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.

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.

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(L-R) Cody Knowlton, BHFPSA President & CEO presents the Spirit of Health Award to Pastor Ray Still.

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Pastor Ray Still has led the Oakwood Baptist Church in New Braunfels for 25 years. Under his leadership, church membership has grown from 400 to more than 5,800, and the church holds six services each Sunday.

He demonstrates his deep commitment to health through leadership of a charitable health clinic, service on hospital boards, personal health accomplishments, and his leadership at church and in the wider community. Still encourages the congregation to actively care for all aspects of their health, and he has led the church to create several ministries that specifically promote physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Previous recipients of the Spirit of Health Award include the San Antonio Police Department Mental Health Unit; CentroMed Founder Ernesto Gomez, Ph.D.; Lindsay Painter, a teacher in New Braunfels who donated a kidney to one of her students; Fernando Guerra, M.D., former Director of Health for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District; George Gaston, Ph.D., retired Vice President of Mission and Ministry for Baptist Health System; and Jim Potyka, M.D., a former Baptist Health System Emergency Department Physician.

In a statewide survey by the Baptist General Convention of Texas (Baptists), 30 percent of pastors admit to being under financial stress, 40 percent work more than 60 hours per week, 9 percent of pastors do not have health insurance and another 25 percent are on a government health insurance plan.

The negative effect of these stressors is being studied for the first time thanks to a $1 million grant from the Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio to New Braunfels Christian Ministries.

Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover:
- If you have questions, need more information, or would like to expeditate an IRA charitable rollover, please contact the Foundation at 210-735-9009 or email info@bhfsa.org.

$7.2 Million in Grants to Area Nonprofits to Support Health-Related Initiatives

In 2005, the Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio began awarding grants in an effort to improve health in the community. Its purpose is to fund not-for-profit health care services and health education in an eight-county geographic area: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina, and Wilson. To date, $75 million has been awarded over the past 13 years to area nonprofits.

The Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio was saddened to learn of the May 10, 2019, passing of SGH (R) Nathan "Nate" Thomas. Thomas, 66, of San Antonio, had served the Foundation with distinction since 2015.

Thomas was born in Crawfordsville, AR and began his US military service in 1972. He served his country for 25 years and was a highly decorated soldier earning MSM (1st OLC), ARCOM (3OLC), AAM (1OCL), GCMDL (7 awards), NDSM (2 awards), SWA Service Medal (3 Bronze Stars) and the Kuwait Liberation Medal for Heroic and Meritorious Achievements. He retired in March 1997 and lived in Germany as a government contractor for the Housing Department. Thomas later moved to San Antonio to start his own business, Thomas Special Services, and was a member of the Bulverde Chamber of Commerce. He also was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Thomas is survived by his mother, daughter, and son, as well as three brothers, two sisters, and a host of other family members. Thomas will be missed greatly. His contagious smile, positive spirit and love for the Lord impacted everyone who knew him.

In thinking about a grant meant for a spiritual initiative, we realized if your church is healthy, and if your church is healthy, then your community is healthy,” said BHFSF President & CEO Cody Knowlton.

The $1 million grant is just one of dozens awarded to worthy organizations in Bexar County and its surrounding counties. The Foundation awarded $7.2 million in grants to nearly 100 nonprofit organizations to help fund health-related initiatives. Other grants include:
- $160,000 to the Medina County Food Pantry in Hondo, where the money will help construct a 3,000-square-foot commercial grade metal building for a new Food Pantry.
- $100,000 from your IRA charitable rollover, please contact the Foundation at 210-735-9009 or email info@bhfsa.org.