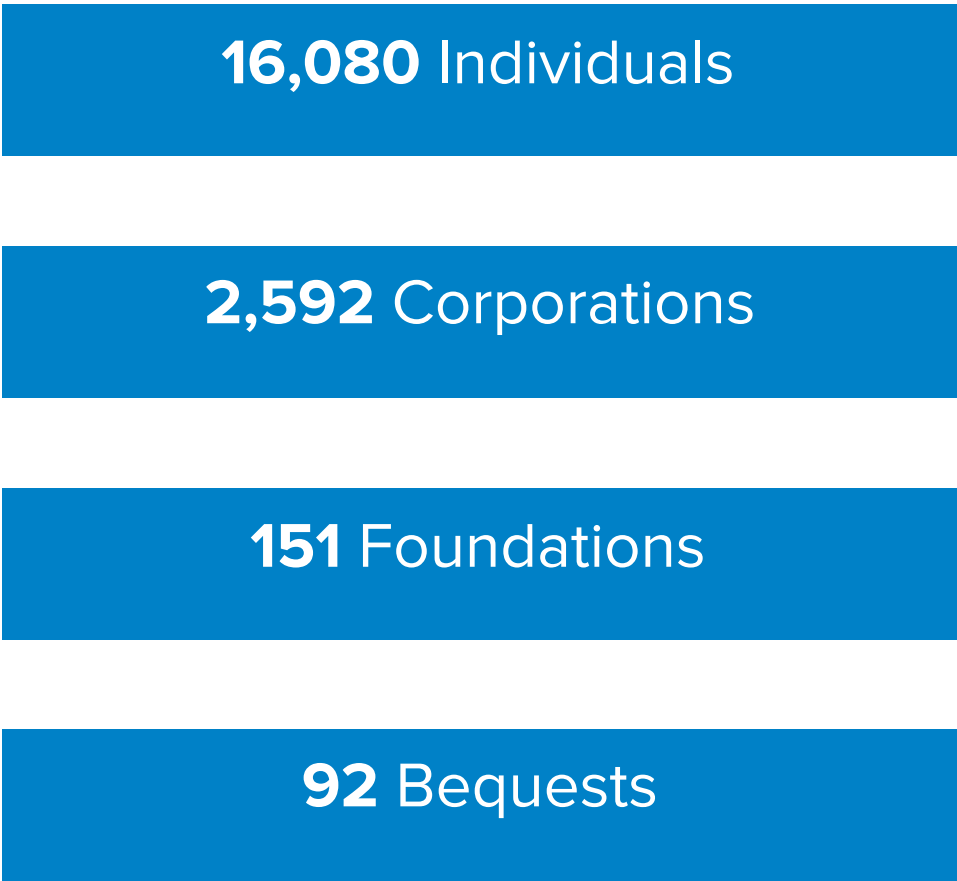
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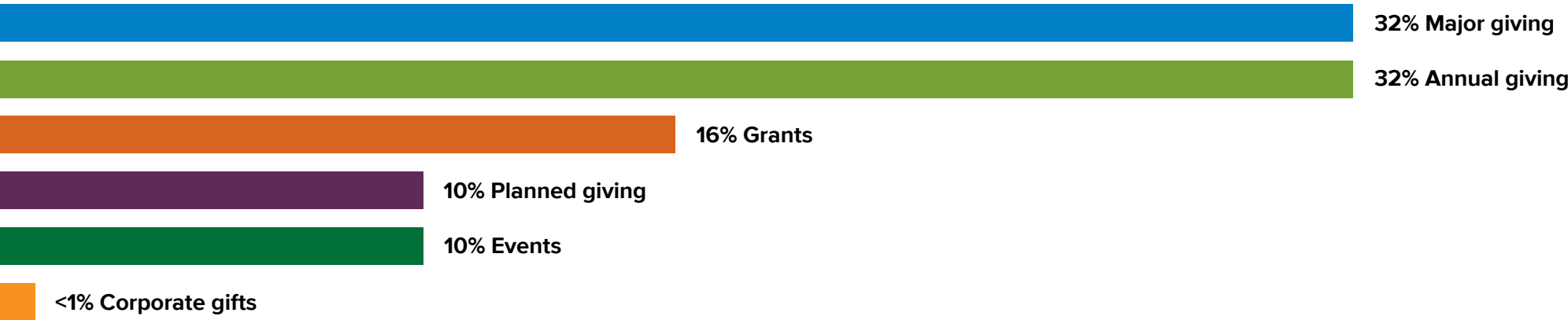
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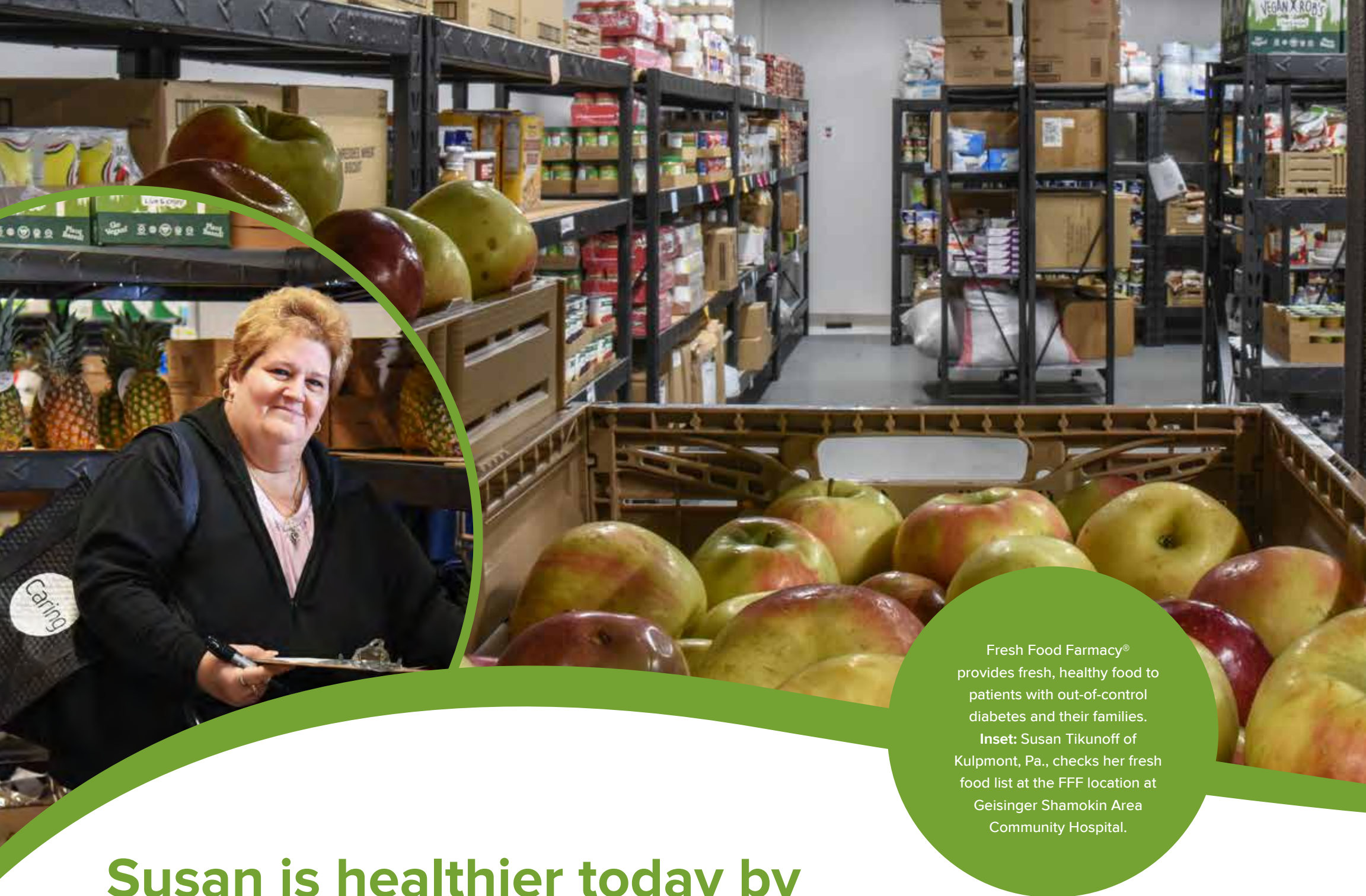


18,915 total gifts



Total dollars committed by type





Fresh Food Farmacy® provides fresh, healthy food to patients with out-of-control diabetes and their families.

