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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.

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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This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

2 Corinthians 9:12

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(L-R) Cody Knowlton, BHFSA 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.

In 2008, Still led the effort to establish New Braunfels Christian Ministries and its Volunteers in Medicine clinic. The clinic – which partners with CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital New Braunfels and Resolute Health Hospital of the Baptist Health System – provides quality medical and dental care at no cost to local uninsured residents of New Braunfels and Comal County. Over the last 10 years, the clinic team has provided more than 51,000 patient visits.

Still also has led efforts that resulted in healthy snacks and meals being provided daily to more than 250 under-resourced students from 12 elementary schools through the Kids' Club program, and he has championed the Kids' Club garden, which provides fresh produce for Kids' Club meals, students' families, and Volunteers in Medicine patients. He also initiated the creation of NBCM's Harvest Food Pantry to provide healthy groceries to families of school-aged children.

Each year, BHFSa honors a person or organization that has contributed to improving community health. Still embodies that spirit and has helped thousands of people in New Braunfels and the greater Comal County community.

Previous recipients of the Spirit of Health Award include the San Antonio Police Department Mental Health Unit; CentroMed Founder Ernesto Gomez, Ph.D.; Lindsey 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.

\$7.2 MILLION IN GRANTS TO AREA NONPROFITS TO SUPPORT HEALTH-RELATED INITIATIVES

In a statewide survey by the Baptist General Convention of Texas (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



(L-R) Dr. David Hardage, Executive Director, Texas Baptists, and Cody Knowlton, BHFSa President & CEO

Foundation of San Antonio. This will benefit all eight counties served by the Foundation, where there are more than 600 Baptist churches.

The Spiritual Initiative Grant funded a program that will hire a pastor to serve other pastors, create a pastors' relief fund, and help pay for holistic conferences and retreats.

"In thinking about a grant meant for a spiritual initiative, we realized if your

pastor's healthy, then your church is healthy, and if your church is healthy, then your community is healthy," said BHFSa 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.

- \$50,000 to the Adult and Teen Challenge of Texas, a year-long, residential, faith-based program for men, women and teens struggling with addiction. The grant will fund a new program serving pregnant women and women with young children. Plans call for the organization to build out an existing 5,000-square-foot metal building on their South Side campus into a 36-bed dorm, which will become home to their existing women's program. And the home currently housing residents will then become a home for 7-10 pregnant women and women with children.

- Other grants included: Atascosa Health Center \$350,000, Medina Healthcare Fund \$458,000, Arthur Nagel Community Clinic \$60,000, and New Braunfels Christian Ministries \$48,500.

The Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio began awarding grants in 2005 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.

FOUNDATION CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF TRUSTEE NATE THOMAS



The Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio was saddened to learn of the May 10, 2019, passing of SGM (R) Nathan "Nate" Thomas, 66, of San Antonio. Thomas 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 (1OLC), 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.

He 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.

CREATIVE GIVING OPTION: IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

Are you looking for a way to help further the mission of the BHFSa? If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be interested in a way to lower the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. An IRA charitable rollover is a way you can help improve the health of San Antonio and benefit this year.

Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover:

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA

- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Help improve the health of San Antonio through the work of the BHFSa

****Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction**



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