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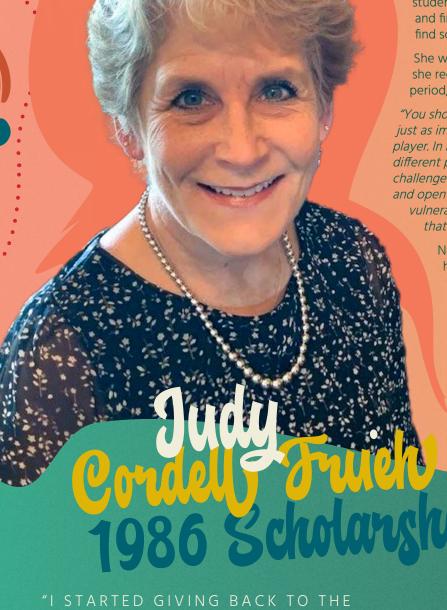
Foundation all while our health-centered our community grants program deepened

We awarded our first round of community expanding access to care, promoting health

and allied health scholarships remove barriers for nursing faculty awards and medical symposiums allow current health care professionals to build upon their training. Expanding access to care and promoting health equity are both present in our cancer patient assistance programs — Verda's Place and the Dr. Kelley Young Memorial Fund. Our injury prevention programs have continued to make an impact on the health of Kansas City youth by teaching them how to prevent traumatic injuries and deaths through education on safe driving, seat belt usage, and other safety measures.

It was a busy year full of fun challenges and new opportunities. The Research Foundation wouldn't be involved in these developments without our donors and volunteers. You are essential to our organization. Your generosity and commitment allowed us to discover new potential within our organization. And we look forward to expanding our positive impact in our community with this support. Thank you for your dedication to The Research Foundation!

> Cynthia A. Randazzo President and CEO



FOUNDATION AFTER I GRADUATED. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A LARGE AMOUNT. A LITTLE EACH YEAR CAN ADD UP. I HOPE FUTURE RECIPIENTS WILL DO THE SAME BY SUPPORTING NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS OR DEVELOPING THEIR OWN SCHOLARSHIP SOMEDAY."

-ESTABLISHED THE JUDY D. CORDELL FRUEH 1986 SCHOLARSHIP

through The Research Foundation with a \$25,000 donation from Judy Frueh. Judy is a 1986 graduate of Research College of Nursing and has made charitable contributions to The Research Foundation for decades. Judy came to Research College of Nursing from a small, rural

The Judy D. Cordell Frueh 1986 Scholarship Fund was established

community. Going to school in Kansas City as a first-generation student was a big deal. She struggled financially, but instructors and financial aid staff helped guide her through the process and find scholarships to apply for financial assistance.

She was able to stay in school because of the scholarships she received and is proud of her persistence. It was a stressful period, but she gained perspective during her experience.

"You should never think a job is too beneath you. Bedpan duty is just as important as hanging an IV. You should always be a team player. In nursing, you get the opportunity to care for so many different people, different cultural backgrounds, and different challenges. Always meet people where they are and have a kind and open heart. It is an honor when people trust you enough to be vulnerable with their concerns and fears. Respect and treasure that gift."

> Now, Judy wants to pay it forward. She has dreamt of helping others in the same way her scholarships helped her. So, she has invested in future nurses who need financial help by establishing a scholarship through The Research Foundation. Her hope? The recipients become successful, compassionate nurses who are a blessing to those they care for.



PICTURED ABOVE:

scholarships to students accepted

total of \$258,865 was provided in 2023.

The Research Foundation awarded into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs at Avila University, Research College of Nursing, and William Jewell College. A

Undergraduate nursing students preparing for their junior and senior years in the three nursing programs were eligible to apply. Scholarships were awarded based on academic performance or financial need.

To learn more about establishing a scholarship fund, please call The Research Foundation at 816-276-4218.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2023

- •Robert E. Adams Nursing Scholarship
- Advisory Directors Nursing Scholarship
- •Helen Buchanan Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- •Cheri Burchett Memorial Scholarship
- •Class of 1959 Scholarship

Research College of Nursing

- •Class of 1975 Scholarship
- •Class of 1984 Scholarship
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 - •Dr. Kay Sullivan Memorial Scholarship
 - •The Research Foundation Nursing Scholarship
 - •Samantha Zech Memorial Nursing Scholarship
 - Mary Zeskey Scholarship

Ella Trinidad,

EXPLORE RCON

The Research Foundation supported high schoolers interested in nursing through funding for Explore RCoN, Research College of Nursing's summer nursing camp. Through a grant from the R.A. Long Foundation, The Research Foundation provided scholarships to students attending the camp and purchased t-shirts for all the students who attended. LEFT PHOTO: Jennifer De La Torre and Lily Endlsey.

