



2017 DONOR IMPACT REPORT

Your Generosity *Heals*



St. Vincent's
FOUNDATION

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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.

Rarely in life do you receive a gift and not know the giver—or even that the gift occurred. But that is what happens for every patient and family at St. Vincent’s. Your care experience is possible because of the generosity of people like you, most of whom you will never meet.



Lucy, Conyers, and Max Poole

THE POOLERS’ REMARKABLE STORY

It was early Monday, January 9, 2017 when Conyers and Lucy Poole arrived at St. Vincent’s Birmingham. After a perfectly normal first pregnancy, Lucy was scheduled to be induced. Later Conyers would remember snow on the ground from Friday’s storm, and realize that if little Max Poole had come a

few days earlier, many of the professionals needed to save his wife and son’s lives might not have been able to get there.

But that morning there was no sense of foreboding. All seemed well.

“We had great nurses taking care of her,” remembers Conyers. “But when Lucy got her epidural, her blood pressure dropped. That’s not that unusual, so they began to try to get it back up. But when the baby’s blood pressure dropped, they called for an emergency C-section.”

Lucy remembers being wheeled into the operating room. Moments later, she remembers having her picture taken with newborn Max. Then she remembers nothing. Her heart stopped beating.

Lucy’s cardiac arrest was due to a rare, unpredictable, unpreventable, and often-fatal pregnancy complication called amniotic fluid embolism (AFE). AFE is an allergic-like reaction to amniotic fluid entering the maternal bloodstream. Its deadly two-phase response starts with rapid respiratory failure and cardiac arrest. If an AFE mother can be revived, she immediately enters the second stage—disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC), when abnormal clots use up the blood’s normal clotting factors. Massive bleeding follows.

Conyers explains how the hospital responded with everything they had to save his wife’s life.

“Every single doctor we needed was there,” he says. “Lucy’s OB quickly got a colleague on the phone, to confirm the rare

diagnosis. A pulmonologist came running when he heard the overhead page.”

For several hours an anesthesiology team labored to replace Lucy’s blood products, providing the only therapy for DIC. She eventually received between 60 and 70 units, the most ever administered to a St. Vincent’s Birmingham patient.

Meanwhile, back in NICU, the team that had responded to Max’s emergency delivery identified serious concerns, but as Conyers says, “They were on top of it. Max was placed on a cooling blanket for 72 hours to minimize any risk of neurological swelling. The neonatologists and NICU nurses were fantastic and treated him like their own child. He has a clean bill of health today, thanks to their tremendous efforts.”

Lucy eventually entered Surgical ICU, her survival uncertain. As family and friends prayed, Conyers noted how St. Vincent’s associates—from medical to housekeeping teams—responded with care.

“Everyone I encountered was aware of our situation. They could not have been more compassionate and supportive and prayerful.”

Quite miraculously, Lucy not only eventually gained consciousness, but suffered no permanent neurological

damage. Within 10 days she and Max left the hospital. Now these parents thoroughly enjoy their very happy, active toddler.

However, the Pooles will never forget their St. Vincent’s experience, and they are now determined to more actively support the Foundation’s efforts.

“I want donors to know that God is working in this community and using St. Vincent’s and the caregivers here to do that,” Conyers says. “The mission of this place is unlike anything we’ve ever seen.”

As a new Foundation Junior Board member, Lucy hopes to be a St. Vincent’s advocate.

“We credit the doctors for the way they made very wise, sound decisions in the middle of chaos, and how they made them quickly but carefully, working together as a team,” she says. “We credit the nurses—I feel close to those nurses in a way I can’t explain, because they were so vested in taking care of me. And although I couldn’t really think about Max at the time, the nurses took care of

him when I couldn’t. The way Conyers and our families talk about them, I know he was in the best hands.

“I want donors to know what their dollars have done for others,” Lucy says, choking back tears. “I want them to know that God saved Max’s life through St. Vincent’s. I want them to know that He saved my life through St. Vincent’s.”

“God is doing great things through the work of the St. Vincent’s Birmingham Ministry. Please join us and the St. Vincent’s Foundation to help save more lives and support these efforts through the NICU improvement project underway, or designate any gift to further the impact of this Ministry in our community.”

