

# *Spirit of* **GIVING**



Introducing  
*The Hope Monument*

A Publication of



**CHRISTUS<sup>®</sup>**  
**TRINITY MOTHER FRANCES**  
Foundation



## ANNUAL VOLUMES AT A GLANCE

**28,000+**  
Patient Discharges



**3,600+**  
Deliveries



**175,000+**  
ER Visits



**38,000+**  
Mammograms



**27,000+**  
Surgeries



**450+**  
NICU Graduates



**6,700+**  
Cath Lab/EP Cases



**420,000+**  
Outpatient Imaging

*Patient census data for January 1 - December 31, 2023*

Welcome to the Spirit of Giving publication for friends of CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Foundation, a not-for-profit Texas organization. This magazine spotlights the generosity and involvement of the CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances family of benefactors and the impact of their philanthropy on the institution. In showcasing these individuals and the programs at CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health System, we illustrate the power of philanthropy and its crucial role in building a better, healthier community.

*If you do not wish to be contacted as part of our fundraising efforts, please notify the CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Foundation in writing.*

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your commitment to and support of our mission-

***Extending the Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ.***

Your generosity plays a pivotal role in bringing hope to countless lives and we are immensely grateful.

One significant highlight of the past year was the installation of the Hope Monument, a symbol of resilience and optimism that stands proudly in the courtyard of the Bradley-Thompson Tower at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital – Tyler.

Donated by Dr. & Mrs. Lourell Sutliff, the monument portrays Jesus comforting a young mother as He cradles her child in His loving arms and is a symbol of healing to parents who have lost children. The Hope Monument also serves as a beacon of inspiration for all those who enter our doors, reminding patients, families, and health care professionals alike that hope is a powerful force capable of overcoming even the darkest moments.

As we look towards the future, I am filled with hope. Hope for healing, hope for progress, and hope for a world where everyone has the opportunity to live a healthy and fulfilling life. Your support is instrumental in turning these hopes into reality. Thank you for being a vital part of our journey.

All my best,

*Robin*



Robin Rowan, CRFE  
Executive Director

*Put your Hope in the Lord,  
because His Love never fails.  
He sets His people free.*

*Psalm 130:7*



Dr. Lourell & Lynda Sutliff with their grandchildren,  
Mary Katherine and John Andrade

*Pictured left to right*

- Robin Rowan**
- Sheyene Folmar**
- Juan Manuel Yañez**
- Corinna Ruiz**
- John Gaston**
- Mandee Uncapher**
- Larry Thompson**
- Tonya Lippencott**
- Christina Mosier**
- Jana O'Brien**
- Michelle Small**
- Ashley Bush**
- Holly Carroll**
- Terry Giles**



In 2023, the committee allocated \$1,000,000 to enhance the quality of pediatric health care.

# 2023 CMN ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Each year, the Community Advisory Committee gathers for the Children's Miracle Network Allocation meeting. Departments across CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health System are invited to request funding for pediatric equipment, programs and services that are not otherwise funded. Each request is diligently and thoughtfully evaluated to ensure dollars spent will make the greatest impact on the children in our community.



As the **Lucy and John Carr Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)** at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital - Tyler reached a remarkable milestone of fifteen years, the celebration was not just a commemoration of time but a testament to our unwavering commitment to treating and healing premature and sick babies. Central to the success of the NICU's journey is the continued support of individuals and businesses in the community.

## *Celebrating* **15 YEARS OF HOPE AND HEALING**

In 2023, the  
**LOUIS & PEACHES OWEN  
FAMILY FOUNDATION  
TEGNA FOUNDATION  
BERNARD FOUNDATION**

each played a pivotal role in funding essential equipment in the NICU making possible the lifesaving care provided to countless premature and sick infants and their families.



Pictured, over \$265,000 of vital NICU equipment that has been fully funded by philanthropy

# Hannah's *Happily Ever After*

2023 CMN MIRACLE CHILD



Hannah's story, which had a seemingly ordinary beginning, has unfolded into a miraculous tale of resilience and healing. From a young age, Hannah cried incessantly if not held, and even the simplest actions like walking or standing caused her extreme pain. Her family, desperate to find answers, was referred to Dr. Ana Alvarez, a Pediatric Endocrinologist at CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic. After extensive testing, Hannah was diagnosed with a very rare genetic condition known as X-Linked Hypophosphatemia (XLH.) The complicated condition, characterized by the body's inability to produce or retain phosphorous, made her bones brittle and weak. Would she ever be able to live a pain-free, happy life? Hannah's future was unknown.