Programs and Partnerships HEALTH CARE STUDENTS

WHITE COATS

The Research Foundation also participates in White Coat Ceremonies by funding white coats for nursing students at Research College of Nursing and William Jewell College, and Avila University. **RIGHT PHOTO:** Gisele Mfonfu accepting her white coat from Dr. Rebecca Saxton, Research College of Nursing.

EMERGENCY FUND

Ivila Additional Supports Addi The Research Foundation assists nursing students in emergency situations like housing insecurity, lack of transportation, utilities, food insufficiency, and other needs. The fund is available for nursing students at Avila University, Research College of Nursing, and William Jewell College.

"TIMES HAVE BEEN VERY HARD FOR MY FAMILY THESE PAST FEW YEARS AND THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION HAS MADE IT A SMOOTH, PAINLESS PROCESS TO GET FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. THE SCHOLARSHIP ALLOWED ME TO GIVE NURSING SCHOOL MY UNDIVIDED ATTENTION AND FOCUS ON MY NEW CAREER INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT PAYMENT DEADLINES AND LATE FEES. I AM TRULY GRATEFUL."

-NURSING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FROM THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Kiyah Neeley,

Felicia Gordon, scholarship recipient



scholarship recipient

Programs and Partnerships

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

The Research Foundation provided scholarships, awards, and grants to nurse educators on faculty at Research College of Nursing, Avila University, and William Jewell College.

DOCTORAL STUDY

Enhancing the recruitment and retention of doctorally prepared nurse educators in Kansas City by funding individuals pursuing a PhD, EdD, DNP, or DNE. Megan Ashcraft, MSN, Avila University Pamelia Bertrand, MSN, Research College of Nursing Cheryl Carlin, MSN, Avila University

Tiffany Condren, MSN, William Jewell College Tracy Koehler, MSN, Avila University

Nicole Kreimer, MSN, Research College of Nursing Julia Payne, MSN, Research College of Nursing Cassie Pearson, MSN, Research College of Nursing

Patricia Richter, DNP, William Jewell College Sarah Schlanker, MSN, Research College of Nursing

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Encouraging continuing education opportunities for Kansas City nursing faculty.

Anita Arnold, RN, Avila University Tracy Koehler, MSN, Avila University Madelyn Marshall, BSN, Avila University Patricia Richter, DNP, William Jewell College

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Celebrating nursing faculty members who make an impact at their college or university.

Cheryl Carlin, MSN, Avila University

Tiffany Condren, MSN, William Jewell College Karin Roberts, PhD, Research College of Nursing

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Honoring faculty members who are involved in outstanding community service.

Rhonda Brown, MSN, Avila University Rosalia Molina, PhD, Research College of Nursing Melissa Timmons, MSN, William Jewell College

SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT

Recognizing nursing faculty members who are advancing the teaching, research and practice of nursing.

Leah Buck, MSN, Avila University

Patricia Richter, DNP, William Jewell College

Christine Thurlow, PhD, Research College of Nursing

DR. NANCY O. DEBASIO FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Honoring nursing faculty who exhibit the four pillars of heroic leadership: self-awareness, ingenuity, heroism, and love.

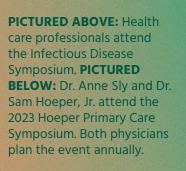
Cassie Pearson, MSN, Research College of Nursing

The Research Foundation awarded a Faculty Scholarship Grant to Dr. Maithe Enriquez of Research College of Nursing to pilot a project called Disfrutando la Vida con Diabetes in Belton, Missouri. The project is for Hispanic individuals who want to gain knowledge and skills to self-manage their Type-2 diabetes. Sessions were delivered in Spanish weekly for six weeks with a follow up session six weeks later.

PICTURED BELOW: Research College of Nursing faculty and students helped implement the pilot project. PICTURED BELOW: Dr. Rosalia Molina, Research College of Nursing, provides Type 2 diabetes self-care education to Hispanic community members.