Inset: Susan Tikunoff of Kulpmont, Pa., checks her fresh food list at the FFF location at Geisinger Shamokin Area Community Hospital.

Susan is healthier today by using food as medicine

Fresh Food Farmacy

The Fresh Food Farmacy® (FFF) is transforming lives. Since its inception, FFF has empowered people with diabetes to take control of their own health and gives them the tools to do so — people like Susan.

“You get so busy taking care of others that it’s very easy to forget to take care of yourself,” said Susan Tikunoff of Kulpmont, Pa. Despite all the challenges to getting healthy, including taking care of her aging parents, Susan, and many other patients like her, has significantly lowered her blood sugar thanks to participation in FFF. “The Fresh Food Farmacy has been a wonderful addition to my life, reminding me that I can, and should, keep myself healthy, and that it’s pretty easy to do even with a busy life.”

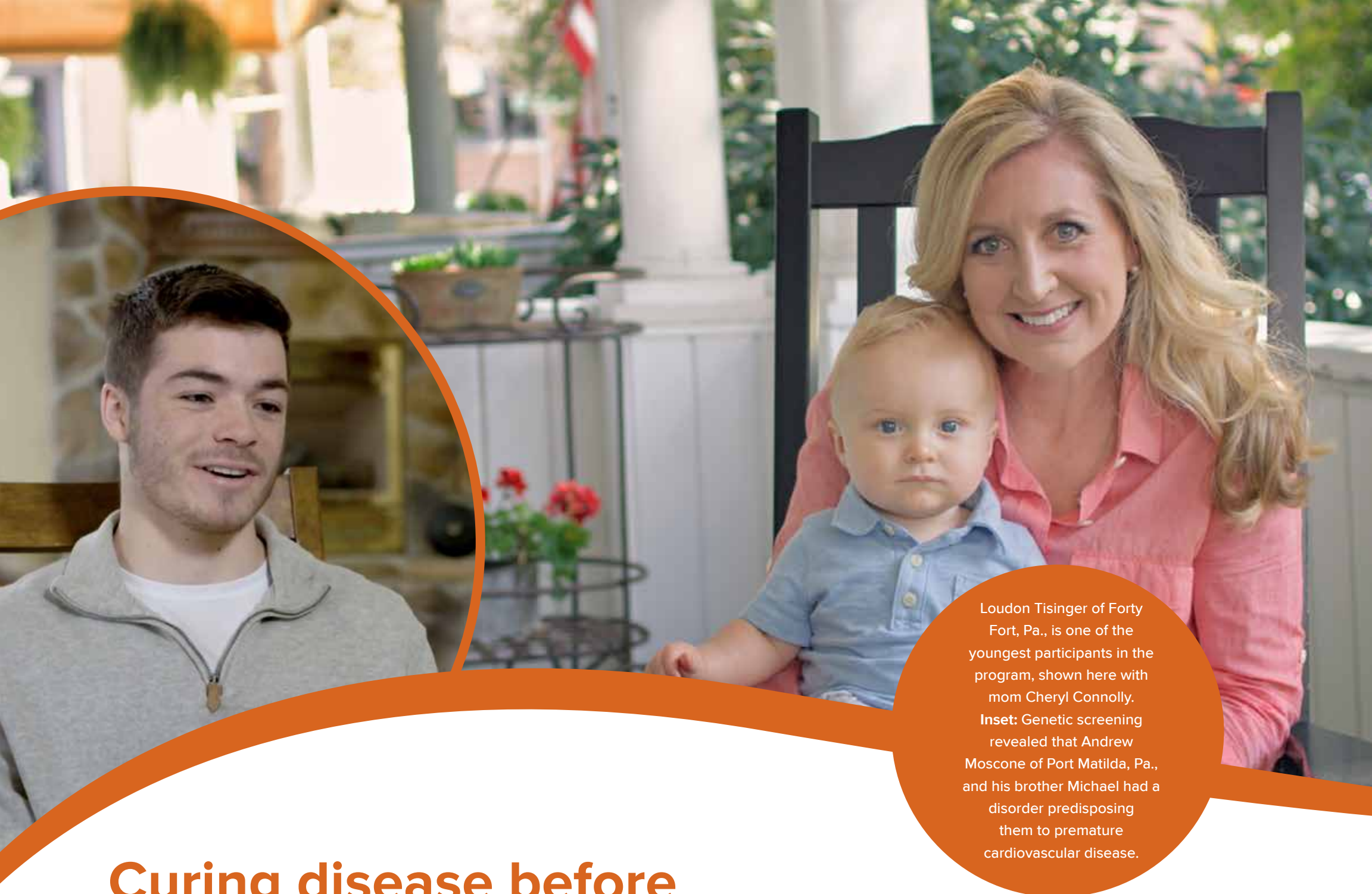
Special thanks to the hundreds of donors who have already supported FFF and helped people like Susan and her family get the food and support they need to live healthier lives.

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Loudon Tisinger of Forty Fort, Pa., is one of the youngest participants in the program, shown here with mom Cheryl Connolly. Inset: Genetic screening revealed that Andrew Moscone of Port Matilda, Pa., and his brother Michael had a disorder predisposing them to premature cardiovascular disease.

Curing disease before symptoms appear

Genomics and Population Health Screening program

Donor giving has been an important factor in the research and innovation that has become a Geisinger hallmark. One such program is the Genomics and Population Health Screening program, which offers patients genomic testing as a part of routine care, and the possibility of preventing disease rather than simply treating and managing symptoms.

Genetic testing proved invaluable for the Moscone family of Port Matilda, Pa., when Kenneth Moscone battled high cholesterol. After he experienced a heart attack, his wife Sheila, a cardiac nurse herself, made sure she had their three sons tested as well. That testing revealed that sons Andrew and Michael had familial hypercholesterolemia — a genetic disorder causing high levels of cholesterol that can lead to premature cardiovascular disease. Armed with that information, the family made important lifestyle changes and started the boys on preventative medication.

Today, the whole family is happy and healthy, and has made a gift to Geisinger to help other families just like theirs. Thanks to donor giving, more than \$1 million has already been donated to expand the Genomics and Population Health Screening program, helping to make genomic testing routine and accessible for everyone.

February 2019

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Mary Lawhon Triano, MSN, CRNP-C, gives gratefully to the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.

Read her full story at geisingergiving18.org

Geisinger employees give more than their time

Employee Campaign

“Drive and determination should never be stopped by financial considerations,” Mary Lawhon Triano, MSN, CRNP-C, director of academic success at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (GCSOM), said.

“That’s why I give to scholarships at GCSOM, so exceptional students can complete their education and training, and go on to be of service to others.”

Think about this for a second ... how many people do you know who would give 100 percent at work and then turn around and give a check back to their employer?

Last year, thousands of Geisinger employees did exactly that, giving more than \$400,000 for programs that directly benefit the people they care for every day.

March 2019

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Healing gardens at Geisinger Shamokin Area Community Hospital and (inset) Geisinger Medical Center provide patients and visitors a place to relax and reflect.

A space for renewal, a place for hope

Healing gardens

What is the best way to remember a doctor who brought so much kindness and healing into the world?

Former patients, colleagues, friends and family members came together to remember Joseph J. Mowad, MD, by raising money to dedicate a beautiful mural and fountain in the Alec Ewing Healing Garden at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

Healing gardens offer places of quiet reflection for patients and visitors to reflect, get away from the noises and distractions of the hospital floor, and relax peacefully.

Supported by generous donor contributions, healing gardens enhance many other sites such as Geisinger Shamokin Area Community Hospital, Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital and, coming soon, Geisinger Marworth Treatment Center.

April 2019

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Lindsay Van Dyke, of Danville, Pa., holds her newborn son as her daughter looks on.

Big steps for babies

Labor and delivery returns to GCMC

This year, Mother's Day takes on a new significance with the return of labor and delivery to Geisinger Community Medical Center (GCMC) in Scranton, Pa.

Every time a child is born at a Geisinger hospital, you hear a delicate lullaby playing over the speakers. This joyful reminder gives our whole community a chance to reflect on the miracle of a new life entering the world.

Thanks to you, the music will come back to GCMC this fall.

Your support has been paramount to the completion of this new \$15 million maternity center.

Gifts from the community, employees, foundations and many other individuals directly help to ensure new moms will have a safe, holistic and family-centered birthing experience at GCMC.

May 2019

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	Memorial Day					



Certified recovery specialist Franca Dalibor helps Geisinger patients struggling with addiction.

