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TO OUR FRIENDS



The Research Foundation's work is based on building relationships with people – especially our donors and friends. Personal contact with our donors and those we serve has been a large part of our daily work. The COVID-19 pandemic changed all of our lives in drastic ways – and it changed the way The Research Foundation conducts its work as well.

It's easy to reflect on 2020 and become overwhelmed by what has changed. But during those changes, we came together and continued to make our health education and scholarship programs available to those we serve.

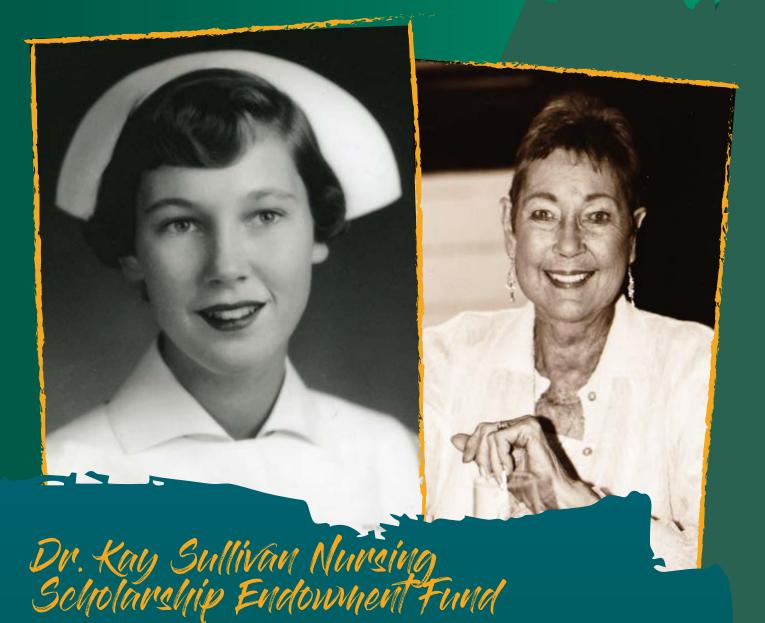
All our board and committee meetings moved to Zoom. Foundation staff worked from home for two months. Our Foundation board members looked to the future by conducting strategic planning meetings by Zoom to discuss program expansion. Our Advisory Directors honored nurses taking care of COVID patients by donating money for gifts of appreciation.

Many of our programs saw significant changes, too. Our ThinkFirst injury prevention school assemblies moved to a virtual format. Nursing scholarships were awarded during a virtual ceremony attended by nearly 100 nursing students, faculty, and donors. The Young Traffic Offenders Program (YTOP) was planned in a safe setting where health care professionals that present adapted their schedules to help us continue to educate young drivers. Our continuing medical and nursing education day-long symposiums moved from in-person to an online, interactive format. Requests from low-income cancer patients through Verda's Place continued to be funded during the pandemic.

A successful Research Golf Classic was hosted with changes to keep golfers and volunteers safe during COVID. And while it was not possible to host the Candlelight Ball, donors and sponsors still made the commitment to provide their support by participating as Candlelight Circle Supporters raising nearly \$100,000.

Now that 2020 is behind us, we appreciate that the year taught us a lot about the resilience of our organization and our volunteers. A pandemic might change the way we do business, but it doesn't change our dedication to our mission and those we serve. We are grateful that our supporters and friends stood by us last year. We look forward to continuing to build relationships with you and to expand our reach and program support in the community.

Cynthia A. RandazzoPresident and CEO



The Dr. Kay Sullivan Nursing Scholarship Endowment them. During her tenure as a nurse educator, she became Fund was created in 1999 by Dr. Sullivan's family to celebrate her commitment to the nursing profession and her retirement from Research College of Nursing. nursing students and helped educate and quide them at

Dr. Sullivan strongly believed in lifelong learning and the value of education. She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing in 1956, a Master's in Counseling in 1974, a Doctorate in Adult and Occupational Education in 1984. and a Master's in Nursing in 1992.

Before joining Research College of Nursing, she spent time at Avila University, Johnson County Community College, and Prime Health. At Research College of Nursing, Dr. Sullivan served as an advisor to the students in the accelerated BSN program from 1990 to her retirement in 1999. She passed away May 15, 2020.

