




**MEDICAL**  
FOUNDATION OF  
**NASHVILLE**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

ELEVATING MIDDLE TENNESSEE TOWARD A HEALTHIER FUTURE

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 
- 
- 01 Message from CEO
  - 02 Our History
  - 03 Leadership
  - 04 Mission Moment
  - 05 Addressing Access to Care
  - 06 Project Access Nashville Specialty Care
  - 07 PROSPER
  - 08 Public Health Education
  - 09 Physicians Ball
  - 12 Sponsors and How to Partner with Us
  - 13 Thank You Donors
  - 14 Foundation Partners
- 
- 

# MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



As with many people, I find the change to a new year an opportunity for reflection on what has passed and what is to come. When I started with NAM just over ten years ago, I didn't imagine just how much the small charitable healthcare program it operated would grow. Even seven years ago when we filed the paperwork to form the Medical Foundation of Nashville, we had big goals and a fabulous team. As a result of a lot of hard work and amazing partners and donors, that small program and the Medical Foundation of Nashville have had phenomenal growth in our service to the health of our community.

I hope you enjoy this look at just how far we've come in the past year, and will reflect with me on what is possible in 2025. Just as we do each year, MFN has some big goals we are pursuing, and our team is excited for the next stage of our growth. We've come a long way since 2018, and there's more work to do. We are looking forward to continuing to adapt and expand as we work towards a healthier Middle Tennessee. You're invited to join us in this work, so together we can accomplish more.



**Rebecca Leslie, MBA**  
Chief Executive Officer



# OUR STORY

2005

## Bridges to Care Plus

Bridges to Care Plus launched by the Nashville Academy of Medicine and the Safety Net Consortium of Middle Tennessee to address disparities in access to specialty care for the uninsured.

2013

## Project Access Nashville Specialty Care

Bridges to Care Plus rebranded as Project Access Nashville Specialty Care to align with statewide and national access to care programs utilizing the same care coordination model.

2015

## 10 Year Celebration

The Project Access program celebrated 10 years of serving the Nashville area in addressing access to specialty care alongside community partners.

2018

## Launching MFN

The Medical Foundation of Nashville officially launched as a 501(c)3 to focus on health access, healthy lifestyles, and medical education.

2020

## COVID-19

MFN responded to COVID-19 by taking strides to expand access to care throughout Middle Tennessee and expanding resources to address social determinants of health.

2023

## PROSPER

MFN launched the PROSPER program to address physician well-being as a joint venture with the Nashville Academy of Medicine.

2024

## MFN Rebranding

MFN implemented a fresh organizational brand including a new logo, colors, and website. This aligned all of our program areas to create a cohesive representation of our mission and values.



# LEADERSHIP

## Board of Directors

Marilynn Michaud, MD - Board Chair  
M. Kevin Smith, MD - Vice-Chair  
Jule West, MD - Secretary / Treasurer  
Natalie Dickson, MD  
Randy Fagin, MD  
Adrian Rodriguez, MD  
Michael Zanolli, MD

## Leadership Team

Rebecca Leslie, MBA  
Nikki Ringenberg, MPA  
Taylor Crawford, MPH  
Erica Brahan, MPNA  
Néstor Hernández-Zambrana  
Jessica Jackson, MS  
Kelly Blankenship, MPS

## Medical Society Partner Nashville Academy of Medicine

Michael Beckham, MD  
Carl Willis, MD  
Laura Lawson, MD  
Christin Giordano McAuliffe, MD  
Tyler Barrett, MD  
Parul Goyal, MD  
George "Trey" Lee, III, MD  
Matthew Pollard, MD  
Adrian Rodriguez, MD  
Nicole Schlechter, MD  
Gregg Shepard, MD

## Young Physician Advisory Group Caduceus Council

Neha Aggarwal  
Kayla Buttafuoco, MD  
Ashley Dailey, DO  
Maro Doce  
Erin Hattler  
Rahul Iyengar, MD  
Adrian Jaramillo, MD  
Kafayat Kareem  
Sean Luong  
Megan Mcleoad, MD  
Deborah Otuno  
Sachin Sanam  
Rahul Shah, MD  
Ihuoma Tasie  
Rohan Tummala, MD  
Jacob Uskavitch, MD



# MISSION MOMENT



While MFN and PANSC serve many patients, Julia is special to our team because of the interactions she's had with her care navigator. Julia works to support herself, which has been a struggle. Finally in April, she was diagnosed with sleep apnea, but with the diagnosis came a prescription for an expensive machine to improve her breathing while she sleeps. Given her low income, she didn't have the money to purchase the machine, which was supposed to improve her overall health. Once Julia shared with her care coordinator that the nurse at her volunteer specialist's office had searched for a discount, but even then, she didn't have the \$600 needed to purchase the machine she needed, the Project Access Nashville team went to work. The PANSC team reached out to an organization that collects new and used donated machines for redistribution. They had just the machine Julia needed available for donation, but the shipping would need to be paid, and the machine requires an SD card to function properly.

Thanks to funds dedicated to supporting the social determinants of health of patients, PANSC was able to pay for the shipping and purchase the SD card, as even that amount was still unaffordable for Julia. It's been a few weeks since Julia started using her machine, and she reports that it has taken some getting used to, but she's seeing the benefits and feeling much better as a result of using it. She was so surprised and happy that PANSC could find a donated machine and provide the funds to have it shipped and properly working to help her. Julia is just one patient, but there are so many more who have the opportunity to pursue healing because of the work PANSC is able to do with the support of our amazing donors.

If you'd like to join us in helping patients like Julia, read on to see how you can volunteer with the Medical Foundation of Nashville or visit <https://medicalfoundationofnashville.org/volunteer/>





## ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CARE THROUGHOUT MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Project Access Nashville Specialty Care (PANSC) made significant progress in improving patient outcomes by strengthening collaborations with clinics, volunteer specialists, hospital partners, and community organizations across Middle Tennessee. By continuing to embrace a community-engaged care model, PANSC remains focused on delivering comprehensive and accessible healthcare services to patients.

Throughout 2024, our team worked alongside our partners to coordinate critical specialty care services. Our model is supported by evidence and that shows in the accomplishments we continue to achieve nearly twenty years after our program’s founding in 2005.

**\$74.6M**

\*VALUE OF DONATED MEDICAL CARE  
TO OUR PATIENTS SINCE 2005

\*WILL BE UPDATED TO REFLECT AUDITED YTD VALUES

**54,569**

THE HISTORICAL NUMBER OF  
APPOINTMENTS ATTENDED

**2,344**

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
VOLUNTEER SPECIALISTS  
DONATING CARE SINCE 2005





# 2024 AT A GLANCE: HEALTH CARE ACCESS

**\$7.99M**

\*VALUE OF DONATED MEDICAL CARE TO OUR PATIENTS IN 2024

**106,455**

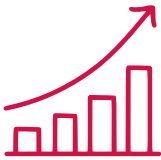
NUMBER OF CONNECTIONS BETWEEN OUR STAFF AND PATIENTS IN 2024

**7,606**

\*NUMBER OF CLINICAL HOURS VOLUNTEERED IN 2024

\*WILL BE UPDATED TO REFLECT AUDITED YTD VALUES

## ADDRESSING HEALTH CARE ACCESS



**7TH**

CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF RECORDING PROGRAM RECORDS IN GROWTH OF CARE DONATED TO OUR PATIENTS



**76**

REFERRING PRIMARY CARE CLINIC PARTNERS WORKING ALONGSIDE PANSC TO PROVIDE CRITICAL ACCESS TO SPECIALTY CARE

## ADDRESSING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

GROWTH IN SERVICES AIMED AT ADDRESSING KEY SOCIAL DETERMINANTS FOR PATIENTS INCLUDING ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION, HEALTHY FOOD, DME, AND PRESCRIPTIONS

**2023**

**2024**

**+61%**

## ADDRESSING EQUITABLE SERVICE DELIVERY

GROWTH IN UNIQUE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SITES WHERE PANSC PATIENTS RECEIVED CARE IN 2024. PANSC PROMOTES ACCESS TO A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK OF PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITAL PARTNERS

**2023**

**2024**

**+7%**





# 2024 AT GLANCE: PHYSICIAN WELL-BEING



In collaboration with the Nashville Academy of Medicine, the PROSPER program was launched in 2023. This initiative was developed in response to the increasing levels of burnout reported by physicians across the United States.

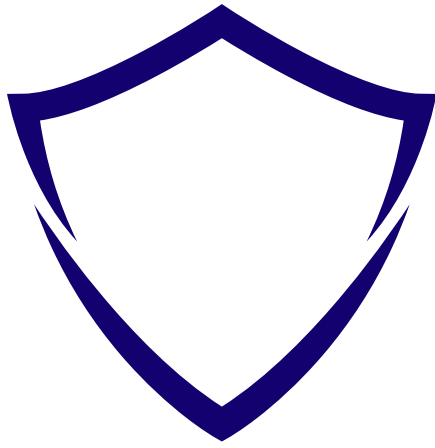
The primary goal of PROSPER is to promote physician well-being. In 2024, we focused on building a comprehensive online library resource center, designed specifically for physicians. In addition, a dedicated section on the foundation's website has been created to provide digital content and media resources, as well as a directory of national resources and organizations.

**P**romoting **R**esources and **O**pportunities for **S**upporting **P**hysician **E**ngagement and **R**esilience

## 2024 Accomplishments

01. ENHANCED THE PROSPER ONLINE RESOURCE LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTING 90+ PHYSICIAN, PRACTICE, AND COMMUNITY-FOCUSED RESOURCES
02. CONDUCTED OUTREACH TO PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIANS-IN-TRAINING IN THE COMMUNITY TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF PROSPER
03. LAUNCHED NEW MULTI-MEDIA RESOURCE LIBRARY ALONGSIDE WEBSITE LAUNCH





# 2024 AT A GLANCE: PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

We remain dedicated to enhancing community well-being by prioritizing public health education. Through a variety of channels—seminars, informational flyers, social media, and personalized outreach—we work to disseminate essential health information to physicians, patients, and the broader community. Our efforts aim to empower individuals with the knowledge needed to make informed decisions, fostering healthier lifestyles and improved overall well-being.

By addressing key public health issues, we contribute to building a community that is not only informed about health matters, but also actively engaged in promoting and maintaining their own health. Together, we strive to cultivate a knowledgeable and resilient Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

**14,022**

COMMUNITY RESOURCE  
REFERRALS MADE TO  
PATIENTS IN 2024

**200+**

REGIONAL RESOURCE  
PARTNERS ADDRESSING  
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS

Throughout 2024, our public health education program extended resources and education to individuals in our community on a number of relevant public health topics. These topics covered chronic disease prevention and management, vaccine information, resources for mental health and well-being in the community, cancer screening and prevention, healthcare utilization, and more. Additionally, MFN was represented at seven health fairs throughout Middle Tennessee. In 2025, we look forward to expanding the scope of this project as we continue to serve our region.



# PHYSICIANS BALL

On October 26, 2024, the Medical Foundation of Nashville hosted the highly anticipated annual Physicians Ball, an event designed to bring together the medical community for an evening of celebration and fundraising. This special occasion provided physicians with a welcome opportunity to connect in a relaxed setting, away from the demands of daily practice, and to honor the contributions of our healthcare professionals.

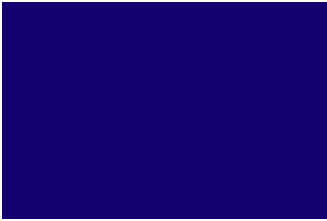
The evening featured a brief, but delightful program with dinner, a live band, and a silent auction, creating a memorable experience for all in attendance. The event not only fostered camaraderie within the medical community, but also served as a successful fundraising effort in support of the foundation's mission.

For more information about the 2025 Physicians Ball, scheduled for Saturday, October 25, please visit [www.medicalfoundationofnashville.org/physiciansball](http://www.medicalfoundationofnashville.org/physiciansball).





# PHYSICIANS BALL CONTINUED



# 2024 PHYSICIANS BALL SPONSORS



## MISSION CHAMPION SPONSOR



Part of the HCA Healthcare Family of Hospitals

## ACCESS TO CARE SPONSORS



a partner of OneOncology

## PARTNER WITH US IN 2025

Join us in our continuation of making a difference! Your support is a catalyst for positive change. By becoming a donor, you empower us to tackle pressing challenges and create lasting impact.

Together, we can build opportunities for patients in need to receive vital specialty care through Project Access and support the growth of our new physician well-being program, PROSPER. Every contribution, no matter the gift amount, makes a tremendous impact in transforming lives and building a better future.

Join our community of compassionate donors, and let's make a meaningful impact together.

### PHYSICIAN PARTNER

HEALING HANDS,  
POWERFUL HEARTS: JOIN US AS  
A PHYSICIAN PARTNER

### SPONSOR AND PATRON

SPONSORSHIP THAT  
CARES: ELEVATING HEALTH AND  
COMMUNITY WELL-BEING TOGETHER

### MONTHLY GIVING

SUSTAIN HEALTH,  
BE A MONTHLY HERO:  
JOIN OUR GIVING COMMUNITY



# THANK YOU PHYSICIAN PARTNERS

Newton P. Allen, MD  
Ralph Atkinson, MD  
Jeanne Ballinger, MD  
Ethel Cobbett, MD  
Michelle Cochran, MD  
Eduardo Dias, MD

Natalie Dickson, MD  
Tracey Doering, MD  
Abu S. Fakhruddin, MD  
Rhonda Halcomb, MD  
Ralph A. Korpman, MD  
Margaret Norris, MD

Ron Overfield, MD  
James Powers, MD  
Adrian Rodriguez, MD  
M. Kevin Smith, MD  
Richard Soper, MD

# THANK YOU DONORS

We extend our utmost gratitude to the generous donors who have played a pivotal role in advancing the mission of the Medical Foundation of Nashville. Your continual support has been instrumental in our endeavors, allowing us to achieve significant milestones and make a positive impact. Your belief in our mission empowers us to continue our vital work, fostering lasting change in our community. Thank you for your unwavering commitment, and for being a crucial part of the Medical Foundation of Nashville.

Mark Adamiak, DMD and Brittany Adamiak, DDS  
Newton P. Allen, MD  
Arrington Vineyard  
Ralph Atkinson, MD  
B. Lanier Designs  
Jeanne Ballinger, MD  
Dr. and Mrs. Tyler and Kelly Barrett  
Curtis Baysinger, MD  
Michael Beckham, MD and Brenda Beckham  
Teresa Bennett and Rick Bennett, MD  
Erica Beyer and Deborah Beyer, MD  
Kelly Blankenship  
Erica Brahan

Joseph Broucek, MD  
Ibolja Cernak, MD and Richard Parrish, PhD  
Chuy's Tex-Mex  
Ethel Cobbett, MD  
Michelle Cochran, MD  
Carla Davis, MD  
Jonas De Souza, MD  
Eduardo Dias, MD  
Natalie Dickson, MD  
Tracey Doering, MD  
Abu S. Fakhruddin, MD  
Frist Art Museum  
Frothy Monkey



# DONORS

## CONTINUED

Ryan Grippo, MD and Alison Grippo  
Rhonda Halcomb, MD  
HCA Healthcare / TriStar Health  
Hermitage Golf Course  
Jessica Jackson  
K1 Speed  
Kendra Scott  
Ralph A. Korpman, MD  
KraftCPAs  
Kroger Community Benefits  
Frank LaFranchise, MD and Joan LaFranchise  
Laura Lawson, MD and William Lawson, MD  
Rebecca and Brett Leslie  
Karen Lewis, EdD  
Liquor Lab  
Tim Livingston, MD and Elizabeth Livingston  
Rich Lyn-Cook, MD and Monica Lopez  
Martin's Bar-b-que Joint  
Marilynn Michaud, MD  
Nashville Children's Theatre  
Nashville Predators Foundation  
Nashville Sounds Baseball  
Nashville Symphony  
Margaret Norris, MD  
Christopher Ott, MD  
Ron Overfield, MD  
Parnassus Books  
Dana Patel  
James Powers, MD and Martha Wettemann, PhD

Subir Prasad, MD and Patricia Prasad  
Raising Cane's Chicken  
Respite Apparel  
River Queen Voyages  
Adrian Rodriguez, MD  
Rose Hill Florist  
Barrett Rosen, MD and Carolyn Rosen  
Ryman Auditorium  
Nicole Schlechter, MD and Raymond Bluth, MD  
M. Kevin Smith, MD and Lisa Smith  
Richard Soper, MD  
Anderson Spickard, III, MD  
Larry Stack, MD and Venette Stack  
Steve Staggs, MD and Lisa Staggs  
Daniella and Bobby Sutton  
SVMIC  
T & T Family Foundation  
Tennessee Oncology  
Tennessee Titans  
Paul Teschan  
The Supper Club at Twelve Thirty Club  
Total Wine & More  
Alexander Townes, MD  
Douglas Wallace, MD  
James Warmbrod, MD  
Jule West, MD and David West  
Morgan Wills, MD and Heather Wills  
A-SQUARE YAG Family Foundation  
Michael Zanolli, MD and Julie Sandine, Esq





# FOUNDATION PARTNERS



The Medical Foundation of Nashville is grateful for our partners' unwavering support. Their confidence in our mission has fueled our determination to address community challenges and work towards a brighter future. As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate not only our accomplishments, but also the strength of the partnerships that made it all possible. Thank you to the following partners for being an integral part of our success.



United Way  
of Greater Nashville





**CHAMPIONING HEALTH**  
AND WELL-BEING  
THROUGHOUT MIDDLE TENNESSEE



## MORE ABOUT US

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE ALONG WITH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES



**Website**

[MEDICALFOUNDATIONOFNASHVILLE.ORG](http://MEDICALFOUNDATIONOFNASHVILLE.ORG)



**Phone**

615-712-6236



**Facebook**

[@MEDICALFOUNDATIONNASH](https://www.facebook.com/MEDICALFOUNDATIONNASH)



**Email**

[INFO@NASHVILLEMEDICINE.ORG](mailto:INFO@NASHVILLEMEDICINE.ORG)



**Twitter**

[@MEDFOUNDNASH](https://twitter.com/MEDFOUNDNASH)



**Office Address**

28 WHITE BRIDGE ROAD, STE. 400  
NASHVILLE, TN 37205