

Mission Matters

Spring 2024



Discover how new Clay County
cath lab is saving lives



Ascension St. Vincent's
Foundation

A letter from our president

Friends of the Foundation,

I'm pleased to introduce our 2024 spring newsletter. Spring is my favorite season as it's a time of renewal and growth, and we have a lot of both going on.

Our Foundation team continues to grow and is now at a total of nine members. They are working cohesively to support donor relations, stewardship, finance/accounting, annual giving and individual giving – all with the end goal of furthering our Mission.

The programs and services the Foundation supports with your gifts also continue to mature. Our Mobile Health Ministry is helping uninsured patients across five counties, with over 12,000 patient visits in fiscal year 2023 alone. And, your support of our recent Mulligans for the Mission golf tournament significantly increased the funding that helps sustain this program.

Many of the investments that donors made last year are now producing impressive returns. You can read about the opening of the new cath lab in Clay County in this issue. Even our board is growing! Get to know more about our two newest board members in this issue as well.

Among all these exciting new developments, what I'm most focused on growing is the Foundation's relationship with you. Our team is rededicating itself to engaging more with you – sharing more about the powerful difference your contributions are making and exploring new ways to expand our philanthropic efforts to help more people in need.

Please take a few moments to review this newsletter and read about the many ways your donations are helping our community flourish. And please know how much we appreciate your continued support.

Thank you and God Bless!

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

– Romans 12:2



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick N. Henry II". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patrick N. Henry II, MS
President
Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation

Happenings



Mulligans for the Mission

April 7 & 8, 2024 | TPC Sawgrass

Golfers recently took to the green at TPC Sawgrass for the 15th annual Mulligans for the Mission, which raises critical funds for Ascension St. Vincent's Mobile Health Outreach Ministry. This program is the only mobile provider of free acute and preventive medical care for underserved men, women and children in Northeast Florida. The program has completed 12,000 patient visits in fiscal year 2022-2023. With the support of HNI Healthcare, Southeast Orthopedic Specialists Outcomes by HOPCo, and W. W. Gay, as well as our many other event sponsors and golfers, we raised a record-breaking \$275,000 to support this crucial outreach.



Upcoming Events:

DePaul Luncheon:

May 14, 2024 | Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

DePaul Society members should plan to attend this free luncheon featuring Dr. Martin Martino, the medical director of Ascension St. Vincent's Gynecologic Oncology and Robotic Surgery Program. He'll be showcasing the robotic tools he uses in surgery and discussing how this advanced technology is improving the health and wellness of our community. By donating \$1,000 or more annually, our DePaul Society members are instrumental in enabling Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation to fund this type of technology, capital improvements and life-changing outreach programs. Learn more about becoming a member by visiting our ways to give section at [GiveStVincents.org](https://www.givestvincents.org).



Delicious Destinations:

Fall 2024 | Ponte Vedra Inn & Club

The 22nd annual Delicious Destinations event may be months away, but now is the best time to sign up for one of our corporate sponsorships. It's a wonderful way to showcase your products or services to 300 refined men and women who, like you, want to help a worthwhile cause. The event benefits Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation's community outreach programs, which connect those in need with quality, compassionate healthcare. As a sponsor, you also get tickets to the event which features exquisite dishes with perfectly paired wines. For more information, please contact the Foundation at (904) 308-7306 or fljacfoundationevents@ascension.org.

New cath lab is saving lives in Clay County

Your donations fund game-changing technology



The cath lab was formally recognized with a blessing and dedication ceremony attended by staff, donors and the community Wednesday, Dec. 13.

It looked like a hopeless case – a 53-year-old patient was brought to Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County after a motorcycle accident. He was clinging to life due to a life-threatening pulmonary embolism caused by a blockage in his arteries.

But the Ascension St. Vincent's care team was able to remove massive blood clots from his lung, saving his life and enabling him to make a full recovery. This caliber of care was possible because of the hospital's cardiac catheterization laboratories.

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County recently celebrated the opening of their third cardiac catheterization laboratory, which will allow their medical professionals to do even more to save lives in the region.

A cardiac catheterization laboratory, or "cath lab" for short, is a facility where doctors can perform tests and procedures to treat patients suffering from cardiovascular issues. The cath lab is a fully functioning cardiac resuscitation center that performs life-saving interventions as well as offers essential diagnostic data, and supports a wide variety of heart and blood vessel procedures.

The third cath lab at Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County was established thanks to the generosity of Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation donors, and will be a game changer for residents in need of cardiac care.

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County Nursing Manager Amanda "Kelly" Schnur said it will enable doctors to put in pacemakers, defibrillators and heart catheters with ease.

"We are quickly becoming a one-stop shop," Schnur said.

Polly Curole, the director of surgical services at Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County, agreed, adding that this kind of technology enables their rural hospital to act like larger, urban hospitals, offering more room for patients and saving more lives.

