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# A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Looking back on 2020, I expected it to feel heavy and sorrowful, but there was also hope and growth too. At the Medical Foundation of Nashville, we began 2020 with excitement about our new office space, which although smaller, was full of potential. Just days after we moved, Nashville began Safer at Home and the potential for our space was put on hold as we navigated transitioning to work remotely. Even now, as we have an expanded team, we are working diligently to address the needs and opportunities in front of us both within our programs and in the community around us.

As we look to the year ahead, we see great potential for our organization and community to come together in service to our shared mission of creating a healthier Nashville. We are eager to move ahead and explore how we can expand the reach of our programs so more of our neighbors can have access to quality healthcare, our physicians have the information they need, and the public knows how to support the healthcare community's efforts to slow the spread and help the sick heal as we celebrate 200 years of physicians working together for the greater Nashville area.

This year, more than ever, we are so proud to work alongside the physicians in Nashville to offer access to healthcare for our neighbors who otherwise couldn't afford it. We are grateful for the diligent, continuing work of physicians who cared for patients during this tumultuous, extraordinary year, and we look forward to working alongside our patients, physicians, and others in the healthcare community as we all work towards healing, equity, and kindness in the days, weeks, and months ahead.



Rebecca Leslie, MBA  
Chief Executive Officer  
Medical Foundation of Nashville

# *MISSION & HISTORY*



The Medical Foundation of Nashville empowers the community by supporting health access, promoting healthy lifestyles, championing health and medical education, and cooperating with other charitable entities to work towards a healthier Nashville. Specific activities include public health education, coordinated charity care (Project Access Nashville Specialty Care), and education for physicians and physicians in training.

The Medical Foundation of Nashville was established in 2018, when it was transferred the charitable and educational programs of the Nashville Academy of Medicine, including Project Access Nashville Specialty Care (PANSC), which was established in 2005.

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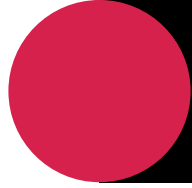
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# *INSPIRING*



In July, an interpreter called to speak to our team because she has interpreted for PANSC patients in the past and recently worked with an uninsured patient, Carlos. The interpreter wanted to know more about Project Access to see if he could potentially qualify, then shared Carlos's situation. Carlos's family has housing instability. He worked in construction prior to becoming sick and having to stop working. Carlos's wife does work some, but she is limited as she has to be very attentive to his care. He has help to keep his family in housing, and his care coordinator is connecting him with grocery resources for cancer patients, which will also help his family. Carlos has chemo every three weeks with multiple injections, and imaging in between his treatments. He is working very closely with his volunteer physician because of adverse reactions to his chemo. As of the last scan, he wasn't progressing well.

His physician asked for a second opinion, and Carlos is now working with his care team to explore the possibility of a new, more expensive treatment. He was concerned PANSC would deny him this new treatment, but his care coordinator explained how his care team proceeds is up to his doctors and their practice, and they want what his care team feels is best for him. Carlos and his family now have an apartment and his wife has a part-time job. Treatment will be a long road for Carlos and his family given his diagnosis and how it has progressed so far, but PANSC, his interpreter, and his physicians are walking through this journey with him, providing support and resources to support Carlos and his household as he pursues improved health.

# *HOPE*



# HISTORY OF SUCCESS

**2005:** The Nashville Academy of Medicine launched, Bridges to Care Plus, now known as Project Access Nashville Specialty Care.

**2009:** Bridges to Care Plus surpassed the \$10 million mark in donated specialty care for uninsured patients in Davidson County.

**2013:** Bridges to Care Plus becomes Project Access Nashville Specialty Care to align with 70 similar programs across the country.

**2015:** PANSC celebrates 10 years and surpasses \$33 million in donated specialty care and continued growing partnerships in the community.

**2018:** MFN launches and takes on leadership of PANSC. PANSC also began pilot programs to expand into the Middle Tennessee region.

**2020:** MFN celebrates the 15 year mark of Project Access Nashville Specialty Care and ramps up expansion into the Middle Tennessee region.



PROJECT ACCESS NASHVILLE SPECIALTY CARE  
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# IMPACT

Last year, Project Access Nashville Specialty Care coordinated medically necessary specialty care for patients throughout Middle Tennessee in collaboration with our clinic, community, and hospital partners and our volunteer physician specialists, who are an essential part of our program. Last year, Nashville-area healthcare community gave their time, talents, and expertise to inspire hope and healing for the low-income, uninsured patients we serve.



