



MISSION MATTERS

— FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER —



Ascension St. Vincent's
Foundation

Letter from the Foundation President



Dear Friends of the Foundation,

As I look back on the past few months, I'm drawn to the words a wise man once said: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." This has proven immeasurably true with supporters like you, who have shared your blessings and given the gift of hope to so many during these uniquely difficult times.

Your efforts in supporting the Mission PLUS(+) Fund helped fuel the Ascension St. Vincent's COVID-19 response, providing immediate aid for our frontline workers and the underserved in our community. The Jacksonville Business Journal and the Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized these monumental efforts with awards for our community impact and continued pandemic response - awards which we are proud to share with you all.

I also want to highlight our fall events - Delicious Destinations "Dine In Edition" and Mulligans for the Mission - which raised more than \$344,000 combined due to your generosity. I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Southern Wine & Spirits, Miller Electric Company, HNI Healthcare, and all of the many sponsors for ensuring these events delivered fun, socially distanced experiences while providing essential funding for our community outreach programs.

As we look toward the holidays, it's important that we continue to push forward as the need in our community is greater than ever. Please keep an eye out for more information on how you can become further involved with the Foundation in the coming weeks as a Hope for Healthcare champion.

Wishing you and yours a very happy, healthy holiday season.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia Hall".

Virginia Hall

President, Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation

Mark Your Calendars

The Foundation team is closely monitoring the CDC guidelines for in-person events to protect against the COVID-19 virus. **The safety of our supporters and staff is paramount, and we will keep you informed of any necessary changes that may impact Foundation events.** Please look for regular updates via email, social media, and our dedicated landing page at GiveStVincents.org/COVID19.

- **May 7, 2021: Red Rose Ball**
- **September 10-11, 2021: Delicious Destinations**
- **September 26-27, 2021: Mulligans for the Mission**

40TH
RED ROSE BALL

SAVE THE DATE
MAY 7, 2021

7 p.m. | The River Club | Black Tie
Benefiting the Ascension St. Vincent's
Outreach Ministries
Progressive Dinner | Live Music | Dancing

Mission Moments

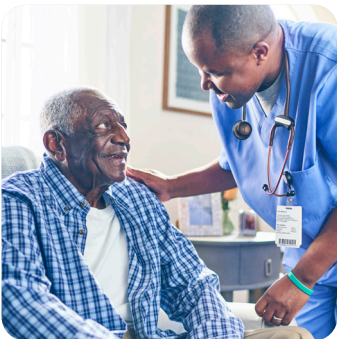
Patient Stories & Testimonials



Providing Jason with Dental Services

Jason* is a 58-year-old patient on Social Security Disability who turned to our dental clinic at Lakeshore Baptist Church for help with unbearable pain in his mouth. Our associates completed a comprehensive exam and x-rays with our volunteer dentist, Dr. Clark, who specializes in extractions.

After his procedure, our team gave him an antibiotic to treat an infection and scheduled a hygiene appointment to ensure his oral health would continue to improve. Jason is a polite, soft-spoken man, but he was very vocal in sharing his appreciation for our dental services.



Ensuring Charlie Receives At-Home Therapies

Charlie* is a blind patient who was nearing discharge after a long stay in the hospital. While his friends usually helped him gather groceries and pick up his medications, he was in need of more hands-on help to ensure a safe transition back home.

With the help of the Foundation, Charlie was provided with both home nursing and physical therapy to promote healing and ensure he would be safe living alone again.



Helping the Morgans Welcome a New Baby

The Morgan Family* recently completed the Brighter Beginnings Program – an initiative designed help combat infant mortality in our area through free prenatal and infant care classes. Not only did the family learn invaluable strategies to keep their baby safe, but they also benefited from greatly needed resources while struggling financially due to unemployment.

Ms. Willie and her team provided monthly bags of nutritious food and gift cards for the Morgans and all participants who needed extra support– even when it meant distributing them in a drive-thru format due to the pandemic.



Connecting Beth with Reliable Transportation

Beth* was in the hospital for more than 50 days. When she was finally ready to move to a skilled nursing facility, she didn't have the funds to pay for transportation. She had recently lost her husband, and her son was unable to pay the cost of an ambulance.

However, with funds provided by the Foundation, the Ascension St. Vincent's team arranged safe transportation for Beth via Century Ambulance. She is now recovering and receiving the therapy she needs to heal.

Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation in the News



A New Heart Pavilion in the Heart of Jacksonville

Thanks to more than 300 compassionate donors, the Delores Barr Weaver Heart & Vascular Pavilion at Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside opened its doors to patients this year. Our pioneering cardiologists have made major milestones in the heart care they provide, performing close to 1,000 TAVR procedures, 470 Watchman procedures and completed over 5,100 atrial fibrillation (AFib) ablations.