Ed Bixby Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education and Kansas City Southwest Clinical Society to provide symposiums for area health care and the Research Medical Center Medical Staff.

Programs and Partnerships HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Dr. David McKinsey

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Verda's Verda's

Place is an appearance center for uninsured and underinsured cancer patients in the Kansas City community. In 2023, 74 cancer patients received assistance through Verda's Place.

The Research Foundation partners with Bra Couture KC to provide Verda's Place. Located in the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center at Research Medical Center, Verda's Place offers wigs, hats, scarves, bras, and other items for cancer patients. Support is also available for utilities, food cards, medications, and nutritional supplements for these patients as well as lymphedema services and prosthetics.



The Research Foundation partners with HappyBottoms to alleviate diaper needs for low-income mothers and babies at Research Medical Center. The partnership is part of HappyBottoms'
Bundles of Joy program that helps parents receive monthly diapers and other critical services to improve their financial stability once they leave the hospital.

A total of 44,925 diapers were provided to 599 mothers and their newborns at Research Medical Center in 2023.

-Mitton Weekly



A Research Medical Center patient received diapers from The Research Foundation and HappyBottoms.





Or. Kelley Joung Memorial Fund



Family and friends of oncologist Dr. Kelley Young established the Dr. Kelley Young Memorial Fund through The Research Foundation to expand support for cancer patients in need. In 2023, 27 cancer patients received assistance through the fund.

The Research Foundation offers support through the Dr. Kelley Young Memorial Fund to patients receiving care at Sarah Cannon Cancer Centers at Research Medical Center, Overland Park Regional Medical Center, and Menorah Medical Center. The fund provides support for utilities, food cards, medications, wigs, lymphedema services and prosthetics.

Think First of Greater (Kansus)

The Research Foundation's injury prevention program,
ThinkFirst of Greater Kansas City, provided programs to nearly 19,000 students in 57 schools during the 2022-2023 academic year.

The program stresses protecting the brain and spinal cord by covering topics like seat belt and helmet usage, water safety, speeding, distracted and impaired driving, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and avoiding violence. ThinkFirst speakers are survivors of traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries that teach students the consequences of careless decisions while urging them to make safe choices. The typical presentation format provides a free, school-based assembly to grades kindergarten through high school. Funding for the 2022-2023 program comes from the Missouri Department of Transportation and Kansas Department of Transportation.

PICTURED RIGHT: Students at Prairie Ridge Elementary spoke to Andrew Naylor, ThinkFirst speaker, about his spinal cord injury. **PICTURED BELOW:** Carl VanWinkle, ThinkFirst speaker, shared the story of his brain injury at Lee's Summit West High School.

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"THE SPEAKERS TALK TO
THE STUDENTS INSTEAD
OF TALKING AT THEM TO
KEEP THEM ENGAGED.
THEY ALSO ASK
QUESTIONS THAT ARE
THOUGHT PROVOKING
FOR OUR STUDENTS TO
THINK ABOUT."
-KANSAS CITY
SCHOOL EMPLOYEE



Programs and Partnerships KANSAS CITY YOUTH

PICTURED BELOW: Young Traffic



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The Research Foundation educated 797 young drivers at court-ordered YTOP classes during 2023.

The goal of the program is to raise awareness among young drivers of the consequences of careless driving. Participants begin the class by following the path of a car crash victim at a trauma center. Hospital staff share their experiences with crash victims in the emergency room, radiology, intensive care and physical therapy. Students meet young people who have suffered from permanent brain or spinal cord injuries as a result of a motor vehicle crash. Missouri State Highway Patrol Troopers talk about working crash sites and making death notifications to families. At the end of the program, attendees are required to write a one-page essay describing what they learned and how their driving habits will change.

PICTURED BELOW: Sarah Smith, ThinkFirst speaker,

shares the story of her car crash and spinal cord injury with RoadWise



CHANGE, I DON'T WANT ME OR MY FAMILY TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT CLASS. I WON'T SPEED. I WON'T TEXT AND DRIVE. GETTING TO MY DESTINATION IS WAY MORE IMPORTANT. THE TESTIMONIES FROM REAL VICTIMS MOVED ME AND ARE GOING TO DEFINITELY MAKE ME THINK FIRST BEFORE GETTING BEHIND

"MY DRIVING HABITS WILL

-YTOP ATTENDEE

THE WHEEL."