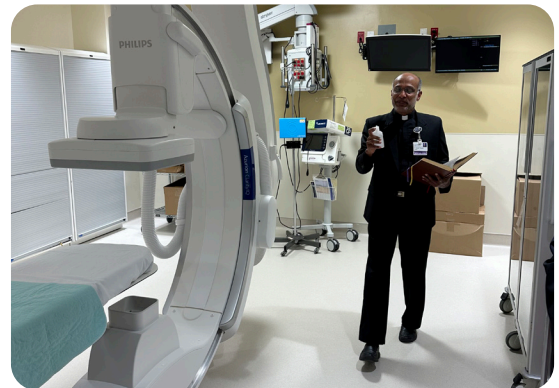
"Anything heart-related – we can take care of it," Curole said.

The cath lab features cutting edge technology, including Phillips X-ray systems, intravascular ultrasounds and large touch screens that make it easy for doctors and teammates to work.

The Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County team has been focusing recently on community outreach to help spread the word about the addition of the new cath lab. That focus has brought more patients to the hospital for emergency care.

Curole said the new lab certainly attracts patients from Keystone Heights and Starke who find traveling to Jacksonville difficult. She also feels that seeing Clay County patients where they live helps build a stronger sense of community.

"When you're seeing one of your patients, you're taking care of a community member – someone you see at the grocery store or at church," Curole said. "It's very exciting for Clay County. And it wouldn't happen without our donors."



Mission moments

Giving Anna peace of mind

Anna* came to one of our Mobile Health Ministry units to get a sports physical. During the physical, she indicated that she had a lump in her breast but wasn't sure what to do as she was uninsured. Mobile Health contacted St. Vincent's Riverside Breast Health Center and helped arrange a mammogram, ultrasound and a surgical biopsy at no cost to Anna. The Mobile Health team also contacted KidCare at The Players Center for Child Health to reinstate insurance coverage for her.

Fortunately, Anna's biopsy revealed the lump was benign. Thanks to Mobile Health and its donors, she now has peace of mind, health insurance and the proper clearance for playing sports that she originally needed.



Getting Ralph quality care

Ralph* was admitted to St. Vincent's Riverside with a leg wound that resulted in sepsis. The 57-year-old did not have insurance or a primary care provider and couldn't afford the necessary lab work or the IV antibiotic to help him heal.

The Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation's Good Samaritan Fund enabled Ralph to receive the medication and support he needed. When he was unable to make one of his follow-up appointments at our Mobile Health unit last month, our team members even arranged to have his vital medication delivered.



Helping David breathe easier

David* was suffering from shortness of breath and wheezing. He had a history of COPD and was off his prescribed Albuterol for six months due to his lack of access to health care. He was also struggling with food security. However, while at the food bank, his girlfriend noticed a flyer about our Mobile Health program and encouraged him to visit.

The team at Mobile Health updated his diagnosis of COPD and found he also had Dyslipidemia, Hypertension and Prediabetes. They prescribed him a variety of appropriate medications and he continues to check in for regular appointments. Since feeling better, David has been able to get a job and move out of the motel he was staying in and into a more stable home.



Getting Danylo set for school

Sixteen-year-old Danylo* and his mother had to leave Ukraine due to the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian War. They were legally admitted to our country as refugees through the Welcome U.S. and United for Ukraine programs. After a five-day journey, they arrived in Fernandina Beach with only the clothes they were wearing.

Among the many things they needed was help getting Danylo set for school. Our Yulee Mobile Health unit was happy to provide Danylo with the necessary school entry physical.



Get to know our new board members



Matthew Chang, PE, founded Chang Industrial in 2017 to help companies use advanced technology in solving workforce issues. The company is best known globally for its use of autonomous robotics and cobotics (collaborative robotics). In addition to joining the Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation board, Matthew serves on the boards of Lifework Leadership and Jacksonville University and is chairman of the board for Kodiak Technologies, an electric vehicle startup.



Andrea Laliberte is a retired logistics professional who most recently served as senior vice president of distribution and consumer service for Coach, Inc. Andrea helped create the Oncology Support Services Program at Ascension St. Vincent's with a generous donation in 2022. In 2016-2017, she chaired the Georgia Tech Alumni Association Board and is a trustee on the Georgia Tech Foundation. She was inducted into the Georgia Tech College of Engineering Hall of Fame in 2024.



Patty Otterson is an investment advisor who is currently the Senior Vice President of Investments at Otterson Allison Wealth Management Group of Raymond James in 2009. She was recently honored as one of the Raymond James-affiliated advisors named to the 2024 Forbes list of Best-in-State Top Women Wealth Advisors. Patty also serves on our organization's DePaul Society Council and is an elder at St. Johns Presbyterian Church.



John Otterson is the manager of operations planning and performance at International Flavors & Fragrances, a role that he's held since 1984. John has served on the Board and as a Tri-Chair of the First Coast Manufacturers Association. John is currently serving on our organization's DePaul Society Council and is also actively involved with St. Johns Presbyterian Church as an elder and small group leader.



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