Miraculously, Dr. Alvarez's expertise and recent study on XLH in New York provided hope for Hannah's family. With a potential lifetime of pain and struggle ahead, the family placed their trust in their CHRISTUS CARES medical team, who embarked on a progressive treatment plan with the hope of slowing, and perhaps even reversing, Hannah's debilitating symptoms.



*It's very gratifying to see how God used me, and my knowledge, to help Hannah and her family.*



Dr. Ana Alvarez, Pediatric Endocrinologist, CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic



Hannah with Dr. Ana Alvarez

In just a few months of treatment, a remarkable transformation began to occur. X-rays revealed that Hannah's once brittle bones had completely healed. Once confined by pain, she began to walk, jump, and run. Hannah's triumph is not just measured in medical milestones; it is reflected in the sheer miracle of childhood restored. Engaging in activities once deemed impossible, Hannah now enjoys sports, gymnastics, dance and the simple joy of dressing up as a princess. Her newfound freedom from constant pain has allowed her to embrace the carefree spirit of being "just a kid" once again.

Hannah's journey through the challenges of XLH and her incredible response to innovative treatment underlines the impact of specialized pediatric medicine. With the expertise of Dr. Ana Alvarez and the support of her dedicated medical team, Hannah has turned the pages of her life into a story of hope and possibilities.

Watch Hannah's full miracle video



# THE WOMEN'S BOARD

*She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.*

*Proverbs 31:25*



## CO-CHAIRS Teresa Tosh Langley Rebecca Wampler

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For nearly two decades, a remarkable group of passionate women has been weaving the fabric of community spirit and philanthropy in Northeast Texas.

Since 2005, these visionary women have come together annually to dream, plan, and execute a series of extraordinary fundraising events known as "A Toast to East Texas." This initiative stands as a witness to the power of collective action, uniting communities and sparking positive change through the art of celebration and giving.

The Women's Board and their commitment to funding critical, life-saving equipment and programs reflects a deep understanding of the unique health care needs of women and children. Since its inception, "A Toast to East Texas" has been more than just a series of fun events. Having raised over \$4 million, it is a testament to the unwavering dedication of a group of hardworking women who believe in the transformative potential of philanthropy.



## 2023 TOAST PARTY LINE UP



THE PREVIEW PARTY



THE MAJESTIC INDIA GALA



BOWLING WITH THE BISHOP



SUNSET GOLF



NASHVILLE BASH



LUNCH WITH THE LADIES



TANKARDS & TASTINGS



VODKA TASTE & TALK



PINK IS THE WORD

Photo Credit: Grace Moreno Photography

### THE 2023 WOMEN'S BOARD PROJECT

The new **Mobile Mammography Coach** will screen more than 3,000 women each year, resulting in countless lives saved.



## DONOR PROFILE

### *A Family of Givers*

**Hazel and Bobby Tosh**, along with their daughter and her husband, **Teresa and Billy Langley**, are true champions for early detection of breast cancer. Not only was Teresa the co-chair for the Women's Board in 2023, this generous family's continued philanthropic support has dedicated the mobile mammography coach to Hazel Tosh and her legacy and love for helping women in the community.



Hazel Tosh

# MIRACLES IN MOTION

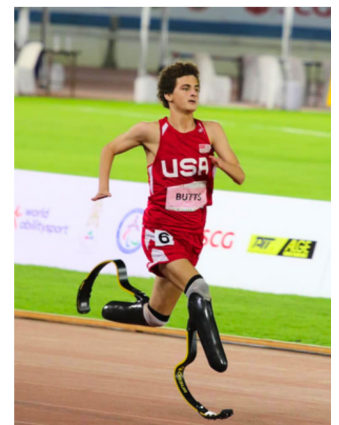


*Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

*Isaiah 40:31*

In the realm of high school athletics, one local standout sophomore is not only breaking records but also shattering perceptions about ability and perseverance.

Meet **Will Butts**, a track star at Grace Community School in Tyler and former Children’s Miracle Network Miracle Child. Will’s journey has taken him from the East Texas track fields to the global stage at the World Ability Sports Games in Thailand. This international meet brought together athletes from 47 different nations, creating a melting pot of talent and inspiration. Born with Hanhart Syndrome, a condition affecting all four limbs, Will’s presence on this prestigious platform not only showcased his athletic abilities but also highlighted inclusivity and diversity within the world of competitive sports.