ROADWISE

The Research Foundation hosted a free class for 31 young drivers that focused on the importance of making good, safe decisions behind the wheel in 2023.

RoadWise attendees learn about seat belt use, impaired and distracted driving, and the dangers of speeding. The class is modeled after our court-appointed initiative, Young Traffic Offenders Program. RoadWise allows parents and guardians to expose their young driver to similar lessons taught in YTOP free of charge before they commit a moving violation or receive a ticket.

Grants

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Organizations that were awarded funding in the inaugural slate of grantees including The Children's Place, Kansas City CARE Clinic, and Children's Center for the Visually Impaired.

The Research Foundation announced the following organizations who were approved to receive funding through its new community grants initiative. The grants will support programs that expand access to care, promote health equity, and address the health care pipeline.

The Research Foundation focused its first-year grants on organizations with health-centered missions that primarily serve residents in Jackson County, Missouri, prioritizing urban



The foundation remains committed to its current programs that invest in nursing and allied health students and professionals, patients, and youth injury prevention. To maximize impact, the board of directors determined additional foundation funds could be used to support community health partnerships.



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PICTURED TOP:

Guests of Research Medical Center, 15th Research Royal Dinner & Auction Major Event Underwriter PICTURED BOTTOM: Cynthia Randazzo, The Research Foundation president and CEO, and Dr. Meg Garcia, 15th Research Royal Dinner & Auction chair.



The Research Foundation's donors and supporters captured the importance of nursing on Saturday, November 4 at the 15th Research **Royal Dinner & Auction, "Portraits** of Nursing." The event raised more than \$180,000 for The Research Foundation's nursing student scholarship program. Every dollar will

be awarded to scholarship recipients in the nursing programs at Avila University, Research College of Nursing, and William Jewell College.

The Research Royal Dinner & Auction included cocktails, dinner, and entertainment by DJ Ice Kole. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in a 50/50 raffle, wine pull, and silent auction. Charnai Banks, a senior at Research College of Nursing and recipient of a nursing scholarship from the foundation, shared remarks about her journey to nursing school and what The Research Foundation's scholarship has helped her achieve. Research College of Nursing Class of 2002 graduate, Michaela Logan, provided the invocation. Dr. Meg Garcia served as the chair of the event.

> Top sponsors included Research Medical Center, UMB Bank, and LabCorp. Other major sponsors include JE **Dunn Construction** and David E. Ross Construction.





PICTURED ABOVE LEFT:

Dr. Meghan Patni, Dr. Justin Van Meeteren, Dr. Ajay Eshcol, and Dr. Scott Koerber PICTURED ABOVE RIGHT: Dr. Paul Hancock, Research Medical Center CEO,

and Dr. David Rudman, 34th Annual Research Golf Classic chair.

2023 RESEARCH GOLF CLASSIC COMMITTEE

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PICTURED LEFT:

Dr. Erik Stamper, Dr. Jason Eppler, Dr. Tucker Lienhop, and Dr. Andrew Cusser.

The Golf Classic was hosted at Milburn Country Club in Overland Park, Kansas on Monday, August 21. Major sponsors included Research Medical Center, LabCorp, AT Abatement, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, C&C Group, JE Dunn Construction, Electrical Corporation of America, Integrated Openings Solutions, Stanger Inc., and VNA Home Health & Hospice. Dr. David Rudman chaired the event.

The 34th Annual Research Golf

Classic raised more than \$130,000

for The Research Foundation's health-

centered programs and partnerships.

Golfers enjoyed several activities throughout the day including a lunch sponsored by Pulse Design Group, a putting contest sponsored by ACI Boland Architects, and driving range sponsored by Culligan Water. The round of play was followed by a cocktail hour sponsored by Clarkson Construction Company and awards dinner sponsored by Medical Technology Associates, Golfers received a gift compliments of UMB Financial Corporation and golf balls sponsored by Anesthesia Associates of Kansas City and Design Mechanical, Inc. Beverage carts were sponsored by Ascentist Healthcare and BELFOR Property Restoration.



Memorial and Honorary Gifts

A wonderful way to remember your loved one who has passed away is by designating memorial contributions to The Research Foundation. Memorial contributions may be designated to support any of our health-centered programs and partnerships. A gift to The Research Foundation is also a wonderful way to honor a physician, nurse, or other professional that cared for you.

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