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1 Chronicles 29:14

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) Asst. Chief Anthony Trevino, SAPD Mental Health Detail, receives the Spirit of Health Award from Cody Knowlton, BHFSa President & CEO.

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More than 100,000 people have been diverted away from jail or emergency rooms thanks to the work of the San Antonio Police Department's Mental Health Detail and its Crisis Intervention Training program. The program has reduced the need to use force and instead has helped to connect people with the mental health services they need.

For their innovative work in helping San Antonio residents get mental health help, SAPD's Mental Health Detail is the 2017 Baptist Health Foundation's Spirit of Health award recipient.

The mental health detail is made up of officers who are specially trained to recognize and handle mental health calls, said San Antonio Police Sgt. Bart Vasquez. The department provides 40

hours of crisis management training.

"The 10 individuals, the 10 officers, are truly deserving of this award," Vasquez said. "These 10 officers are some of the most caring officers I have met in my time with the police department, when it comes to individual mental illness."

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—Sergeant Bart Vasquez

Vasquez said the unit takes its work home with them. "At night, they are taking calls when they're off. They're advising families with where to take their loved ones and where to get help and

treatment. These 10 officers truly are the best of the department."

Each year BHFSa honors a person or organization that has contributed to improving community health. SAPD's Mental Health Detail exemplifies that spirit and has helped thousands of people in the San Antonio community.

Previous recipients of the Spirit of Health Award include CentroMed Founder Dr. Ernesto Gomez; 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.

\$2 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS DEDICATED TO SUPPORT HEALTHCARE CAREER DREAMS FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

Officials and guests gathered at the August 2nd Scholarship Press Conference held at First Baptist Church. Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio (BHFSa), the

Tenet Healthcare Foundation and Baptist Health System (BHS) announced a \$2 million scholarship program that will help make a higher education accessible for economically disadvantaged high school graduates in our community who want to pursue a career in healthcare.

As a part of BHFSa's traditional scholarship program (initiated in 2005), this new initiative is being managed by and funded with a \$1,076,000 grant from BHFSa. A generous gift of \$1,000,000 to be paid over the next five years is being given to the scholarship program from the Tenet Healthcare Foundation, part of Tenet Healthcare, the parent company of BHS.

The need-based scholarships will go to students enrolled in health-related academic programs at the Bachelor's degree level and below. Priority will

be given to graduates from six school districts: Edgewood, Harlandale, San Antonio, South San Antonio, Southside, and Southwest. After being awarded to students in the six school districts, remaining funds will be awarded to graduates from other San Antonio area school districts. Scholarship dollars will be given to 12 universities and colleges in the San Antonio area that have health-related academic programs such as Nursing, Pharmacology, Social Work, Psychology, Nutrition, Dental, Medical, Counseling, Therapeutic Care, Hospital Administration, and EMT. Scholarships will also be awarded to students enrolled in post-baccalaureate health-related programs on the basis of need and merit.

Cody Knowlton, President & CEO of BHFSa, said giving priority to these high school districts presents a double



(L-R) Cody Knowlton, BHFSa President & CEO; Marie Quintana, President, Tenet Healthcare Foundation and Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer, Tenet Healthcare; Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff; Matt Stone, President & CEO, BHS, and Daniel Waldmann, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, Tenet Healthcare.

opportunity to impact the health of the community. "First, by making an education possible to those who need it most, and second, since education is the great equalizer, having an education leads to better health, better jobs, better family life, better housing and better opportunities to get out of poverty," said Knowlton. "This priority does not exclude students with need in other school districts around San Antonio. It just gives the first shot to those six districts that have the highest need."

"It is our privilege to help support the education of the next generation of healthcare providers," said Ron Rittenmeyer, Executive Chairman and CEO of Tenet Healthcare.

"This scholarship ensures that our future

caregivers represent a cross section of our community and rewards students who have excelled but who may not have equal access to the resources needed to realize their dreams of a career in healthcare," said Matt Stone, President & CEO of BHS.

Some of the factors taken into consideration in selecting the priority districts included the percent of population below the poverty level, per capita income, unemployment levels, educational attainment, crowding level (percentage of housing units with more than one occupant per room), dependency amount (combined percent of the population under age 18 and above age 65), affordable rental costs and life expectancy.

BHFSa has awarded more than 10,000 scholarships since its inception for a total of nearly \$12 million.



Jose Paramo, Scholarship Recipient

LANDMARK GRANTS AWARDED TO CENTROMED AND CHILDSAFE



In 2017, BHFSa awarded CentroMed a grant in the amount of \$600,000 to help fund its new Indian Creek Clinic located on a 6-acre site at Ray Ellison Boulevard and Old Pearsall Road. That's an area that the federal government, as well as the Metropolitan Health District, recognizes as medically underserved and in need of more health care professionals

and services. Construction includes a 16,000-square-foot primary care clinic and a 19,000-square-foot fitness center. CentroMed will operate the facilities under a unique agreement with Bexar County.



In 2017, ChildSafe received the third largest grant ever awarded by BHFSa

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 percent 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 Office at 210-735-9009 or email at info@bhfsa.org.