She was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother as well as a beloved college professor. Dr. Sullivan was supportive and encouraging to students as they coped with the stresses of the one-year intensive accelerated BSN program. She would communicate regularly in writing to each student as well as talk directly with

well known for her unique style of supporting students through letters and personal notes. She was a mentor to the start of their nursing careers.

One former nursing student shared with the family, "Your mother was a role model, a teacher, an advocate, a leader, and friend. Her influence in my life and nursing career did not stop the day I graduated. Over the years, we kept in touch. She certainly left a legacy behind."

All the generous support that has been received since the fund's inception has allowed the endowment to reach more than \$100,000, which provides for two scholarships for accelerated BSN students annually.

"The Research Foundation is pleased to celebrate the life of our friend Dr. Kay Sullivan through these annual scholarships," said Cynthia Randazzo, President & CEO. "This permanent endowment fund allows Dr. Sullivan to continue encouraging and supporting nursing students as she did throughout her life."



The three leaders of the nursing programs at Avila University, Research College of Nursing, and William Jewell **College received their doctorate** degrees through funding from The **Research Foundation**

LEESA MCBROOM, PHD, APRN, FNP-C

William Jewell College Department of Nursing Chair

"The knowledge I gained in my doctoral program was invaluable to my professional growth as a nurse educator. Finishing a doctorate program deepened my understanding of the philosophy and science of nursing. This additional level of education aides me every day in encouraging new students to broaden their perspective, influencing faculty to pursue higher education, and representing nursing at local, state and national levels. The Research Foundation's funding made it possible to pursue my PhD while maintaining a family and a full-time faculty position. I am very grateful for the opportunity and the investment made in me."

JULIE NAUSER, PHD, RN, CNE **Research College of Nursing Dean**

"When I decided to pursue a PhD, the cost was certainly a factor I considered when choosing a school. When I learned of the opportunity to apply for funds from The Research Foundation, more doors were opened for me. The financial support allowed me to reduce my teaching workload by 20% so I was able to focus on coursework and complete it in a quicker time frame. As the Dean, I see many faculty benefit from this scholarship. We are grateful for the financial support from The Research Foundation to pursue doctoral education to enhance our

JANET REAGOR, PHD, RN

ability to educate our future nurses."

Avila University School of Nursing Chair "Pursuing my doctoral degree was one of the best things I ever did for myself. It opened a world of

possibilities. It allowed me to be welcomed into group meetings and discussions that had been closed before. This occurred not only in nursing but in the university environment as a whole. The Research Foundation's funding made the decision to return to school for my PhD possible. I applied and was accepted into a full-time program, but very limited scholarships were available. The foundation funding made it work!"

Munsing student scholarships

Nursing students from Avila University, Research College of Nursing and William Jewell College received \$313,654 in scholarships from The Research Foundation. 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 and/or financial need.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

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Faculty member at Research College of Nursing, Glenna Mahoney, DNP, was awarded \$3,500 for a research grant to improve access and quality of care provided to victims of sexual assault by using telehealth in rural communities.

Mahoney, Missouri State Senator Jill Schupp, and Collection of Victim Evidence Regarding Sexual Assault (COVERSA) representative Carolyn Cordle, RN (top photo) met in a legislative workgroup to discuss the needs of rural sexual assault victims. The purpose of the workgroup was to gather feedback and ideas from stakeholders and professionals in the field regarding rural access to forensic exams for victims of sexual assault

COVERSA nurses (bottom photo) gathered data for the grant project by developing protocols, a pilot mock-exam, and staff training.



The Research Foundation provided scholarships, awards and grants to nurse educators on faculty at Avila University, Research College of Nursing, and William Jewell College in 2020.

DOCTORAL STUDY

Enhancing the recruitment and retention of doctorally prepared nurse educators in Kansas City by funding individuals pursuing a PhD, EdD, or DNP.

Annette Behney, PhD, William Jewell College (2020)
Pamelia Betrand, MSN, Research College of Nursing
Jessica Brunsman, MSN, Avila University
Tiffany Condren, MSN, William Jewell College
Rosalia Molina, MSN, Research College of Nursing
Tobey Stosberg, MSN, Research College of Nursing
Camille Williams, MSN, Research College of Nursing

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Encouraging continuing education opportunities for Kansas City nursing faculty

Sheryl Max, MSN, Research College of Nursing

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

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

Cassie Pearson, MSN, Research College of Nursing **Debra Penrod**, MSN, William Jewell College

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Honoring faculty members who are involved in outstanding service to the community

Rhonda Brown, MSN, Avila University
Tiffany Condren, MSN, William Jewell College
Rebecca Saxton, PhD, Research College of Nursing

SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT

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

Sarah Light, MSN, William Jewell College

DR. NANCY O. DEBASIO FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

Kristen Blochlinger, MSN, William Jewell College

RESEARCH GRANTS

Facilitating faculty development by funding short-term research study projects

Glenna Mahoney, DNP, Research College of Nursing



29,211 STUDENTS
REACHED DURING THE
2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

ThinkFirst of Greater Kansas City, The Research Foundation's injury prevention program, experienced significant change during the COVID-19 pandemic. The typical presentation format provides a free, school-based assembly to grades kindergarten through high school. ThinkFirst was put on hold when school districts in the Greater Kansas City metro closed in March. With learning occurring in several different formats during the fall months of 2020, our injury prevention team learned how to use video conferencing and educational technology to share our message in a virtual format.

The venue has changed, but the message remains the same. Health educators and individuals who have sustained a permanent brain or spinal cord injury present the importance of making safe choices to prevent traumatic injuries and deaths. The presentations cover a variety of topics including distracted driving, promoting seat belt usage, sports and recreation safety, helmet usage, motor-vehicle safety, water safety, and avoiding violence.

ThinkFirst of Greater Kansas City is part of the ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation. Funding is provided by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation, Destination Safe Coalition and E. Kemper Carter and Anna Curry Carter Community Memorial Trust, UMB Bank, n.a., Trustee.

568 YOUNG DRIVERS ATTENDED YTOP IN 2020

YTOP attendees listened to a motor vehicle survivor with a traumatic brain injury (top) as well as the employees of the physical therapy (center) and radiology department (bottom) from Research Medical Center during a 2020 YTOP class. Health care professionals in the emergency and ICU departments and officers with the Missouri Highway Patrol also presented during the adpated program.

still urges young drivers to consider their choices when getting

behind the wheel.



advocate and had a medical emergency that was thought to be a stroke. After he was taken to the hospital and brain tumor. He's received both chemotherapy and Medical Center. In June 2020, his wife Leah became severely ill and underwent exploratory surgery. She was then diagnosed with cancer as well and is receiving treatment at Centerpoint Medical Center. Allen is unable to work because of his diagnosis, so the couple lives on a limited fixed income. Verda's Place was able to assist both of them with rent and utilities in the fall of 2020.

York who now live in Blue Springs, Missouri. In January 2019, Allen was working as a middle school family received an MRI, he was given the diagnosis of a malignant radiation at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at Research

Allen and Leah Cuffey are recent transplants from New



Verda's Place

Verda's Place is an appearance center

for uninsured and underinsured cancer

patients in the Kansas City community.

The Research Foundation collaborates

with Bra Couture KC to provide Verda's

Place. Bra Couture KC provides funding

for Kansas City area organizations that

uninsured and underinsured individuals

Verda's Place, located in the Sarah Cannon

Center, 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

Verda's Place is named for Verda Mae Salberg, a 47-year-old wife and mother of two daughters. Verda lost her battle with cancer in 2017. As a longtime volunteer for Bra Couture and an advocate for cancer survivors, Verda lived by example.

provide life-empowering services to

who have been touched by cancer.

Cancer Center at Research Medical

services and prosthetics.

PLACE IN 2020

Programs

Programs



Shone Almeida, MD; Michael W. Anderson, PhD, FAASM; Marie Brubacher, MD; Chandra Chilappa, MD, MRCP (UK), FACR; Branden W. Comfort, MD, MPH, FACP; Omar Hameed, MD, FCAP, FASCP; Joel P. McKinsey, MD, and Frank Slovick, MD spoke at the virtual 2020 Hoeper Primary Care Symposium.



Lara Briseno Kenney, MD; Manpreet Chadha, MD; Stephanie Graff, MD, FACP; Roohi Ismail-Khan, MD, MSc; Benjamin Skoch, DO, and David Spigel, MD spoke at the virtual 2020 Hematology/ Oncology Symposium for Primary Care Providers.