The World Ability Sports Games were more than a competition; they were a proving ground. Will’s first international meet became a defining chapter in his athletic journey, affirming to himself and the world that he can compete on the next level.

**Will competed in the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter races, along with the long jump and brought home one bronze and two silver medals.**

“ I really hope that what I go on to do shows other people with disabilities that there is nothing truly impossible. That you can adapt and overcome challenges to push yourself to your limits and then break them. ”

**- WILL BUTTS**

*Photo Credit: Becca Winter*





Emma and Lilly Bush with Doug Crutcher and P.J. Hartley

# TURNING REAL ESTATE into REAL MIRACLES

In an inspiring display of community commitment, a local RE/MAX Office, **The Crutcher and Hartley Team**, is taking their dedication beyond real estate transactions.

The team has embraced the title of a "Miracle Office" and pledged their support for pediatric health care, ensuring the community's youngest members receive the specialized care they deserve. By allocating a portion of each real estate sale to local pediatric health care initiatives, The Crutcher and Hartley Team exemplifies the power of turning everyday actions into opportunities for giving back.



*Learning about the wonderful things happening for the kids of East Texas through CMN is not only heartwarming, but desperately needed. The future holds great opportunities for our children in need of medical care to stay here and not have to travel to other cities. CMN helps them stay close to home and their families., just where we want them.*



**-DOUG CRUTCHER & P.J. HARTLEY**

## Panda Cares. Center of Hope

Honoring the long-standing partnership between CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital – Tyler and Panda Express, the **Panda Cares Center of Hope** officially opened its doors in 2023, ushering in a new era of holistic care for pediatric patients. This transformative initiative, fueled by the generosity of Panda Express associates and guests, goes beyond traditional health care, to inspire hope and promote healing for our youngest patients.



## THE POWER OF HEALING THROUGH PLAY

Child Life services at the Center of Hope are tailored to provide age-appropriate support, using the "language of play" to help explain medical procedures, manage anxiety, and navigate the hospital environment. This approach ensures that children not only receive necessary medical care but also feel supported physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

**Panda Express has been a national partner of CMN since 2007 and has raised well over \$350,000 locally to support pediatric health care.**

Katie Maxwell,  
Child Life Specialist



## DONOR PROFILE



Founded by the visionary Byers family, the **Byers Family Foundation** has been a symbol of hope for countless individuals and families. With the mission to enhance the quality of life for those in need, the foundation has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to education, healthcare, and strategic community development.



The Byers family's dedication to improving communities and providing tangible change for a healthier future is a testament to the enduring power of philanthropy driven by compassion. In a world faced with numerous challenges, their legacy stands as a beacon, inspiring others to contribute to the well-being of humanity and build a future where hope and health prevail.

Their recent endeavor, the Byers Family Foundation Women's Imaging Center in Jacksonville, exemplifies this commitment, offering a lifeline for women's health in the region. Guided by a vision of transformative impact, the foundation's initiatives reach far beyond the present, creating a legacy that will positively influence the lives of countless individuals for years to come.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brent M. Byers, president  
Patrick Willis, vice president  
Brandi Regester, treasurer  
Jessica Corley, secretary

Lewie and Elaine Byers  
are the founding members.

*As reflective of the values, mission, and vision of the establishing family members, Byers Family Foundation exists to support and promote philanthropic endeavors which provide community access to educational opportunities, access to healthcare, and benefits human services and arts and culture within our service region.*

**-BYERS FAMILY FOUNDATION MISSION**

## CHRISTUS ASSOCIATES UNITED

*Associate Giving Campaign inspires yearly acts of generosity*

During the 2023 campaign,  
Associates donated more than

**\$150,000**

to support hospital programs

Each year, the spirit of giving comes alive with CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Associates as they collectively pledge to make a difference in their health system and community. In 2023, The **Share the Spirit Associate Campaign** celebrated its 25th year, and continues to foster a culture of philanthropy and camaraderie among CHRISTUS Associates. The annual campaign serves as a reminder that every Associate has the ability to contribute to positive change, creating a sense of shared purpose and unity. This shared mindset of giving back amplifies our organization's commitment to care, extending the healing touch beyond medical treatments.



