

A photograph of a woman in a hospital bed holding a newborn baby, smiling at a healthcare professional. The woman is wearing a white hospital gown and has a white bandage on her right wrist. The healthcare professional is wearing blue scrubs and has a name tag. The background shows a hospital room with wooden cabinets and a framed picture on the wall.

2018 DONOR IMPACT REPORT

Your Generosity *Heals*



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Your Generosity Heals: What one beating-the-odds cancer survivor wants other donors to know



IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A DECADE SINCE SUZANNE THORN'S LIFE WAS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN. Months after becoming a first-time mother, Suzanne received a devastating diagnosis that would forever change her life.

Today she is a beating-the-odds cancer survivor, a self-described “walking miracle” who generously shares her time-talents-treasure with St. Vincent’s Foundation. Suzanne says her passionate support of the St. Vincent’s ministry reflects her own profound experience as a patient.

“St. Vincent’s played a huge part in saving my life,” this director of Human Resources for Children’s of Alabama says. “When my daughter Sydney was eight months old, I was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. The fact that I now have no evidence of disease is a huge credit to Dr. Cara Bondly’s aggressive treatment plan for me. Any time I have an opportunity to talk about her continued care for me and the amazing care of the nurses and everyone else at Bruno Cancer Center, I do so. I am truly a walking miracle.”

Every three weeks Suzanne continues to receive infusions at the Center staffed by professionals she has come to regard as

part of her family. Each visit reminds her why she chooses to be a St. Vincent’s Foundation donor and volunteer.

“When I was diagnosed 11 years ago I investigated my options, including treatment at other facilities. But the Bruno Cancer Center felt like home, a place where I wouldn’t feel like I was getting lost in the big numbers. For ten months I came to Bruno weekly, spending long days there for chemo. Even when I visit now, I see my physician and the same group of amazing nurses and other staff. That just gives me the sense that I’m not getting lost in the shuffle. I cannot say enough about the St. Vincent’s staff that take care of patients on a daily basis.”

“The spiritual component also means a lot to me,” says Suzanne. “I can absolutely feel St. Vincent’s mind-body-spirit emphasis. My faith is very important to me, so being able to be treated in a Center founded on faith principles has been a comfort to me.”

Suzanne hopes her Foundation support helps others. “Just to be able to give back gives me a sense of pride, because it’s such a nice reminder that I’m still here and healthy. And I can

give other people hope. It helps other patients to see that there are people like me, outliers who can beat the odds.”

Suzanne also hopes donors will be encouraged by her experience. “I was actually a patient during the transition to the new Bruno Cancer Center. I saw donations come to fruition. I truly saw, from a patient’s perspective, that the money raised made a difference, in everything from blanket warmers to the phenomenal new building. The technology and level of service were already fantastic, but now they have this great space, along with new technology.”

“Donors should know that what they’re doing is making a difference,” Suzanne says. “They’re making a difference for me, and for thousands of other patients.” ■

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St. Vincent's Foundation is called to do more, give more, and serve more while inspiring the generous spirit of our community that brings gifts of healing and comfort to everyone cared for at St. Vincent's.

In 2018, gifts of more than \$2.9 million made this possible:



Sisters' Vigil at St. Vincent's Trussville
\$52,000

St. Vincent's Chilton Chapel
\$35,478

Mission Trips for Family Practice Residents
\$5,416

St. Vincent's Blount Chapel
\$3,715



Emergency financial assistance to our Associates through St. Louise
\$105,797

Dispensary of Hope indigent medication program
\$13,749

Patient Assistance
\$2,105



Ultrasound machines for various departments
\$123,509

Surgical Sterilizer
\$110,000

Giraffe Bed (NICU)
\$42,968

Sleep Center
\$35,758

Orthopedic Drill Set
\$34,070

Dinamaps
\$18,199

ICU Defibrillator
\$15,000

Care Transfer Simulator
\$8,495

Blood Analyzer
\$2,376

St. Vincent's Chilton Equipment
\$936,538



Community Health Initiatives
\$418,396

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Renovations
\$329,941

St. Vincent's Sports Performance Program
\$41,114

Program Support
\$28,661

Bruno Conference Center Furniture
***\$10,614**



Patient transportation/ support groups/ medication assistance
\$41,444

Camp Bluebird
\$35,801

Dietician for cancer patients
\$21,576

Cancer Center Furniture
***\$10,614**



Jeremiah's Hope Academy Expansion Site
\$206,000

Family Practice Residency training program call room expansion
\$70,169

Medical Education Scholarships
\$38,000

Jeremiah's Hope Academy Scholarships
\$37,434

Community Education
\$20,250

Nursing Continuing Education
\$6,282

Volunteer Council Scholarships
***\$4,500**



Floor Replacement
\$107,215

GI Lab Lighting
***\$8,750**

Cath Lab
\$5,000

*Funded by the St. Vincent's Volunteers

St. Vincent's was founded in 1898, and generosity has been part of our legacy ever since. A ministry of Ascension Health, St. Vincent's is one of the region's leading health care providers with five hospitals and multiple sites of care serving communities throughout Alabama. Today, we have grown to include thousands of skilled and compassionate Associates who are dedicated to caring for the very community that put its trust in our mission more than a century ago.

BY THE NUMBERS



ACCESS

St. Vincent's continually assesses the needs of the communities we serve while seeking new partnerships and points of access to provide care.

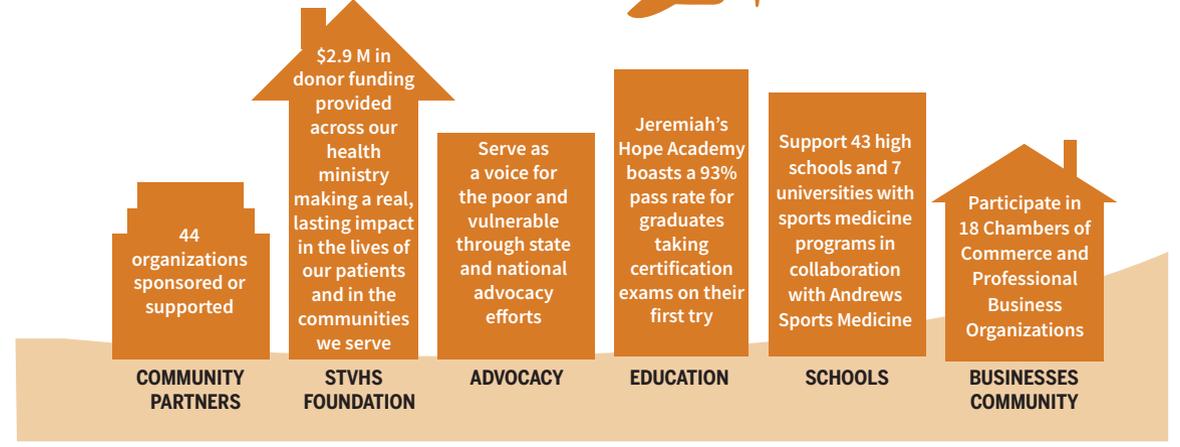


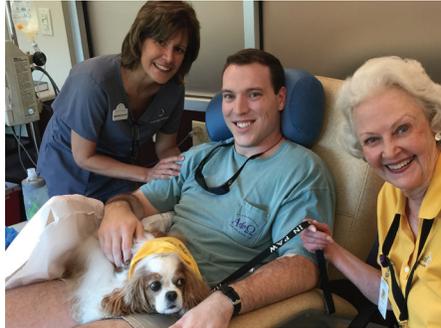
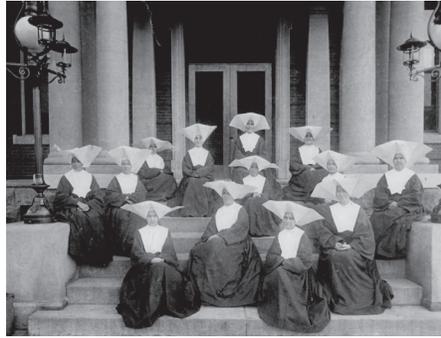
ACCESS TO CARE

5 Hospitals	2 Retail Pharmacies
14 Primary Care Centers	4 Sleep Disorder Centers
5 Specialized Surgical Centers	2 Advanced Wound Care Centers
60 Birth Suites	1 Health and Wellness Center
1 NICU	1 Long Term Acute Care Center
1 Heart Valve Center	1 Urgent Care
2 Cancer Centers	1 Hospice (statewide)
3 Ambulatory Surgery Centers	1 Home Infusion Services (statewide)
14 Chaplains	3 Employer-based Clinics
2 Home Health	1 Behavioral Health Center
3 Durable Medical Equipment	3 Occupational Health Centers

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As a not-for-profit organization, St. Vincent's takes seriously our responsibility to meet the healthcare needs of our communities and has an ongoing commitment to serving the poor and vulnerable.





Our Mission: Rooted in the loving ministry of Jesus as healer, we commit ourselves to serving all persons with special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable.

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