## 4.58M

\*the value of donated medical care to our patients for 2020



## 2,055

the number of clinical hours volunteered in 2020



## 27,882

the number of connections between our staff and patients in 2020



## 5,882

the number of health outreach engagements to our patients, physicians, and community in 2020



## 48.2M

\*the value of donated medical care to our patients since 2005

\*Data updated periodically to match YTD values

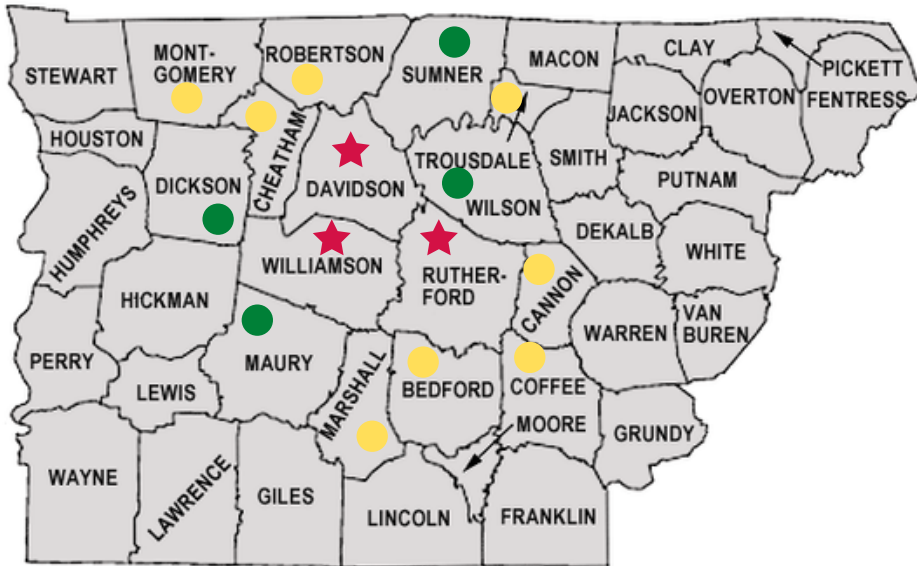




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# EXPANSION IMPACT

In an effort to meet the growing needs of our state and community, Project Access Nashville has been working together with our partners to grow the work of our program deeper into the Middle Tennessee region. This growth allows us to offer access to more Tennesseans in need of specialty care services.



\*Green and yellow indicate counties in which PANSC is continuing to increase presence and focus.

# 56%

increase in patients served

# 3

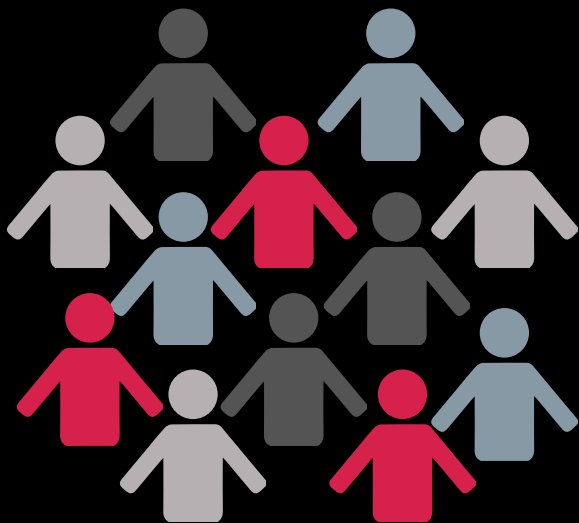
 program records broken in the 2020 program year



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# ***VOLUNTEER IMPACT***

***FOR EVERY 1 NEW  
PHYSICIAN  
VOLUNTEER...***



***... AT LEAST 12  
NEW PATIENTS CAN  
BE SERVED...***

***...IMPACTING 12  
HOUSEHOLDS  
THROUGHOUT  
MIDDLE TENNESSEE.***





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# *UNITING MEDICINE*

**36**  
referring  
clinics

**7**  
hospital  
partners

**1,520**  
volunteer  
physician  
specialists

# CHAMPIONING

In collaboration with our partner the Nashville Academy of Medicine, MFN drew focus on the next generation of leaders in medicine kicking off 2020 with two events for local medical students, residents, and health policy graduates.

Physician Perspectives with Christopher Ott, MD  
"A Conversation Exploring Practice Models"

Pizza and Politics: A Discussion of the Intersection of Health Policy and the Practice of Medicine

# PHYSICIANS

Throughout 2020, MFN hosted events alongside the Nashville Academy of Medicine for Nashville Area physicians focusing on key issues physicians are leading in every day.

