FROM OUR CEO

In many ways, 2022 has been an amazing year for the Medical Foundation of Nashville. It marked the fifth year of independent operations, the launch of our physician wellness program, PROSPER, and another set of records broken as Project Access Specialty Care continues to support health access and address social determinants of health.

This report includes some of those new records that will continue to motivate our team as well as other achievements of our organization, but the real inspiration is the patients who continue to pursue healing with the support of the team and the physicians who care for them. While there are some big wins on the pages to come, there are also countless small wins that provide the daily inspiration, such as being able to provide an essential resource to a patient, a volunteer physician who finds space to see an urgent case, and a vital connection made by two physicians at an event. The impact of all the connections our team provides through their work with patients, physicians, and the community are challenging to quantify, but if you’ve experienced them, you know how meaningful it can be to have a candid conversation with a colleague outside of clinic, whether it’s about a case, the business of practice, or something personal, and if you’ve cared for a PANSC patient, you know how very grateful they are to have the access to healthcare. These connections support the health of us all, and are so very important to the way we care for ourselves and each other.

As the Medical Foundation of Nashville continues to pursue our mission in 2023, we are celebrating these achievements, and looking forward to serving our patients, physicians and physicians-in-training, and community. I would love for you to join us as a volunteer for Project Access Nashville Specialty Care, either in your office or ours, as a participant in an event in support of physicians and physicians-in-training, or as a donor to support our work and share it with the community. With your partnership, 2023 will be our greatest year yet, and I look forward to continuing to work together to pursue our mission of working towards a healthier Middle Tennessee.

Rebecca Leslie, MBA
Chief Executive Officer
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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MISSION MOMENT

The Medical Foundation of Nashville supports health access through the Project Access Nashville Specialty Care Program. Susie’s story is just one example of how traditional health access and addressing non-medical, health-related needs are supporting patients.

Susie was referred to PANSC by her specialist’s office, when they realized she didn’t have insurance. She was referred to the specialist as self-pay by her primary care clinic and was diagnosed through the Tennessee Breast and Cervical Screening Program. As a late 40s mother of two young adults, Susie was terrified of her breast cancer diagnosis. She and her family haven’t lived in the US long enough to qualify for TennCare, so PANSC was her only hope. Susie was so relieved when she got the call late on a Friday afternoon that PANSC would cover her care.

Her care coordinators say that Susie quickly replies to any communication and is so very grateful for the care she’s received from her volunteer physician specialists and Project Access. Since her enrollment began this past summer, she’s had biopsies, surgery, chemotherapy, and physical therapy to support her full recovery, which is still in progress due to the development of lymphedema. Susie was also referred to Gilda’s Club and Meals for Health and Healing to provide additional support. PANSC was even able to help Susie get a prosthetic following her single mastectomy, and she’s relieved her clothes will still fit the same so she can get as close as possible to feeling like herself, once she’s healed a bit more.

Susie plans to visit PANSC to meet the rest of the team who’s cared for her very soon. She acknowledges she could have died if she’d not had access to healthcare, but with the help of PANSC and her team of amazing volunteer physician specialists and ancillary services, Susie is starting to return to work and her previous lifestyle. She is so very appreciative of PANSC, her volunteer physician specialists, and all who’ve helped her to return to her family and her life.
Since 2005, PANSC has operated with a mission to serve our community through providing comprehensive support to patients lacking access to affordable healthcare.

For the Project Access Nashville Specialty Care program, 2022 was an incredible year. In 2022, PANSC continued to set new program records and to expand the scope in which the program serves patients. With the expansion of key wrap around services to assist with reducing the burden of a number of social determinants of health, the program made strides toward assisting our patients in living healthier lives.
Throughout 2022, PANSC continued to expand into the Middle Tennessee region. PANSC is continuing to expand partnerships in the region by establishing new relationships with clinic and community partners.
BENEFITS OF BECOMING A PANSC PHYSICIAN

FLEXIBLE COMMITMENTS
Customize your level of commitment and choose from telehealth, phone consults, or in-office visits. Our appointments easily integrate into your clinic schedule.

LIABILITY COVERAGE
The Volunteer Health Services Act extends protection to physicians providing charity care. As a volunteer through PANSC, you are protected.

CASE MANAGED CARE
All enrolled patients in PANSC have access to comprehensive case management with our care management team.

SIMPLE BILLING
Our team collects all billing and reimbursement paperwork and volunteers can receive CME for participating as a volunteer through our program.

EASY REFERRALS
Our team coordinates referrals and guides the patient through each appointment. PANSC patients have a 98% rate of attendance at appointments.

CARE NETWORK
Join a collective of physicians donating specialty care from different practices and hospital affiliations. This makes referrals easy.

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PHYSICIANS BALL

On August 13, 2021, the Medical Foundation of Nashville held the Physicians Ball, an event for doctors and others in the medical community to gather for an evening of fun while raising funds to support the work of the organization, with great success. The Physicians Ball is a rare space providing a fun environment for physicians to be together without the stress of practice, and celebrate our healthcare community. Attendees enjoyed dinner and dancing, along with a silent auction and brief program.

If you’re interested in more information about the 2023 Physicians Ball on Saturday, October 21, please visit www.nashvillemedicine.org/physiciansball.
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