Helping people with support and encouragement

More than 40 programs addressing the disease of addiction

Because of support from the 1994 Charles B. Degenstein Foundation and many other donors, Geisinger has implemented more than 40 initiatives for those who battle addiction each day, such as medication-assisted treatment and drug disposal programs and has placed addiction-trained social workers in primary care locations.

Certified recovery specialist Franca Dalibor works with Geisinger patients each day on the road to recovery.

“Being able to help people along their journey with support and encouragement is a wonderful thing, and I think my presence reassures them that they are not alone,” said Ms. Dalibor, who recently celebrated 30 years of sobriety.

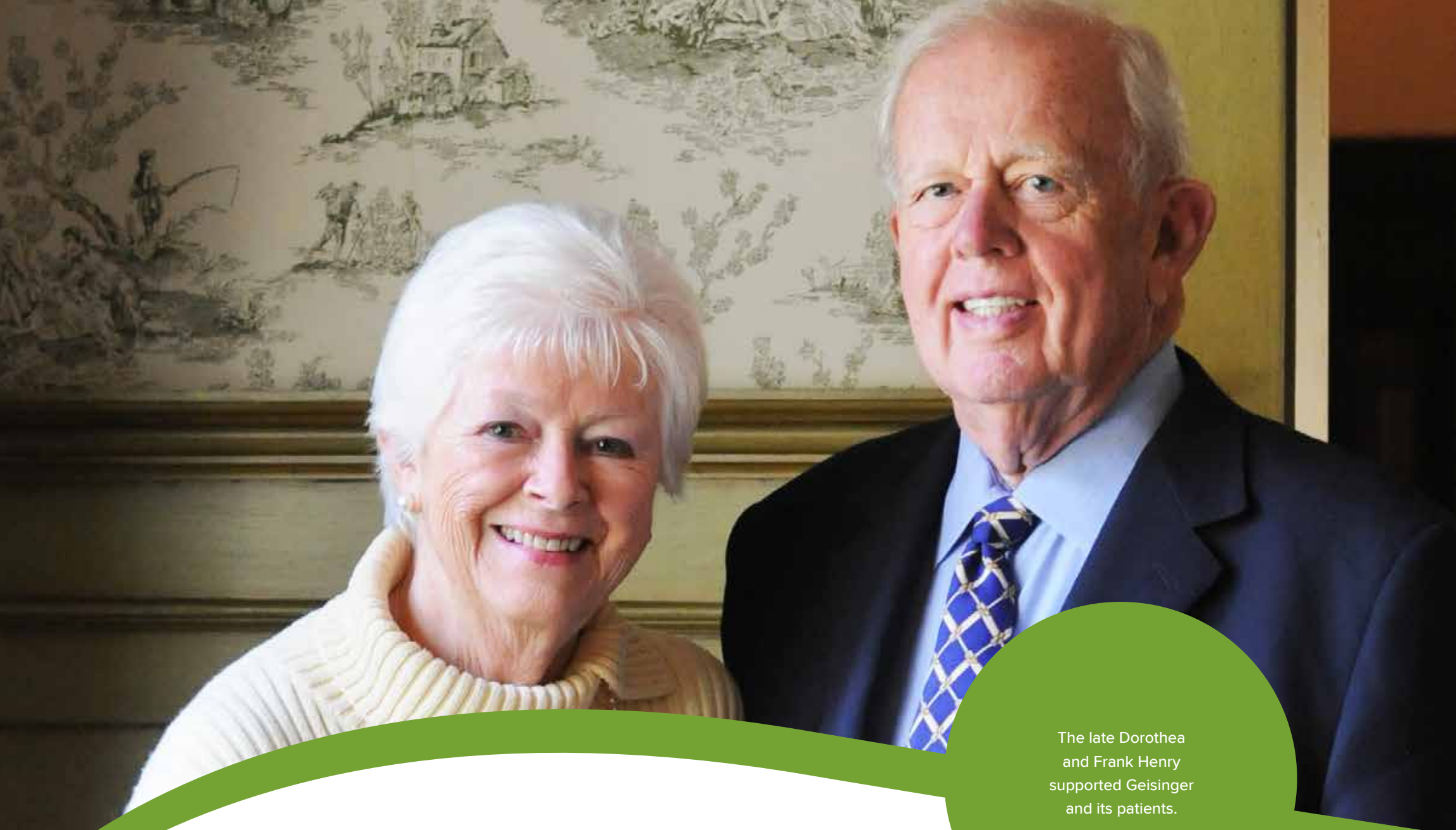
“Knowing that I’ve been where they are and managed to maintain long-term recovery ... I think it gives them some hope that real change is possible,” she concluded.

June 2019

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The late Dorothea
and Frank Henry
supported Geisinger
and its patients.

Philanthropists leave a lasting legacy

Comprehensive cancer services

When Frank Henry, a former Geisinger board chair, passed away last year, the world lost a great man who understood the need for and importance of philanthropy in making the world a better place.

At Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, the Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Cancer Center was named in the couple's honor after a generous contribution and has become a premier location for those seeking oncology care over the last decade.

Donor giving like that of Frank and Dorothea Henry also plays a huge role in cancer services throughout Geisinger.

Thanks to Geisinger's many donors, cancer services in northeast and central Pennsylvania are more robust, accessible and convenient for our patients.

July 2019

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Geisinger's Integrated Behavioral Health improves adolescents' access to mental health programs.

Meeting the emotional needs of adolescents

Integrated Behavioral Health program

Physical health is so important, but when our mental health gets in the way of our ability to enjoy life, the treatments for body and mind become intertwined. Donor Susan McDowell, who has dedicated her life to helping at-risk girls, recognized this great need.

"I wanted to help change the system that was failing these girls," she said. That system included a lack of access to mental health care, such as lengthy wait times between referrals and treatment.

Ms. McDowell's contributions helped create Geisinger's Integrated Behavioral Health program, which places mental health professionals directly in family practice offices and works to train pediatricians to identify psychiatric problems in their patients.

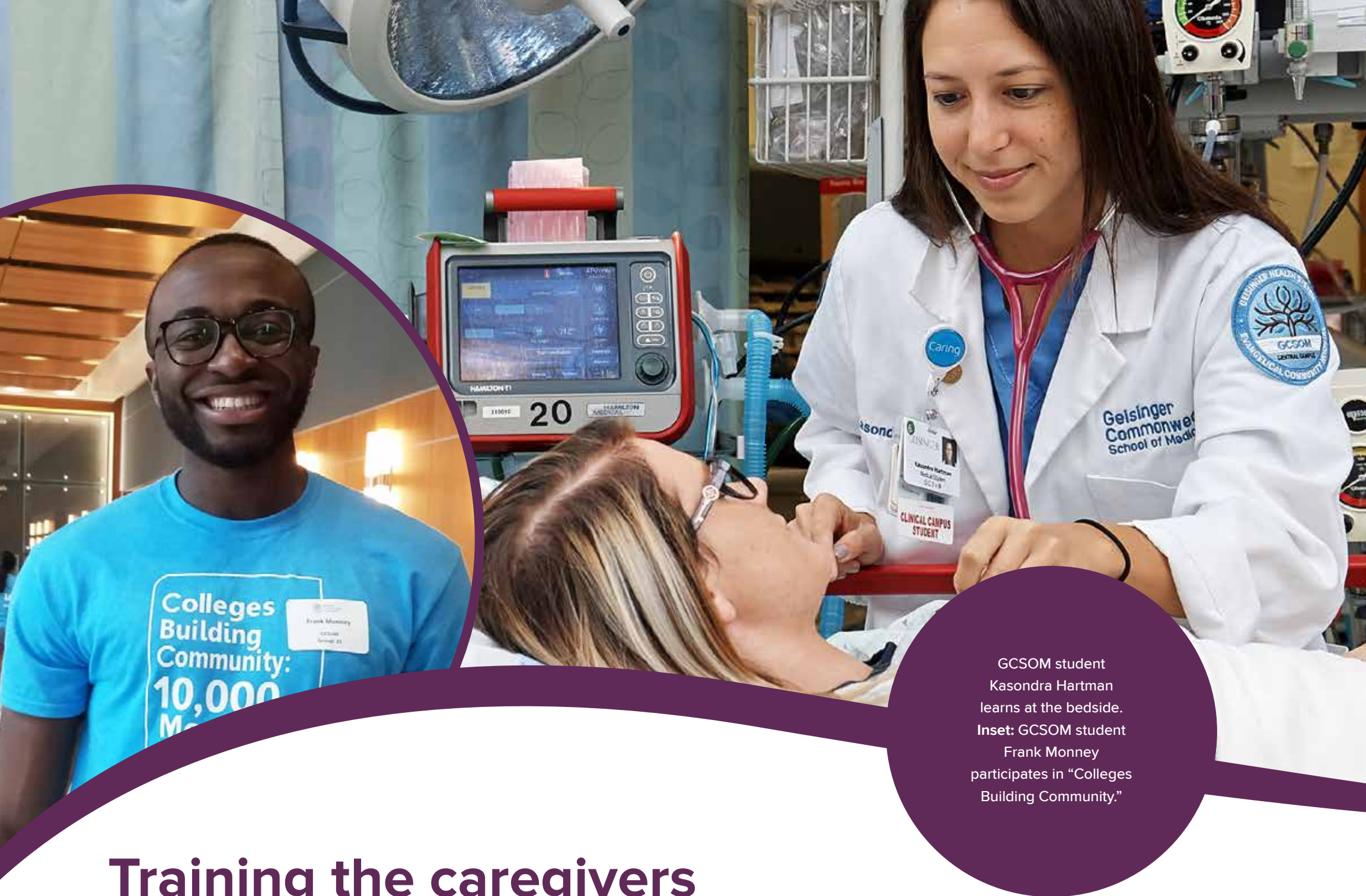
"So far, we have 11 family practice offices in the program, and the future holds so much potential for more. Integrated Behavioral Health at Geisinger perfectly illustrates what a couple people coming together and thinking outside the box can truly accomplish with the right resources," she concluded.