COVID-19: A Briefing for Physicians on the Surge Preparations in Nashville with area health leaders

COVID-19: Testing, Treatment, and Prediction Medeling with Vanderbilt health experts

Other People's Perspectives: A different way of looking at health disparities with Dr. Kimberlee Wyche-Etheridge

Climate Change: Risk and Opportunity with members of Nashville Citizen's Climate

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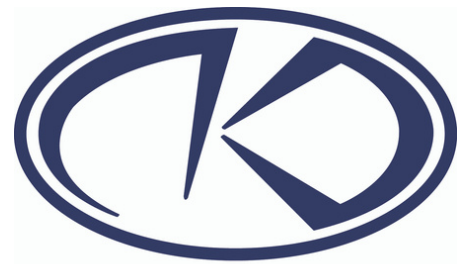
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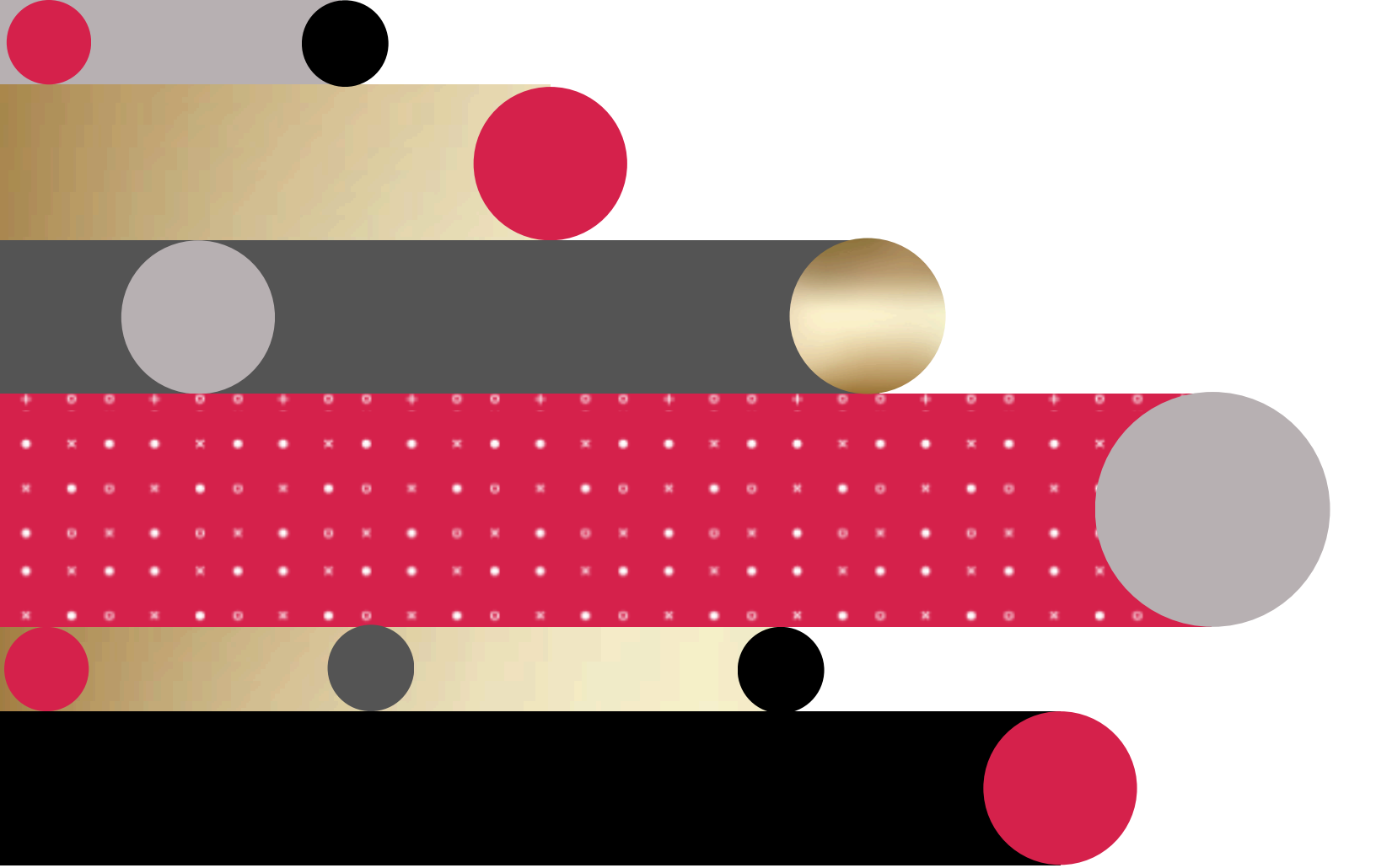
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