When asked about the opening of this pavilion in our community, Dr. Saumil Oza shared, "Our Heart and Vascular Pavilion is a valuable medical resource that further enables us to provide the best possible heart care to our community, and I'm thankful that our donors joined with us to bring this project to fruition."



Ascension St. Vincent's to Open New Hospital in St. Johns

We're excited to play a part in bringing a new hospital to St. Johns County, located near I-95 and County Road 210. The new facility will be 150,000 square feet with 56 beds, including eight intensive care unit beds. It will offer emergency services, short-term hospitalization, cardiovascular care, orthopedics and musculoskeletal care, general surgical services and laboratory and imaging services.



New Mobile Mammography Unit Unveiled This Fall

We recently held a blessing and dedication ceremony to unveil our new and improved Mobile Mammography unit, which now features 3D mammography designed to reduce radiation, increase early cancer detection, and improve patient comfort. This would not have been possible without support from Julie and Dan Rice as well as Carol Shircliff and her late husband, Bob. Their incredible generosity will ensure that these life-saving screenings are available to those who need them most.



Carol Wilder Pitman: Going Above and Beyond for Our Nurses

At Ascension St. Vincent's, our nurses not only care for their patients, they also care for each other. One such caregiver is Carol Wilder Pitman. Her reverence for our mission has called her to give back to our nurses today through the Carol Wilder Pitman Nursing Recognition Society and by providing financial assistance for Continuing Education (CE) credits. We are blessed to have so many wonderful nurses - past and present - that provide compassion and care for this community.

Giving Society Bulletin



Associate Giving Competition Kicks Off

Our compassionate associates are in the midst of a competition for the first annual Associate Giving Cup! Associate givers support four of our largest outreach programs: the Good Samaritan Fund, Medical Mission at Home, Mission at Work, and our Mobile Health Outreach Ministry. The winning team will be announced in January. Stay tuned to see which group will bring home the trophy and earn bragging rights for the whole year!

For more information: GiveStVincent.org/Associate-Giving



DePaul Society Annual Flu Shot Event

This fall, we were proud to offer our DePaul Society members complimentary flu shots. Each DePaul Society member provides \$1,000 or more in annual support of our three pillars: community outreach, capital improvements, and medical technology. In addition to complimentary flu shots, DePaul Society members also receive access to parking garages, donor lounges, refurbished patient rooms, exclusive events, reports, and more.

For more information: GiveStVincent.org/DePaul-Society



Physicians Giving Society Approves More Than \$88,000 in Program Support

Please join us in thanking our Physicians Giving Society Chairs – Paul Crum, M.D., Ali Chahlavi, M.D., and Jeffrey Sapolsky, M.D. – and our three steering committees for approving \$88,470 in funding for 10 programs. Some of these initiatives include: Nursing Scholarships, the Good Samaritan Fund, and our Mobile Health Outreach Ministry.

For more information: GiveStVincent.org/Physicians-Giving



Shircliff Society Looking for New Members

Do you know an exemplary young professional (age 21 - 45) who is looking for opportunities to volunteer, network, and increase awareness of our wonderful mission? Please visit our Shircliff Society website to learn how members support the community in new and exciting ways.

For more information: GiveStVincent.org/Shircliff-Society

Thank You to Our Standout Supporters

- The Jim Moran Foundation awarded \$177,000 over two years to provide Mobile Health Outreach services and health education to low-income seniors in Duval County.
- The First Coast Relief Fund awarded \$65,000 to aid our medical staff and clients affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This will help us provide support for medical care, COVID testing and other costs related to our coronavirus response.
- Our Delicious Destinations "Dine In Edition" presented by Miller Electric Company raised more than \$126,000 to support our community outreach programs. We are so grateful to Chef Hermann Muller of the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club and Chef Darek Stennes of The River Club for making this reimaged event possible!
- The Jessie Ball duPont Fund awarded \$48,500 for our associates to provide Mobile Health Care services in Duval County. This support will help us eliminate health disparities in low income neighborhoods throughout Jacksonville.
- The Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics awarded \$8,330 for the Mobile Health Dental Ministry. This will provide a new air filtration system for the Mobile Health Dental Unit which will reduce transmission of airborne diseases such as coronavirus.
- This fall, Mulligans for the Mission (formerly THE TRADITION) raised more than \$196,000 for our Mobile Health Outreach Ministry. Thank you to presenting sponsor HNI Healthcare for helping us provide thousands of underserved community members with quality, compassionate healthcare.
- MDM Commercial donated 12 TVs that will soon be installed in each of our nurse break rooms at Riverside. An additional TV will be used to enhance the Carol Wilder Pitman Nursing Recognition Society wall, also at Riverside.



Chef Darek Stennes of The River Club and Chef Hermann Muller of the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club joined Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation President Virginia Hall to film the Delicious Destinations "Dine In Edition" this Fall.



Area golfers hit the links at Mulligans for the Mission (formerly THE TRADITION) at TPC Sawgrass in October to raise funds for our community outreach programs.



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