August 2019

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GCSOM student
Kasondra Hartman
learns at the bedside.
Inset: GCSOM student
Frank Monney
participates in “Colleges
Building Community.”

Training the caregivers of tomorrow

Education at Geisinger

What kind of doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals do we want for our shared future? How about the kind that feed thousands of food-insecure children as a part of their education?

In partnership with Springboard Healthy Scranton, Quandel Construction Group made a gift that enabled Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (GCSOM) to host “Colleges Building Community: 10,000 Meals,” where students worked to build a living case study on how food insecurity, as well as food deserts and the economics of nutrition and healthcare, impact the community. Then the students packaged 10,000 nutritious meals for hungry children in the Scranton School District.

Generosity from the community is vital in supporting student scholarships towards medical education at both GCSOM and Geisinger Lewistown School of Nursing. These donors see their gifts as a worthy investment, helping to decrease the costs of education for the brightest minds seeking degrees with less worry about the financial burden they will incur.

September 2019

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AtlantiCare's "Pantry at the Plex."
Inset: Matt McAnaney (center) with Dave DeMara, PA-C, chief physician assistant (left) and Howard Levite, MD (right) at AtlantiCare's Progressive Cardiac Care Unit.

Building a healthy community one life-changing moment at a time

Innovative community engagement

One minute Matt McAnaney was coaching football. The next he dropped to his knees; he was having a heart attack. Fortunately for Mr. McAnaney, AtlantiCare, a Geisinger affiliate in New Jersey, has been promoting health and safety in innovative ways in their community. **Thanks to a matching gift from the Ocean City Police Benevolent Association** and other donors to the AtlantiCare Foundation's Heart Heroes program, a lifesaving AED device was at the sports complex and was used to save his life. AtlantiCare is caring for their neighbors in other ways as well. Because of a partnership with the Community Food Bank of South Jersey, Southern Branch and other community donors, the "Pantry at the Plex" was created to address food insecurity for city residents. In its first year, the Pantry provided close to 75,000 pounds of healthy food to nearly 500 people.

Health and safety go hand in hand, and Geisinger's "Stop the Bleed" program is saving lives in a different way, by teaching people to handle trauma situations and outfitting them with the resources to do so. Program coordinator John Harahus, RN, explains, "It takes only three to five minutes for a person with an arterial bleed to 'bleed out' and die. If we can control this blood loss with these kits before a person gets to the hospital, we just saved a life." Because of donors like you, Stop the Bleed education and kits have already saved several lives in Pennsylvania. Mr. Harahus believes in the program so much, he personally donates to the Stop the Bleed fund, as well.

October 2019

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Terrill Messer
(bottom right)
and wife Donna
with son Mark
(bottom left) during
his cancer treatment.

Finding ways to fund tomorrow's cures

Legacy giving at Geisinger

“We need a cure, and my wife and I wanted to be a part of one. This is just one way we can honor Mark and John’s memories.”

After losing two of their three sons to glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer, Terrill Messer and his late wife Donna found a source of strength and hope through their grief by choosing to be part of the solution. Naming Geisinger in a planned gift was a creative way to fund the research they care so deeply about.

“Mark and John both lost their battles to cancer at age 49,” Mr. Messer said, “when they were much too young and had so much more to accomplish and give to the world.” Mark was treated at Geisinger, where Mr. Messer saw his team of caregivers working to give his son the best possible outcomes. “They extended his life by a good four years, which is remarkable with this diagnosis.”

Like the Messers, many families have provided for the future of Geisinger’s patients, community members and students in their will or trust.

November 2019

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Ben Lichtenfeld of Lewisburg, Pa., and his lemonade stand raised money for pediatrics. Inset: Greta Facktor of Danville, Pa., gave from her heart.

Kids helping kids

Next generation of donors

You know how you can tell a children's hospital is beloved by and essential to its community? When, after 25 years, even the children in that community are raising money for it.

"It took me a long time to save up, but **I liked giving it to kids in need. It made me feel good!**" said Ben Lichtenfeld, age 7, of Lewisburg, Pa., who saved up his allowance and ran a lemonade stand to help others.

Greta Facktor, age 9, of Danville, Pa., also has a giving heart. "I heard about people who couldn't afford healthy food and wanted to donate to the Fresh Food Farmacy®. My mom and dad have been teaching me about how important it is to eat healthy."

Contributions from donors like you have made the 25-year history of Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital possible. Starting with being named for the Weis family matriarch and longtime Geisinger benefactor, the Children's Hospital has since been sustained by countless community and Children's Miracle Network donors.

In Ben and Greta, we see the supporters of the next 25 years.

December 2019

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	Last day of Hanukkah	New Year's Eve				



Abigail Geisinger Circle

The Abigail Geisinger Circle allows the Geisinger Health Foundation to honor individuals who have thoughtfully provided for the future in their own estate plans.

Heather and Warren Acker
Mr. William and Mrs. Marion Alexander
Mr. Robert E. Ames
Mr. William D. Beecham
Barbara Walden and Jody Blankenship
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Nancy Lawton-Kluck
Chief Philanthropy Officer



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2018 giving statistics

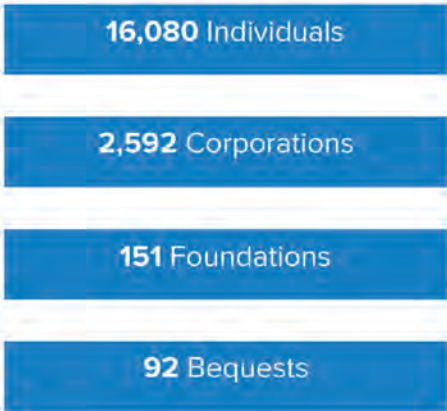
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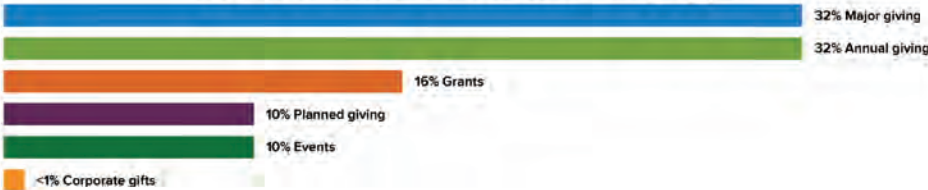
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18,915 total gifts



Total dollars committed by type





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2017 COMMUNITY REPORT

MISSION

To improve and save lives through compassionate care, community engagement and advocacy for animals.

INSIDE:

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So proud and honored to be an MHS volunteer! To be able to contribute to an organization that has never lost sight of their original mission through whatever needs to be done is immensely rewarding. Because of MHS, even my beloved and recently lost Alex was able to do his part to help with their mission. Their compassion knows no bounds.”
- Judy Murray



MATTHEW PEPPER
President and CEO

The Michigan Humane Society is the largest, oldest and most impactful animal welfare organization in the state. In recent years, MHS and organizations throughout the country have seen a drop in the number of animals entering shelters. This is in large part because of the impact that spay/neuter programs, humane education and accessible preventative veterinary services have had on our communities.

However, fewer animals does not translate into less work.