—Conyers and Lucy Poole

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 2017, gifts of more than \$2.8 million made this possible:



Sisters' Garden
\$114,319
Sisters' Vigil
\$51,600
Chapel
\$28,640
Infant Care
\$3,000



Emergency financial assistance to our Associates through St. Louise
\$52,279
Project Access
\$47,500
Payday Loan Assistance—
24 Associates, 26 loans
\$34,114.89
Dispensary of Hope
indigent medication program
\$20,000



Mammography Machine
\$175,482
Ultrasounds
\$132,789
Infusion Pumps
\$99,550
Cautery
\$49,172
Patient Beds
\$42,403
Ctrack Gamma Probe
\$28,227
Encompass Device
\$19,831
Ureteroscope
\$12,965
Radiology Equipment
\$12,210
*Cardiac Rehabilitation Equipment
\$11,648
Temporary Pacemaker
\$7,495



Community Health Initiatives
\$675,285
*Patient Room Enhancements
\$19,610
Patient Room Renovations
\$13,000
*Patient Van
\$4,917
*Wheelchairs
\$1,787



Linear Accelerator
\$140,000
Patient Transportation/
Support Groups/
Medication Assistance
\$69,557
Camp Bluebird
\$65,029
*Cancer Center Furniture
\$18,879



*Classroom Furniture
\$71,528
Jeremiah's Hope
Academy Scholarships
\$23,344
*Volunteer Council Scholarships
\$10,500
Emergency Nurses Education
\$8,250
Loftin Scholarships
\$7,538
Bradley Scholarships
\$3,000
Engel Awards
\$3,000
Sim Screen Corner Unit
\$2,410
Medical Mission Trip
(Family Practice)
\$1,702
Professional Regulation
Conference
\$1,010



Safety Lighting
\$111,297
*Security Cameras
\$24,595
Nurse Call (Nursery)
\$8,000
Floor Replacement
\$582,785

*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.



SERVING 22 COUNTIES IN CENTRAL ALABAMA



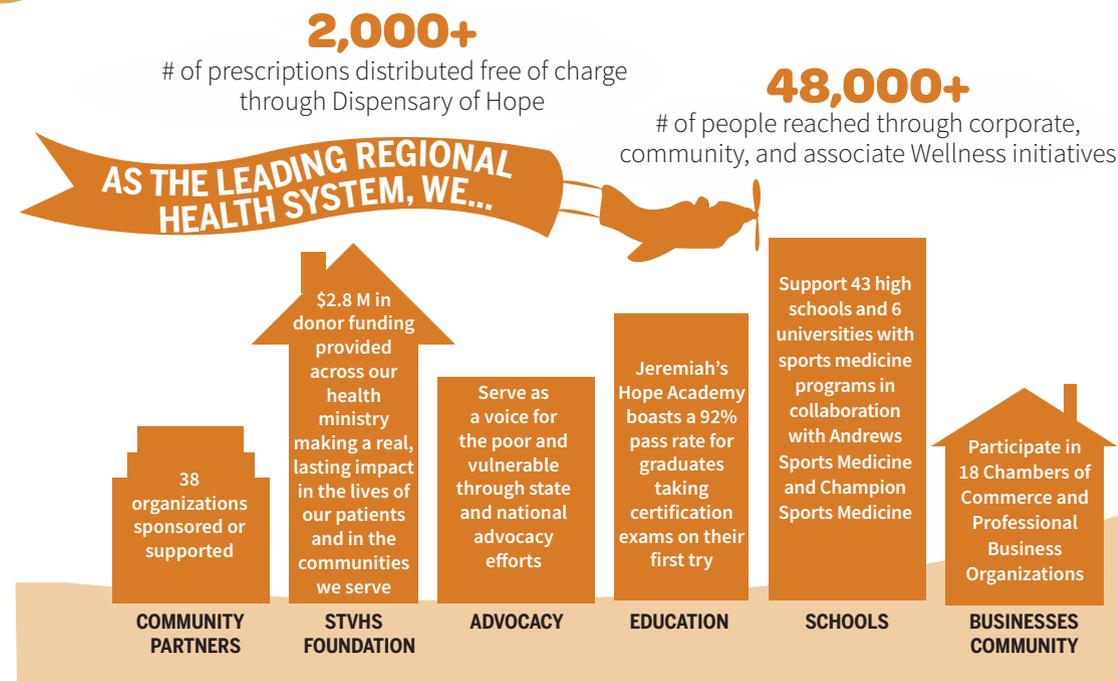
OFFERING 63 MEDICAL SPECIALTIES

ACCESS TO CARE

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

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.





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