Our Mission
Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio is committed to improving the health of our community by fostering and funding clinical, educational, spiritual and scientific initiatives while honoring God and our Baptist heritage.

Our Vision
Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio is one of the Lord’s conduits to provide spiritual and healthcare services to His people and be a reflection of His presence in the community.

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Who We Are
The Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio was incorporated in 2004 to distribute grants annually to not-for-profit organizations which provide healthcare services and health education throughout Bexar County and contiguous counties in South Texas.

Join Us in Improving Our Community’s Health
As a valuable member of the Baptist Health System family, I hope you will take time to read the enclosed articles about several wonderful people and organizations who are making a difference in our community.

As you know, the Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio (BHFA) distributes grants annually to not-for-profit organizations that provide health care services and health education throughout Bexar County and the contiguous counties.

Since 2005, the Foundation, in conjunction with Baptist Health Services Foundation, has awarded 792 grants totaling $55,468,903 to organizations in our eight-countyregion. The Lord is using the Foundation to impact the community and change lives through the incredible work of our dedicated nonprofit organizations.

Although the Foundation is able to provide tremendous support throughout the community, there are always more needs than available funds.

Please consider helping by joining the Foundation in our work.

I encourage you to read the enclosed stories and think about how you can help further the mission of the Baptist Health Foundation.

In 1 Peter 4:10, we are commanded to use whatever gift we have received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.

I look forward to hearing from you as we join hands together to improve the health of our community.

May God’s blessings be yours,

Cody S. Knowlton
President & CEO
Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio
GIFT TO ALZHEIMER’S IS LARGEST IN FOUNDATION HISTORY

Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio (BHFSa) made an unprecedented grant in 2015 of $1,050,000 to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio toward South Texas’ first Institute for Alzheimer and Neurodegenerative Disease, which will be named in honor of Glenn Biggs. This grant is the largest in the Foundation’s history.

“As the academic health center for San Antonio and South Texas, we are called upon to serve our community,” William L. Henrich, MD, MACP, President of the Health Science Center said. “We are grateful for this landmark grant from the Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio, which supports our vision of providing an institute that focuses on new discoveries, treatments and auxiliary services to help those suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders.”

The Biggs Institute is a response to the needs of the estimated 340,000 patients in Texas. It will include experts currently on the Health Science Center faculty and will fuel the recruitment of others.

Cody Knowlton, President and CEO of BHFSa, said the trustees were inspired by the vision of Dr. Henrich and the School of Medicine to initiate the Biggs Institute for Alzheimer and Neurodegenerative Disease, and “decided to make a strategic investment to establish this much-needed resource for San Antonio and South Texas.”

Given his keen interest and passion for Alzheimer’s research and treatment, Foundation Trustee Jimmie Thurmond Jr. gave $50,000 to add to the million-dollar grant.

With the new grant to the Biggs Institute for Alzheimer and Neurodegenerative Disease, BHFSa has awarded $3.2 million for Health Science Center scholarships and programs in 2015. (See photo pg.1)

AWARD PRESENTED TO LINDSEY PAINTER

A teacher who donated one of her kidneys to a student in her first-grade class was the recipient of the Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio’s 2015 Spirit of Health Award.

Each year, BHFSa honors someone who has contributed to improving community health. Painter was given the award in 2015 for saving her student’s life and also for shining a spotlight on living organ donation.

She shared her story with people from around the world.

Matthew Parker, one of three triplets in Painter’s first-grade class at Hoffman Elementary School near New Braunfels, was diagnosed with end-stage renal failure. A previously transplanted kidney was failing. The little boy was able to attend class only two days each week due to dialysis treatments three days a week.

Matthew’s parents, who had been searching for a donor for approximately two years, took their search to the media. When Painter became aware of their situation, she volunteered to be tested. Hospital personnel told her there was only a one percent chance that she would be a match, or even that a second donor would be found for Matthew.

On Christmas Eve, Painter received the call that she was a match for Matthew. She began the lengthy process of preparing for the kidney donation, using her personal time to undergo testing, blood work and other screenings prior to the transplant.

After a successful surgery on March 19, 2015, both Painter and Matthew are fully recovered and back at school.

Painter lives in New Braunfels with her husband and two sons, ages 10 and 6. In her honor, BHFSa donated $500 to Transplants for Children, an organization that assists children and families with the challenges associated with organ transplantation.

“Though not a member of the medical community, Painter’s contributions to improving the health of the community are significant,” said Cody Knowlton, President and CEO of BHFSa.

“Mrs. Painter’s selfless gift to her student not only saved the life of a six-year-old boy, but also helped educate the world about living organ donation through her experience,” Knowlton said. “Her story sparks inspiration and encouragement to those needing organ transplants and those who can help them.”

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FOUNDATION’S WORK IN THE COMMUNITY AT www.bhfsa.org, EMAIL INFO@BHFSA.ORG, OR CALL 210-735-9009.

2015 SPIRIT OF HEALTH AWARD PRESENTED TO LINDSEY PAINTER

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTS BHS NURSING STUDENTS

Devoted, caring, passionate and giving. This is how family and friends described the late Juanita Marie McCarble. When McCarble passed away in 2015, her husband, Pierre C. McCarble, did what he knew would have delighted his wife. With the help of the Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio, he established an endowed scholarship in her name to support nursing students at her alma mater in San Antonio.

The Juanita Marie McCarble Endowed Scholarship Fund benefits nursing students attending the Baptist Health System’s School of Health Professions where McCarble became a student at age 17. At that time, the school had been in existence since 1903. McCarble graduated from nursing school in 1951 and practiced nursing until she retired in 1966.

St. Luke’s Auxiliary Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide scholarship assistance to students attending the Baptist Health System’s School of Health Professions.

The St. Luke’s Auxiliary is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting patients at St. Luke’s Baptist Hospital and to support the education of outstanding future health care providers.

“We are so grateful to the St. Luke’s Auxiliary for partnering with us in the enormous mission of educating the next generation of caring and compassionate health care providers,” said Cody Knowlton, President and CEO of the Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio. “Because of their gift, many students in need of financial assistance will be able to achieve their dream of a quality education, a fulfilling career and a bright future.”

The St. Luke’s Auxiliary was established in October 1956 to support Lutheran General Hospital. In June 1977, it expanded to include St. Luke’s Lutheran Hospital. Lutheran General Hospital closed in September 1991 and St. Luke’s Lutheran Hospital continued until 1994 when it merged with the Baptist Health System. In October 2013, Baptist Health System merged with Tenet Healthcare Corporation, which continues to operate St. Luke’s Baptist Hospital today.

For more information about partnering with the Baptist Health Foundation to establish an Endowed Scholarship, please visit www.bhfsa.org, contact Liz Cantu at lcantu@bhfsa.org or call 210-735-9009.