Roughly two-thirds of the animals that enter MHS are categorized as “treatable.” That means that a greater percentage of our placements than in previous years need advanced medical care or behavioral work prior to adoption.

As a result, the majority of pets we rescue are staying longer. A longer stay means an increased cost of care. In the past, these animals would have been left behind. Our goal is to give every pet an opportunity at life: **a second chance.**

At MHS, “treatable” represents a broad and deep spectrum of issues that include amputations, heartworm, fractures, disease, and behavioral issues arising from lack of socialization, fearfulness and more. We have saved the life of every healthy and treatable animal presented to us since late 2015.

Another important metric is live release rate; which is the total percentage of all animals that leave MHS with a positive outcome. Live release rate cannot be used as the sole metric for the success of an animal welfare organization but rather as a way to highlight the challenges we face in the community, including a lack of preventive care and education, lack of access to resources, unsocialized animals, and the continued use of animals for purposes other than companionship. In 2017, MHS had a live release rate of over 80 percent. That’s compared to 39 percent just five years ago.

There is still need, because there is still suffering. MHS leadership and its Board of Directors are in the midst of a three year strategic plan to help focus efforts in several key areas. The comprehensive plan includes strategies to address issues in the community, animal cruelty, neglect and access to services.

As you can see, there are still great opportunities to advance our ultimate goal of saving more lives. Never has the support of the community been more important. With more and more animals coming to us in need of advanced medical and behavioral rehabilitation, the cost of treating these animals has increased significantly.

Together, we can build upon programs to combat, address and prevent animal cruelty and neglect. We can further our work to unify the animal welfare community so that every animal, regardless of the organization sheltering it, has the same chance at life. We always need volunteers, foster homes and adopters for the thousands of animals coming through our shelters and benefitting from our care.

Just as it has for 140 years, MHS is dedicated to enhancing its impact in both Southeast Michigan and beyond. Thank you for supporting our mission and being passionate about saving animal lives.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Pepper".

COMPASSIONATE CARE

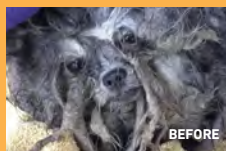
The Michigan Humane Society keeps animals safe and healthy by providing emergency rescues and lifesaving veterinary care, investigating animal cruelty and finding permanent homes for thousands of pets each year.

“Providing comfort to animals in need was important to our mother. In her memory, family and friends directed their donations toward the purchase of a Baier Hugger system, which is used after surgery. Our mother would be happy knowing each surgical patient receives comfort and hugs from this on-going gift.
- **Family & Friends of Frances E. Gardella**

ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATION AND RESCUE

Three shelters provide a safe haven for animals in need.

- In 2017, MHS sheltered 12,885 animals
- 5,516 cruelty response calls
- 2,523 rescue response calls



MHS rescue found Trinket trapped in a crate in the ruins of a burned-out house. She was sitting in a cold puddle; her coat was matted and filthy.



The MHS vet team removed two pounds of foul-smelling hair to reveal a playful, loving young dog. Trinket's journey from hopeless to healthy resonated worldwide with coverage as far away as Australia.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

- Expert medical resources for shelter animals and community pets
- Preventive and specialized care, surgery, and dental care

MHS worked with MSU to reconstruct Baron's nose, close the lacerations on his hind legs and treat his disfigured tail. Restoring Baron to a happy life in a loving home = \$15,000



TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN

- Free sterilizations reduce community cat populations
- MHS trains community caretakers throughout Metro Detroit
- 438 cats sterilized at a cost to MHS of \$49,000



PET ADOPTIONS #HAPPYTAILSSTORIES

- Three adoption centers and five partner sites help MHS pets find forever homes
- 8,770 pets placed into forever homes
- 100 percent of healthy or treatable animals were adopted, returned to their owners, or transferred to another animal welfare organization



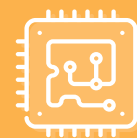
VETERINARY CENTERS

Three Detroit-area veterinary centers provide preventive and specialized care and state-of-the-art dental and surgery services.

- Grosfeld Veterinary Center, Detroit
- Berman Center for Animal Care, Westland
- Rochester Hills Center for Animal Care, Rochester Hills



48,891
Animal client visits



1,412
Microchips implanted



4,864
Sterilizations administered at our clinics



241
Clients on payment programs



221
"Low income" discounts

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I know the impact the Michigan Humane Society has in the lives of animals. Their veterinary services, rescue efforts, specialized treatment to each animal, statewide cruelty services and community education are growing exponentially. MHS needs contributions to provide these services and I am happy to be a part of supporting their efforts.

-**Charlene Handleman, Member, MHS Board of Directors**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Through numerous animal care and support programs, MHS helps community members keep their pets nourished, healthy and safe. This creates happier, healthier and more vibrant communities.

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS

- Low-cost services for families in need
- Pit-bull-focused programs
- All MHS healthy and treatable animals are sterilized
- 10,951 dogs and cats sterilized in 2017



PET PANTRY

- Temporary pet food source helped 1,931 families keep their pets
- 223,325 pounds of food distributed to 4,299 animals

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We support the MHS Pet Pantry because no one should have to make the decision whether to buy food for their family or buy food for their pet or even worse give up their pet because they temporarily can't afford to feed them.

- Betty Tower and Kelly Tower



PROTECT-A-PET CLINICS

- Free and low-cost pet vaccinations and microchipping in neighborhoods throughout Detroit
- 3,865 animals given lifesaving vaccines, 528 pets microchipped



STRAW AND SHELTER PROGRAM

- 84 free doghouses were delivered throughout the coldest months
- 1,776 bales of straw were provided to help animals stay warm and dry

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The Keeping Families Together program is so meaningful in giving pet owners the opportunity to continue having the company and comfort of their animals during trying times.

- Ann Land



ADVOCACY FOR ANIMALS

The Michigan Humane Society educates law enforcement, legislators, and the community on animal welfare and safety issues, helping to improve the lives of people and their pets across the state.

HUMANE EDUCATION

- K-5 lesson plans are approved by the State Board of Education
- Plans available for free download in English, Arabic and Spanish
- 22 groups completed extra projects to help MHS shelter animals
- 2,371 students in 68 schools participated



LAW ENFORCEMENT

The MHS Law Enforcement Training program fills a gap in traditional law enforcement training. MHS provides law enforcement officers with special training designed to help them understand the laws that apply to situations involving animals, enable them to quickly interpret animal behavior in face-to-face interactions, and make them aware of the special issues that may arise in investigations involving crimes against animals.

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My support of MHS ... is best summed up by my agreement with an old quote: A society can be judged by how it treats its animals. I believe that people are responsible for caring for each other, for the animals, and for the earth ...

- Judge Sharon Finch



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Strong animal welfare legislation that is properly enforced is a critically important tool in protecting animals' wellbeing. For more than a century, MHS has taken a leadership role in affecting legislation to address animal welfare issues in our state. MHS is constantly working to strengthen laws that protect animals by working with legislators to draft, introduce and pass new statutes and to fight the passage of bills that would be ineffective or harmful to animal welfare.



GREAT LAKES ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE

For 15 years, the Michigan Humane Society has organized and presented an annual conference that has become the largest animal welfare education event in the Great Lakes region. The conference attracts professionals and volunteers from all sectors of animal welfare who attend sessions taught by national experts and network with their colleagues. The information gained and collaborations formed improve countless animal lives.



FOSTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

- In 2017, 229 MHS fosters helped save 2,068 pets.
- 1,012 volunteers provided 49,672 hours of assistance

“ I foster dogs because it is very rewarding, you are saving lives. It is one of the most enjoyable things I do, I have been fostering for the Michigan Humane Society since 1992.
- Alice Humphries



FINANCIALS: FISCAL 2017

Balance Sheet

<i>Assets</i>		
Cash and Investments	\$	13,068,331
Estate, Pledge and Other Receivables, Net		3,720,502
Prepaid and Other		684,886
Land, Buildings and Equipment, Net		19,950,367
<i>Total Assets</i>	\$	<u>37,424,086</u>
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$	\$1,102,254
Net Assets		<u>36,321,832</u>
<i>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</i>	\$	<u>37,424,086</u>

Statement of Activities

<i>Revenues</i>		
Contributions, Special Events and Bequests, Net	\$	16,429,182
Adoption Center and Charitable Veterinary Hospital, Net		6,679,859
Investment Activity, Net		1,257,098
Other		<u>22,532</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>		<u>24,388,671</u>
<i>Expenses</i>		
Program Services		16,680,116
Management and General		804,859
Fundraising		<u>2,768,957</u>
<i>Total Expenses</i>		<u>20,253,932</u>
<i>Increase in Net Assets</i>	\$	<u>4,134,739</u>

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MHS COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT
JANUARY - DECEMBER, 2018



7,215
ANIMALS
ASSISTED



CRUELTY
INVESTIGATION



5,201
CRUELTY
CALLS

1,721
ANIMALS
RESCUED



ANIMAL
RESCUE



2,578
RESCUE
CALLS

20,523
ANIMALS
FED



PET
PANTRY



8,923
OWNER
ASSISTS

49,905
ANIMALS
SEEN



VET
CENTER



39,059
CLIENTS

HUMANE
EDUCATION



1,685
STUDENT
PARTICIPANTS

FOSTER



1,056
FOSTER
PARENTS

2,208
ANIMALS
FOSTERED



ANIMAL
RESOURCE
CENTER



95,841
CALLS*

VETERINARY
CALL CENTER



117,370
CALLS*

8,684
ADOPTIONS



665 PETS
RETURNED
TO THEIR
OWNER



688
PLACED WITH
PARTNERS



1,177
COMMUNITY
PETS



SHELTER



9,349
FAMILIES

STATEWIDE
RESPONSE



137
INVESTIGATIONS
ASSISTED

11,181
ANIMALS
STERILIZED*



STERILIZATIONS



7,430
MICROCHIPS*

MICROCHIPS

92,786
ANIMALS IMPACTS

67,988
FAMILIES IMPACTS

*Numbers not included in totals.



YEAR IN REVIEW

2018



GATEWAY TO THE ARCTIC
CAMP





OUR VISION: A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE
OF ALL ABILITIES CAN LIVE
MEANINGFUL LIVES

About Gateway to the Arctic Camp

Gateway to the Arctic Camp was established in the summer of 2013 on 101 acres of leased Matanuska-Susitna Borough property at Mile 100.5 of the Parks Highway. Since then, the land has been developed into a fully functional agricultural camp facility including approximately three acres of gardening fields, a large high-tunnel, nine cabins, a main lodge facility, restrooms, showering facilities, a kitchen, and more. The grand majority of this construction was completed by hundreds of volunteers donating tens of thousands of hours of their time to see our vision come to reality.

Gateway to the Arctic Camp provides a variety of programming, including sessions for individuals who experience disabilities. All campers receive agricultural training and become equipped with the knowledge necessary to raise and harvest crops and animals. The resulting produce from the farm is donated to those in need or sold, with the proceeds directly benefiting programs that support the underprivileged of Alaska. As our campers learn about agriculture, they also learn about themselves and their potential to make a difference in the lives of others.

Mission

Our mission is to create meaningful employment opportunities and summer camp programs that promote cognitive, social, emotional, and motor skill development.

2018 at a Glance

AMOUNT RAISED	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
\$40,742.97	101	7,737.5

YOUTH SERVED	PRODUCE DONATED
121	More than 500 lbs.



Our Sponsors

We at Gateway to the Arctic Camp would like to extend a huge thank-you to our sponsors, many of whom have been investing in the camp for years. This year, Nadon Family Home has made significant financial contributions for the development of the camp, and Arctic Terra has again contributed a large amount of landscaping and land development. The success of the camp is a team effort, and we truly could not do it without the support of our sponsors. Thank you!



Volunteers

This year, 101 volunteers from the HOPE Volunteer Corps, HOPE Adventure Corps, the Alaska chapter of HOPE *worldwide*, and the Great Land Christian Church gave more than 7,500 hours of service to continue building G2A. In addition to our volunteer groups, eight individuals from North America spent three months serving as interns at the camp. They were the heart of our camp operations. These individuals grew in their character as they took ownership of various construction and maintenance projects while building relationships with our workers with special abilities and other volunteers.



101

Volunteers



Our Camps

Since its start, Gateway to the Arctic Camp has been committed to serving disadvantaged youth and people who experience disabilities. We hosted four camps this summer, including two inclusive camps, a Fortnite-themed kids camp for Great Land Christian Church, and a camp for the Boys & Girls Club of Fairbanks. We started the 2018 with a goal of serving 100 youth, and finished out the year having served 121!

*121 Youth
Served*



Our Farm

Birch Tapping

This was our second year tapping the birch trees at the camp. We tapped 200 birch trees and finished with over 10 gallons of birch syrup. It was a great educational opportunity for our G2A employees, who were instrumental in making the syrup.



Honey Bees

This spring, we introduced a beehive to the camp (with over 300 honeybees!). We spent the summer helping the bees build their honeycombs, and next year we hope to begin harvesting fresh honey.



*More than 10
Gallons of Birch
Syrup*



Chickens

In May, we introduced meat chickens to the camp. This was a great educational experience for participants. They had the opportunity to learn first-hand where their sources of food come from. They had a glimpse of what it takes to grow and care for the meat chickens as well as the process of butchering them. The chickens were then sold at our inaugural chicken auction to raise funds to buy more chickens for next summer.



Our Garden

In 2018, more than 500 pounds of organic produce were harvested and donated to a local food bank! Volunteers built 63 garden boxes to plant in next year, and the camp recently established a partnership with Kaladi Brothers Coffee in which they'll give us used coffee grounds to turn into compost for the camp. Arctic Terra cleared a 4-acre field to be used for agriculture next summer. In addition, we received a \$2,000 grant from TOTE Maritime to further develop our agricultural program that will be used to build an additional high tunnel.



*More than 500 Lbs
of produce*



What's new?

Supported Employment Program

Our Supported Employment program has been by far one of the most powerful and successful additions to the camp. In partnership with Nadon Family Home, Gateway to the Arctic Camp hired five people this year through our inclusive Supported Employment Program. Through this program, we provide meaningful work experiences for individuals who experience disabilities. Working alongside Nadon Family Home job coaches and other Gateway to the Arctic Camp staff and interns, our special needs employees have reach far beyond their perceived limits. They have learned valuable construction skills, helped grow organic produce for families in need, and have grown tremendously in their social interactions with one another. They work hard and continue to demonstrate incredible social and emotional growth by building friendships with the volunteers. Most importantly, they simply love being at the camp.

New Employees



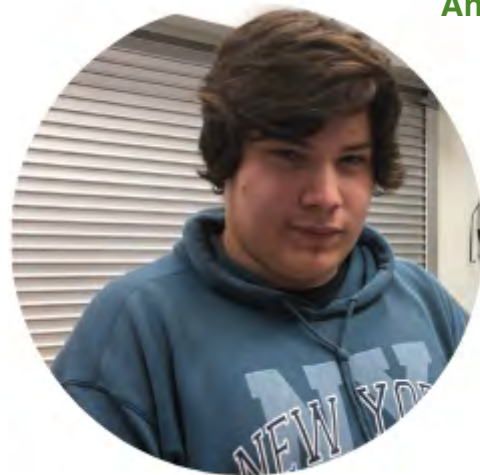
Max



Andrew



Alex



Isaiah



Meet Max

Max is one of Gateway to the Arctic Camp's hardworking employees. He was hired to work at the beginning of 2018 through the camp's supported employment program. One of Max's focuses has been carpentry, and he said that since he started working at Gateway to the Arctic Camp, he's learned how to use new kinds of tools and how to work together with others. Working at the camp has helped Max develop his leadership skills, and now, he helps new volunteers learn how to do tasks around the camp such as watering and weeding the garden.

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While working with the volunteers, I liked everything about it: meeting new people, working together, understanding what other people think,” Max said. “It’s a great experience. And personally, I want others to experience that too

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New Additions

Every year since it was established in 2013, G2A has expanded and grown tremendously. One of our major accomplishments this year was getting electricity in the Keystone Lodge (later, generator!). We've also been converting Ted's Shed into a home so people can begin living at the camp full-time in 2019. Our interns spent a good portion of the summer dry walling, and in recent months Ted's Shed got electricity, a well, a wood-burning stove, and even a fresh coat of paint on the walls.

In addition to these major projects, the summer interns built a henhouse and a fence around the lodge, and the foundation was laid for a barn that's going to be built in April of 2019.



Warehouse

Gateway to the Arctic Camp began leasing a warehouse in Anchorage that enables our employees to work on camp-related projects during the winter months. The past couple of months, they've been learning carpentry skills and how to build furniture such as dining room tables, beds, and picnic tables.



Our Future

Supported Employment Program

This year, Gateway to the Arctic Camp and Job Corps formed a partnership to help more individuals develop useful and marketable skills within the special needs community. This partnership will match graduates from Job Corps to our Supported Employment Program. We believe that Supported Employment at the camp is a much-needed service for our special needs population; therefore, we will continue to work with other members in the community to build our program.