# Changing Women's Health Care *in Jacksonville, Texas*



## BYERS FAMILY FOUNDATION Women's Imaging Center

CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital – Jacksonville is expanding imaging services with the opening of the Byer's Family Foundation Women's Imaging Center. This dedicated center will cater specifically to the needs of women, offering a comprehensive range of cutting edge imaging services. The center's opening marks a significant milestone in the advancement of health care services for women in the surrounding areas.

The center houses advanced 3D mammography technology and also provides access to a broader spectrum of imaging services aligning with the hospital's mission to make quality care accessible to all.

Mammograms can detect breast cancer at an early stage, often before symptoms are noticeable. Early detection increases the chances of successful treatment, a better prognosis, and more lives saved.

The center will feature soothing, spa like artwork in common areas and in the waiting room, made possible by **Don and Linda Huffaker.**



The center will feature top of the line imaging equipment, like 3D mammography, made possible by the **T.L.L. Temple Foundation.**

## *Creating Calm*

**Don and Linda Huffaker's** commitment to helping create a beautiful, serene environment for women in need of mammography services reflects their understanding of the emotional and physical challenges associated with breast cancer screening. The spa-like environment will include tranquil décor, soothing music, a comfortable waiting area, and amenities designed to create a peaceful, calming atmosphere.

Breast cancer screening is an essential aspect of women's health, yet the process can be daunting. Don and Linda Huffaker's initiative aligns with the broader movement in health care to prioritize patient experience and well-being. This approach not only emphasizes the importance of early detection but also acknowledges the significance of providing care that is centered around the individual needs and emotions of each patient. Their efforts will help to reduce anxiety and encourage more women to prioritize regular mammograms, therefore saving lives.





# The Meaning of Miracles

## 2023 MIRACLE EXPERT PANEL

**Dr. Tiffany Taylor, Neonatologist**  
**Juan Manuel Yañez, La Invasora**

**Chad Solomon, BSN, Flight for Life**  
**Siobhan Barney, Miracle Mom**

**Panel Host: Chris Glenney, FACHE, Senior Vice President,**  
**Group Operations, Northeast Texas / North Louisiana**

In May, CMN Hospitals held a luncheon that resonated with compassion and hope. The inaugural Meaning of Miracles event brought together a panel of "miracle experts" to speak candidly to a sold out crowd. These experts, individuals with profound experiences in pediatric health care, shared moving personal stories that illustrated the importance of ongoing community support.

The journey of pediatric health care extends beyond medical treatments; it requires specific resources, advocacy and a network of support that ensures every child receives the care they deserve. The panelists' distinct narratives served as a powerful reminder that while we all come together for a common purpose of helping sick and injured kids, everyone has their own *meaning of miracles*.

**VISIT [WWW.THEMEANINGOFMIRACLES.ORG](http://WWW.THEMEANINGOFMIRACLES.ORG) FOR INFORMATION ON 2024 EVENT**

# PLAY PICKLEBALL HELP HEAL KIDS



In the spirit of friendly competition, CMN Hospitals hosted its inaugural Pickleball Tournament in November. This unique event brought together participants of all skill levels, uniting the community in a shared goal of supporting kids' health. Former Miracle Children Luke Skinner, Ellie Butts, Blake Barney and Daniela Guzzetta each had special roles in the event, which added a touch of inspiration.

**Andrea Glaser, MD**  
**(aka Dr. Pickle)**  
*Pediatric Gastroenterologist*

**Luke Skinner**  
*2016 Miracle Child*

The success of the day extended beyond the courts. Participants, sponsors and supporters alike could take pride in knowing that community events can be a powerful force for good, transforming a fun day of play into a lasting impact on the lives of young patients in our community.





## PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

In 2015, Christina Mosier and her husband Ben moved to East Texas with dreams of a family and a farmhouse. After a few years of learning the nonprofit world, she gave birth to her son, Max. Suddenly, Christina's life changed forever when she found herself praying for Max's life in a children's hospital. This experience changed her perspective, prompted a renewed sense of purpose and in 2018 led to her dream job with CMN Hospitals at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital - Tyler.

At the national Children's Miracle Network Hospitals conference held in October, Christina was recognized as a leader amongst her fellow program directors and was selected as Program Director of the Year. Christina's belief in miracles despite life's uncertainties, continues to fuel her daily passion for children's health here in Northeast Texas.



CMN Hospitals CEO, Dr. Aimee Daily with Christina Mosier

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.*

*Proverbs 11:14*

## Our Leadership IS OUR GREATEST ASSET



DENNIS BOX



TOM BROWN



KATIE BUTTS



JAMES CACCITOLO, MD



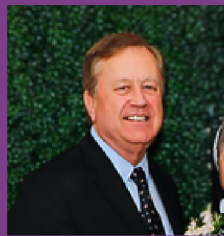
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RUSS GIDEON



TERRY GILES



STEVE HELLMUTH



SISTER MARGO MAJSZCZYK



MARILYN HARDY, BOARD CHAIR

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*As the chair of the Foundation, I am in a unique position to see and appreciate the many gifts and graces that each member of the Foundation Board brings in support of the healing ministry. I, like so many, want my efforts to count for something. My involvement with the Foundation, which allows the community to support and improve vital health care in our area, continues to be inspiring, satisfying, and worthwhile. I can't wait to see what the future holds!*

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**-MARILYN HARDY**



JIM MAZZU



BRIAN MCCABE



JASON PROCTOR



LAURA REDMAN



LINDA ROWE

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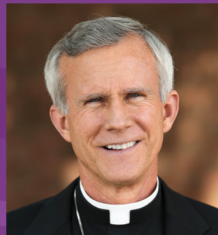
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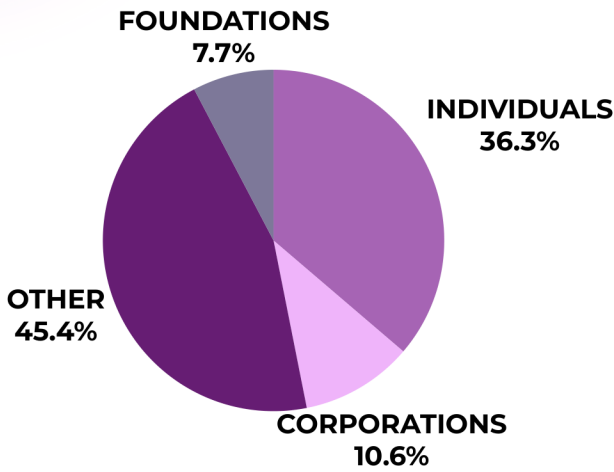


FRANK WARD, MD

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

Summary of gift support for the CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Foundation



INDIVIDUALS	<b>\$1,900,827</b>
FOUNDATIONS	<b>\$403,557</b>
CORPORATIONS	<b>\$556,745</b>
OTHER	<b>\$2,381,155</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,242,284</b>

# 100% OF MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS DONOR DESIGNATED PROJECTS

*\*All administrative costs are covered by CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health System*

## HOW YOU CAN HELP



Your support of the CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health System is a gift to generations of patients. It is a gift to the future, an investment in life. Learn how your donations can have a much larger impact than you ever imagined.



CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances is blessed to have a volunteer group of women who are passionate about improving health care for women and children. Learn more about the Women's Board and their unique series of fundraising parties, "A Toast to East Texas."



Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Hospitals' funds always stay local and are 100% dedicated to funding vital pediatric services and equipment. Learn more about the philanthropic supported pediatric programs at CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health System.



**Legacy Gift Planning** plays an important role in the long-term success and growth of our health system and helps ensure that our mission will continue to expand for generations to come. You may wish to include CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances as beneficiary of your will, life insurance, bank/investment accounts or through a charitable gift annuity or trust. Legacy gift planning does not require a large income or vast estate, only a thoughtful intention to make a difference in your community.

**For more information about making a legacy gift or any other Foundation questions, contact Executive Director, Robin Rowan at 903-606-4752 or robin.rowan@christushealth.org**



*Truly, I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*

*Matthew 25:40*

One day, **Mother Frances Siedliska**, our beloved Foundress, was walking to church accompanied by a young mulatto orphan named Grace. Unexpectedly, a torrential downpour drenched the surroundings. Responding quickly, Mother Frances unfurled her cape to shield the little girl from the soaking rain. An observant gentleman couldn't help but remark,

“ *There goes charity!* ”

Mother Frances understood that true charity comes from the heart and is expressed through selfless acts of kindness. It is about going beyond oneself and reaching out to others, regardless of their background, race or social status. The statue of Mother Frances and Grace stands at the front of our hospital as a reminder that charity is not just about giving money or material things, but also about offering love, compassion, and support to those in need.