Continuing Medical and Munsing Education Symposiums

The Research Foundation hosted two virtual symposiums in 2020. Both events were initially scheduled to take place in person, but the COVID-19 pandemic required the symposiums to be offered virtually. The first, the 2020 Hoeper Primary Care Symposium, covered topics related to primary care. This symposium is hosted annually with moderation by Dr. Sam Hoeper, Jr. and Dr. Anne Sly. It was named to honor Dr. Sam Hoeper, Sr. and his longtime commitment to education and desire to help people. The second symposium titled 2020 Hematology/Oncology Symposium for Primary Care Providers was moderated by Dr. Stephanie Graff.

Attendees were able to watch speakers online and engage in a live question and answer period immediately following the presentation.

The Research Foundation partners with the Ed Bixby Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education and Kansas City Southwest Clinical Society. Funding to support these symposiums is made possible from the J.B. Reynolds Foundation, the Research Medical Center Medical Staff, and the Dr. Jack H. Hill Continuing Medical Education Committee.



The Research Foundation awarded scholarships to students in the physical therapy programs at Rockhurst University, University of Kansas, and University of Missouri. Radiologic and nuclear medicine technology scholarships were given to students at the Research Medical Center School of Radiology and Research Medical Center School of Nuclear Medicine Technology. In 2020, The Research Foundation also added scholarship opportunities for students enrolled in the Washburn University Radiation Therapy Certificate Program.

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VIRTUALLY

EDUCATED

HEALTH CARE

PROFESSIONALS





John Krajicek, Ashley McClellan, Dr. Olevia Pitts, and Michael Hoyt from Research Medical Center (left) played in the Golf Classic as well as Dr. Stan McClurg, Dr. Jason Showmaker, Dr. Nick Wirtz, and Dr. Brad Seaman from Ascentist Ear, Nose and Throat (right). Many volunteers (center) helped create the successful event.

2020 Research Golf **Classic Committee**

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NEARLY \$77,000 RAISED IN NET PROCEEDS

Several aspects of the Research Golf Classic were different this year, but the community support of our event remained unchanged. The 31st Annual Research Golf Classic raised nearly \$77,000 in net proceeds for The Research Foundation's health education and scholarship programs.

The annual Golf Classic was hosted at Milburn Country Club in Overland Park, Kansas Monday, August 17. Major sponsors included Research Medical Center, LabCorp, AT Abatement, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, Flooring Systems, Inc., Heartland Electric Corporation, Hospice Care of VNA, Integrated Opening Systems, and JE Dunn Construction.

Golfers enjoyed a number of activities throughout the day including a barbecue lunch sponsored by Ascentist Ear, Nose &

Throat, Italian sausage compliments of Scimeca's, root beer floats compliments of Belfonte, beverages compliments of County Beverage and Pepsico, and snacks compliments of Canteen Vending and Sysco. The round of play was followed by a cocktail hour sponsored by Clarkson Construction Company and a slider bar sponsored by ECHO Power Engineering.



Candlelight Circle Supporte

Keeping our friends healthy and reducing the spread of COVID-19 is important to The Research Foundation. So, for the first time since 1986, the Candlelight Ball was cancelled.

Proceeds from the Candlelight Ball support our many health education and scholarship programs. The following physician groups, businesses and individuals prioritized those programs by serving as Candlelight Circle Supporters despite the event's cancellation.













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A wonderful way to remember your loved one who has passed away is by designating memorial contributions to support The Research Foundation. Memorial contributions may be designated to support our nursing scholarship program, Verda's Place for low income patients fighting cancer, our general fund, or any of our health education and scholarship programs.

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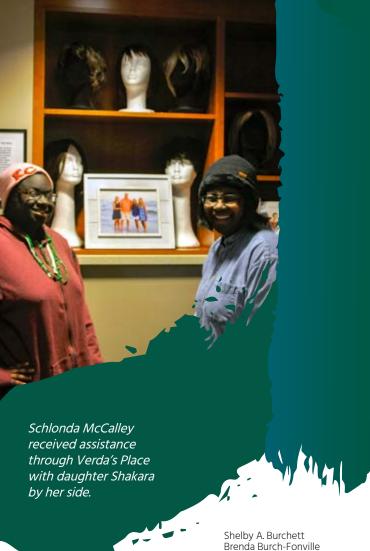
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