Expanding the garden

As in past years, Gateway to the Arctic Camp is constantly expanding in order to give more healthy and tasty produce back to the community. Next year, an additional 4-acre cleared field will be used for agriculture. With the goal of long-term sustainability in mind, an additional high tunnel and square foot garden boxes will be built.

Building a barn

We look forward to this summer, when the barn will be completed. Our multipurpose barn will be used as an agricultural classroom, a woodshop, and as storage for tools and equipment.

Ted shed completion

The goal for the beginning of 2019 is the completion of the Ted Shed, which will be used as an assisted living home. Through the partnership between Gateway to the Arctic Camp and Nadon Family Home, this will become a home for individuals with special abilities who prefer a more rural and rustic environment over a group home in a larger city.





2018

annual report



A WORD FROM OUR *executive director*



Consistency and authenticity are words that we pray would be definitive of the reputation of Lifeline. Our hope is that as we look back upon the 37 years of faithful ministry to children and families that we see consistent dependence upon Jesus. Going forward, authentic service must define the ministry of Lifeline in order that we may not only achieve the initiatives and goals set before us, but that we may also see the gospel advanced and manifested in the lives of orphans and vulnerable children.

Beloved, Christ has given us all a talent, a gifting, and a calling. The question is what are we doing to invest His gifts into the lives of the humble and marginalized. May 2019 be a year where we proclaim the justice of the gospel to the orphan while spending our lives to make the glory of God known to the world.

Herbert M. Newell, IV
President & Executive Director

2019 *strategic initiatives*



Expanding services in licensed states, specifically Alabama, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Texas, while also opening licensed Lifeline offices in Louisiana and Oklahoma.



Pursuing (un)adopted partnerships in many of the international contexts in which Lifeline is already working or has worked through international adoption.



Growing pregnancy counseling outreach through strategic web presence and by replicating our housing ministry model for women in crisis pregnancies to states outside of Alabama.



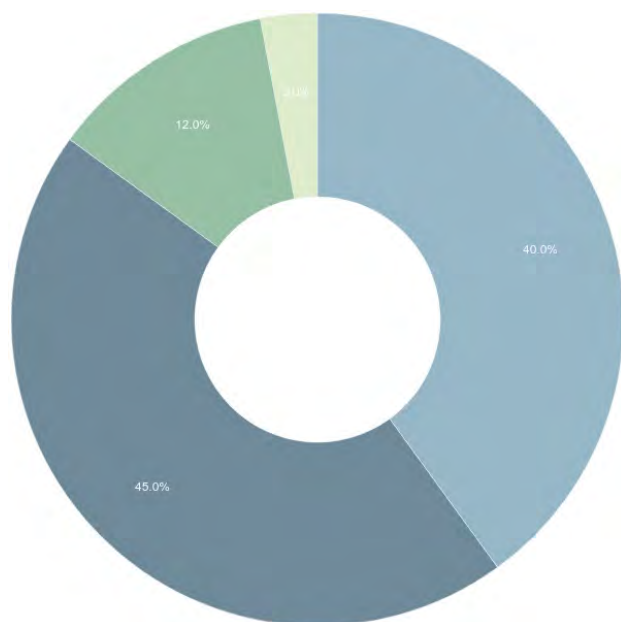
Mobilizing churches in 20+ states to minister to children in foster care and their biological families who have lost or are at risk of losing custody of their children.



Recruiting and equipping missional Christian families to pursue adoption and increase the financial assistance and support available to them through Lifeline's Hope Adoption Fund.

FINANCIALS

2018 Income

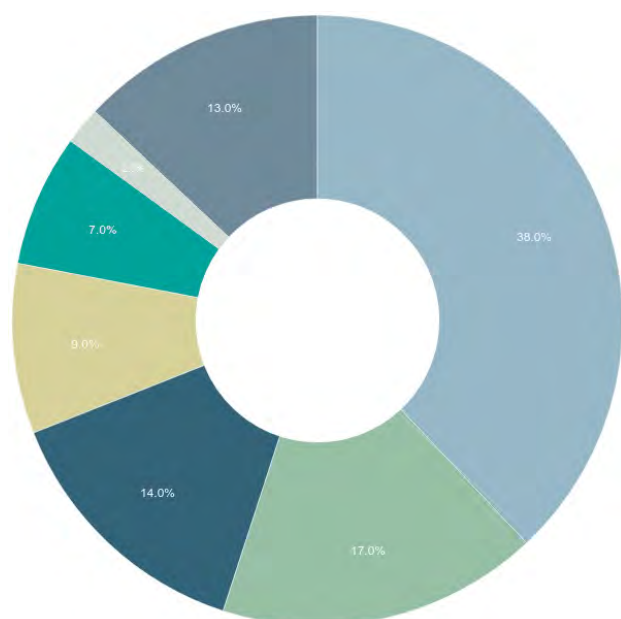


KEY

- Administrative
- Education & Counseling
- Designated Receipts
- Family Restoration
- Development
- International Adoption
- Domestic Adoption
- (un)adopted

	<i>2018 Income</i>	<i>2019 Budgeted Income</i>
International Adoption	2,791,180.51	3,191,003.60
Domestic Adoption	825,040.81	1,056,010.00
Development	3,115,008.69	4,673,166.00
Designated Receipts	167,303.38	151,500.00
Total	\$6,898,533.39	\$9,071,679.60

2018 Expenses



	<i>2018 Expenses</i>	<i>2019 Budgeted Expenses</i>
International Adoption	2,643,765.94	3,142,890.82
Domestic Adoption	1,152,815.70	1,522,626.93
(un)adopted	966,755.53	1,286,737.86
Family Restoration	648,463.61	700,042.97
Education & Counseling	108,622.37	121,672.65
Administrative	487,747.13	837,658.97
Development	913,451.38	1,160,569.95
Total Expenses	\$6,921,621.65	\$8,772,200.14

Fund Balance **\$(23,088.26)** **\$299,479.46**



adoption

Lifeline's International and Domestic Adoption ministries bring the gospel to orphaned children across the world through placement with strong Christian families. Lifeline is firmly committed to discipling, encouraging, and preparing these Christ-centered families through comprehensive support before, during, and after welcoming their child(ren) into their home.

Therefore, Lifeline launched our Education and Counseling ministry to equip families with vital knowledge and resources to nurture and disciple children coming from hard places. Our ministry to children and families includes teaching, training, counseling, and support services that are available for life.

17 domestic
adoptions

190 international
adoptions

13 countries

843 counseling hours
provided

MAKING HOPE POSSIBLE

In 2018, we established the Hope Adoption Fund, a scholarship fund designed to help international and domestic families who are in full-time ministry or are adopting children with significant medical or special needs. The fund also helps provide scholarships for children attending camps or hosting programs.



new expectant
mother referrals

356

pregnancy resource
centers contacted

80

states served

7

women lived at
The Village, Lifeline's
maternity home

11

pregnancy ministry

Lifeline works to engage women in unexpected pregnancies with the hope of the gospel. Our aim is for them to embrace that they and their child are made in the image of God and to empower them to choose life for their unborn child.

We accomplish this through 24/7 support, options counseling, connecting them to tangible resources, adoption planning, and post-placement support. Additionally, women can receive housing, physical care, life skills education, and support at The Village before, during, and after the birth of her child.

CONVERTING CLICKS INTO MEETINGS

In partnership with the Human Coalition, we began to target expectant mothers through strategic online advertising platforms. This helped Lifeline efficiently broaden our reach and connect with women as we advocate for them to choose life.



family restoration

Lifeline bridges the gap between the Church and the child protective services of the State. To accomplish this, we partner with local churches to recruit, train, and resource Christian families to care for vulnerable children. In addition, we equip local churches to provide education and on-going support for both birth families and foster families through three programs: traditional Foster Care, Harbor Families™, and Families Count™. All three programs are designed to assist these at-risk families as they pursue the ultimate goal of reunification with their child(ren).

