Mission and History

The Medical Foundation of Nashville empowers the community by supporting health access, promoting healthy lifestyles, championing health and medical education, and cooperating with other charitable entities to work towards a healthier Nashville. Specific activities include public health education, coordinated charity care (Project Access Nashville Specialty Care), and education for physicians and physicians in training.

The Medical Foundation of Nashville was established in 2018, when it was transferred the charitable and educational programs of the Nashville Academy of Medicine, including Project Access Nashville Specialty Care (PANSC), which was established in 2005.
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The Project Access Nashville Specialty Care program inspires hope each time a patient receives the healing they need with the help of a volunteer physician specialist. Patients like Jane drive the work of the Foundation.

In 2019, PANSC received an oncology referral for Jane, a 38-year old mother of three who had been diagnosed with a papillary carcinoma (a form of thyroid cancer). Within two weeks of receiving the referral, she was scheduled to see an oncologist through PANSC, who referred her to an endocrine surgeon through PANSC. Within a month of her initial specialty care appointment, she was scheduled for surgery to remove her cancer, which went well.

After surgery, her endocrine surgeon referred her to an endocrinologist through PANSC for ongoing management of her thyroid levels. Following each appointment, she contacts our care coordinators to update us on how the appointments have gone and how she is feeling about her treatment.

She always expresses her gratitude for PANSC and our physician specialists. Without PANSC, she would have no means of accessing specialty healthcare. Because she has access to healthcare, she is healing and continuing to care for her family.
Last year, the Project Access Nashville Specialty Care program was able to coordinate medically necessary specialty care for patients throughout Davidson, Rutherford, and Williamson counties in collaboration with our clinic, community, and hospital partners.

$1.97M
*the value of donated medical care to our patients

18,950
the number of connections between our staff and patients

4,339
the number of health outreach engagements to our patients, physicians, and community

*Updated May 2020 to reflect year end final data.
Volunteers are essential to the continued success of the organization. Last year, Nashville-area healthcare providers and community members gave their time, talents, and expertise to inspire hope and healing for the low-income, uninsured patients we serve.

1,767
the number of clinical hours volunteered

192
the number of non-clinical hours volunteered

48.98
the number of work weeks volunteered by clinical and non-clinical volunteers

*Updated May 2020 to reflect year end final data.*
Since March 2005, the Project Access Nashville Specialty Care program (formerly Bridges to Care Plus), has been coordinating specialty care for our neighbors in need. This history propels the program forward with each new patient served and each new connection made.

- **1,444** the number of volunteer physicians donating care
- **43.8M** the value of donated medical care to our patients since 2005
- **30,887** *the number of specialty care appointments coordinated since 2005
- **5,534** *the number of connections established between patients and volunteer physicians

*Updated May 2020 to reflect year end final data.*
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