



Foundation News

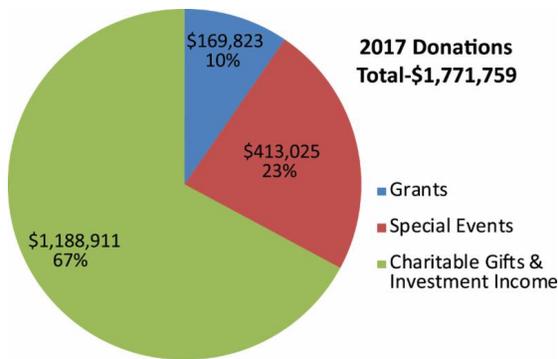
Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi is the charitable support and philanthropic entity for the North Mississippi Medical Center system. Donations from corporations, business partners, grant funders, grateful patients and families, physicians and NMMC employees support a wide variety of health care needs.

Our Mission

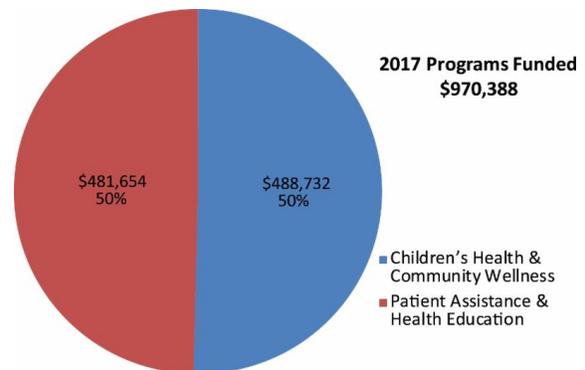
To provide charitable resources and philanthropic innovation to support the continued improvement of health of the people of this region.

Our Vision

To be the leading authority in health care philanthropy and a principal charitable partner for community-based, non-profit health and wellness collaborations.



Annual Report 2017



Jim Spruiell Memorial Scholarship

The NMMC CareFlight staff recently presented the first Jim Spruiell Memorial Scholarship to his daughter, Madison Spruiell (center), of Sulligent, Ala. Her father was one of three people who died Nov. 19, 2017, in a medical helicopter crash in rural Arkansas. The helicopter, which was operated by Pafford EMS and Air Methods, was en route from Pine Bluff, Ark., to DeWitt, Ark., when the crash occurred.



Jim Spruiell joined NMMC in 1992 as a paramedic and later transferred to CareFlight as a flight paramedic. He earned an associate degree in nursing and transitioned into the role of flight nurse in 2000. He was promoted to chief flight nurse in 2015. The scholarship will be awarded to individuals who are pursuing a career in a health care-related field. The Jim Spruiell Memorial Scholarship is founded in memory of his impressive work ethic and passion to help others, whether in the field or in the classroom.

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HealthWorks!

In 2009 HealthWorks! North Mississippi, the nation's first replicated children's health education center, opened its doors to children, families and schools throughout the north Mississippi region. Located on Industrial Drive in Tupelo, the center provides dynamic curriculum-based health education that inspires children and families to live healthier lives.

Since opening, more than 220,000 students, teachers and parents have visited the center and participated in its unique program offerings.

January-July 2018 Highlights:

- Hosted 97 field trips from schools in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee
- Provided outreach programming in Tupelo, Pontotoc, Plantersville, Nettleton, Starkville, Oxford and Richland
- Hosted NMMC's Family Medicine Conference, Summer Health Academy, Camp Sugarhouse Rock for children with diabetes, Junior Auxiliary's SHINE and United Way programming
- New programs this summer: Safe Sitter babysitting class for preteens and Professional Development classes for regional school teachers
- Received grants from: Appalachian Regional Commission, Toyota Mississippi and Tupelo's Quality of Life Committee

Testimonials:

"Came with my son's kindergarten class from Starkville and it did not disappoint! The kids enjoyed every minute we were there and it's all my son has talked about since then. Thank you for a great time!" – Kristen Ellis, parent

"I think it is a great place and very educational. That was our first time and my granddaughter and two great-grandchildren enjoyed it very much!" – Barbara Traxler, parent

Upcoming at HealthWorks!

- New semester of Health and P.E. classes for home-schooled students began in August



- Adding a new field trip program to our lineup for the 2019 school year

Physician Shadowing Program

Twenty years ago the Foundation began working with family and friends of Dr. P.K. Thomas, Jr. to honor his memory and lifetime of service through the P.K. Thomas, Jr. M.D. Education Fund. A centerpiece program of the fund is the NMMC Physician Shadowing Program. Since that time more than 100 pre-med college students have spent four-week internships shadowing physicians and staff to gain valuable experience. This summer 12 students participated in NMMC's Physician Shadowing Program. Participating students must have completed their second year of college in pursuit of a medical career. For more information, call (662) 377-3613.



Dawson's Dream

Chris and Krissy Howell of Mantachie (far left) and their children, 4-year-old Presley and 4-month-old Landry, recently presented \$10,000 to the Foundation from Dawson's Dream, a fund the Howells started after the loss of their son, Dawson.

Dawson's Dream provides home apnea monitors for NICU graduates from the NMMC Women's Hospital during their first critical months at home.

Medical Laboratory Science Scholarships

Dean Hancock (right), Foundation president, recently presented \$600 scholarships to Clinton Myers (third from left) of Laurel and Millie Sprayberry of Nettleton in memory of Paul Hamblin, who served as director of NMMC's Pathology Department from 1961-1970. Myers graduated from Mississippi College, and Sprayberry will graduate from the University of Mississippi. Upon successful completion of NMMC's medical laboratory science program, the students will be eligible for national certification. Working closely with them are Lee Montgomery, director of NMMC's Medical Laboratory Science Program, and Toni Presley, administrative director of the NMMC Pathology Department. The Paul Hamblin Memorial Scholarship has been given annually since 1972.



NMMC Employees Are Important Donors!

"I give to HCF because it helps so many worthy causes, especially here in the heart of north Mississippi. HCF provides funding to many patient care funds, which helps so many of our patients. Our area is very blessed to have HCF. I am glad I have an opportunity to help someone by giving."

Rick Blansett, Print Shop

"I help others because I would want someone to help me if the roles were reversed. There's no greater joy than serving others."

Christy Whitley, Women's Hospital

"The Health Care Foundation is an excellent program for giving. It is an easy way to reach out and make a difference in the lives of individuals across varied spectrums. The HCF impacts our community in areas of health, education, facility projects to support delivery of care, and in crisis situations. I am proud to contribute to an entity with a philosophy of serving and helping others in need."

Marie Barnes, NMMC-Pontotoc

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Philanthropy touches every patient and family member in one way or another, so each donation—regardless of the amount—will make a difference for the patients and families we care so deeply about.

NMMC employees and physicians are invited to join Health Care Foundation's annual giving campaign by making a payroll deduction or one-time personal contribution. In 2017, Health Care Foundation received approximately \$1.7 million of charitable support from 2,799 donors to support patient care at NMMC hospitals, community wellness and children's health programs. Employee giving allows every member of the NMMC family to help support our hospitals' mission and provide for health care needs through personal financial contributions.

Why Should I Give?

Giving back to our hospital sends a powerful statement to your colleagues and our community. We rely on the generosity of our community so that we may continue to provide outstanding primary and specialty care. Each year, contributions from thousands of individuals support everything from scholarships, patient assistance, diabetes education and children's health programs to innovations in patient care that aren't part of our hospital's operating budget. Join the community and your fellow colleagues today in supporting NMMC's vision to be the nation's best provider of patient and family-centered care.

How Do I Donate?

There are many ways to donate. You can donate online, through payroll deductions on your secured Emplink account, or by completing and returning our donation form. Payroll deductions are available for hospital employees and employed physicians only.