59 foster families
trained

299 parents graduated
from Families Count

15 churches equipped to
host Families Count

246 families & children
united through
Harbor Families

RESTORING FAMILIES GLOBALLY

In November 2018, Lifeline conducted a conference for the Romania Without Orphans Alliance to train churches in Romania and Moldova in implementing Families Count™. Several churches in both nations have begun to implement Families Count for vulnerable families in their area.



orphaned &
vulnerable
children impacted

1,302

international trips to
serve on the ground

21

key influencers
trained

507

countries served

14

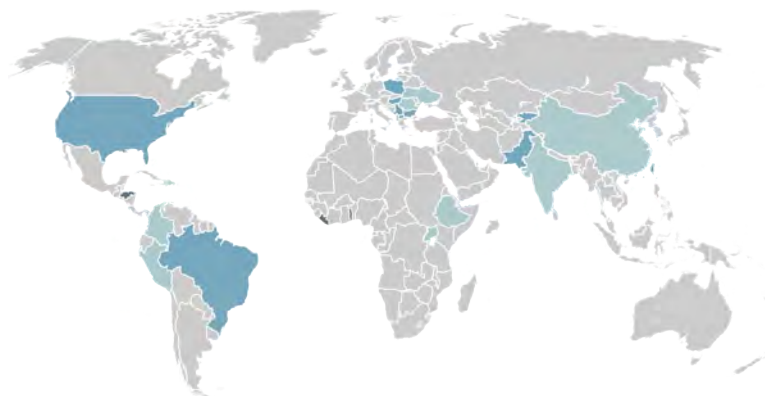
(un)adopted

Worldwide, there are more than 153 million orphaned and vulnerable children; however, fewer than 1% of these children will be adopted. Therefore, the biblical call to care for orphans must extend beyond adoption. (un)adopted exists to reach orphaned and vulnerable children outside of the U.S. with the hope of the gospel and to equip them with the life skills needed to bring about community transformation.

HOLISTIC CARE IN COLOMBIA

In 2018, we grew our reach in Colombia by hosting 12 caregiver trainings for our partner orphanages, leading a local pastors' conference on caring for vulnerable children, and serving over 800 caregivers and foster families in country.

where we serve



PARTNERED COUNTRIES

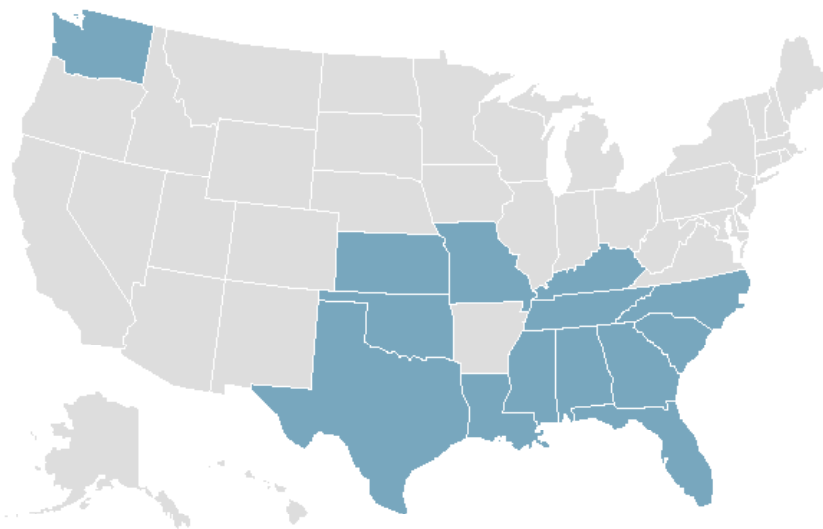
Brazil	China	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Colombia	Ethiopia
Honduras	Costa Rica	Guatemala
Hungary	Dominican Rep.	Liberia
Kyrgyzstan	Haiti	Togo
Latvia	India	
Macedonia	Peru	
Poland	Romania	
Taiwan	Uganda	

● International Adoption ● International Adoption & (un)adopted® ● (un)adopted®

LICENSED STATES

Alabama	North Carolina
Florida	Oklahoma*
Georgia	South Carolina
Kansas	Tennessee
Kentucky	Texas
Louisiana*	Washington
Mississippi	
Missouri	

*Launching in 2019



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HUNGER

IN OLDER ADULTS



**SENIOR CITIZENS ARE THE FASTEST-GROWING
FOOD INSECURE POPULATION IN AMERICA**

26%

FLORIDA POPULATION
ARE SENIORS

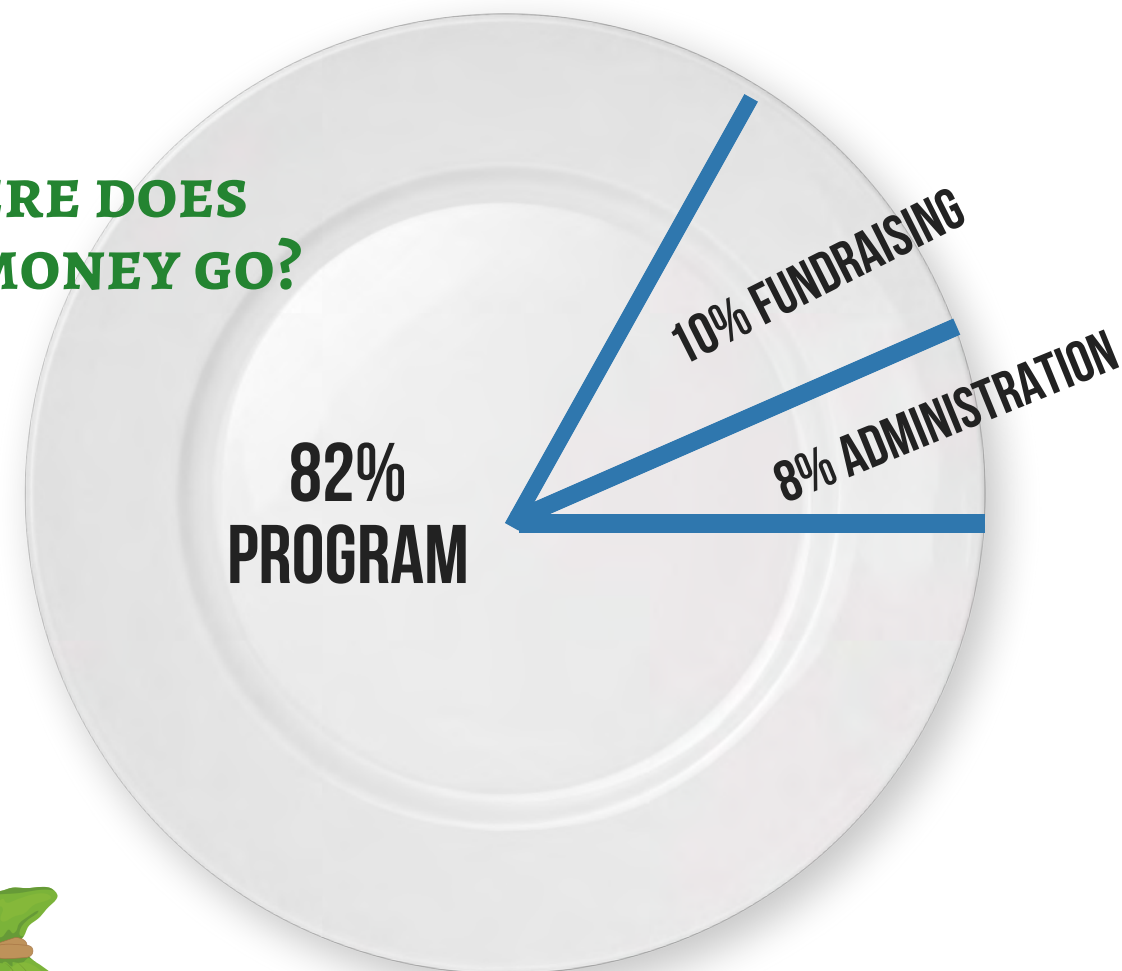


1 IN 4 SENIORS LIVES ALONE

NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF
LONELINESS ON HEALTH ARE
SIMILAR TO SMOKING UP TO
15 CIGARETTES A DAY



**WHERE DOES
YOUR MONEY GO?**



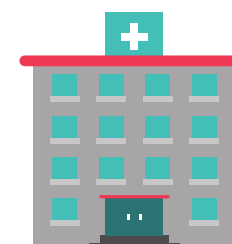
HEALTHCARE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
MALNUTRITION IN SENIORS

COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTION THAT SERVES US ALL

WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry.

PALM
BEACHES

1 YEAR OF MEALS
(\$1,200)



1 DAY IN HOSPITAL
(\$2,091)



10 DAYS IN NURSING HOME
(\$2,680)



FOOD INSECURITY

IS THE STATE OF BEING WITHOUT
RELIABLE ACCESS TO A
SUFFICIENT QUANTITY OF
AFFORDABLE, NUTRITIOUS FOOD

CAUSES

CHRONIC DISEASE
MOBILITY ISSUES
FALLS
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
ISOLATION
FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS