



Funding Priorities and Needs

The Ascension St. Vincent Foundation raises and stewards philanthropic funds to support the healthcare ministries of Ascension St. Vincent.

You can play a vital role in providing hope for a cure, for healing, and for restoration of health through your gifts to the Ascension St. Vincent Foundation.

In this booklet you will find an overview of current funding priorities that play a crucial role in ensuring the highest quality care for all patients.



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Ascension St. Vincent House

The hospitalization of a loved one is a difficult experience for any family. For patients and families who must travel far distances to access the level of specialized care needed for their conditions, the emotions and stress created by the hospitalization are heightened even more. Thanks to the support of generous philanthropic partners, Ascension St. Vincent is directly addressing these urgent needs through the Ascension St. Vincent House.

This residential facility provides home-like accommodations and other practical resources for families of Ascension St. Vincent patients from outside Central Indiana, especially for those who face financial barriers, so they can focus on the healing and needs of their loved ones. It includes 20 residential units, along with other amenities that support the 'home away from home' intent of the facility, including:

- Kitchen and dining area
- Laundry facilities
- Family room
- Playroom
- Areas for meditation and reflection

Annual operating costs for the Ascension St. Vincent House total approximately \$700,000 and are covered almost solely by philanthropic support. By partnering with Ascension St. Vincent to support this caring facility, you will help provide rest for those who are weary, and the love and support of family for those who are lonely.

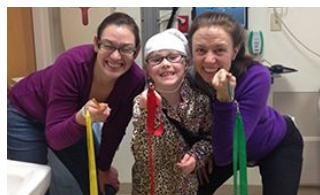


Healing Arts Program

The Healing Arts Program at Ascension St. Vincent promotes holistic healing through a combination of visual art, music, and dance/movement interventions. As more research continues to show the benefits of artistic expression for hospitalized individuals, it is becoming increasingly clear that these interventions provide more than mere distractions, and actually help in the physical and emotional healing process for patients.

This growing body of knowledge gained through the increased use of healing arts therapies in the healthcare sector validates the belief that these activities positively impact hospitalized individuals through accelerated healing, reduced need for medications, and shortened hospital stays. Artistic expression has been found to be especially useful for patients who are facing a serious illness with a lengthy treatment and recovery road. Healing arts therapies have also been proven to help reduce stress and anxiety for their families and for healthcare professionals.

Annual expenses for the Ascension St. Vincent Healing Arts Program total approximately \$300,000. Due to the nature of the services provided, the program's revenue generating capacity is limited so it must rely largely on philanthropic gifts and contributions in order to operate and grow.



Medical Education

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William K. Nasser, MD, Healthcare Education and Simulation Center at Ascension St. Vincent

Healthcare in our community and nationally is undergoing tremendous change, making it more important than ever for current and aspiring healthcare professionals to have access to up-to-date healthcare education and training opportunities. The William K. Nasser, MD, Center Healthcare Education and Simulation Center at Ascension St. Vincent is addressing this urgent need through state-of-the-art education technology.

Simulation is a major focus of the Center, which features 'flexible' spaces that can be modified constantly to simulate realistically an operating room, an intensive care unit, a labor/delivery room, or any number of other medical settings. It is also outfitted with high-tech responsive manikins and task specific tools, giving participants the look and feel of real patients and procedures. The Center also includes classroom spaces which are utilized for more traditional instructor-led education and training opportunities.

It is also available as a resource to help meet the education needs of community partners such as long-term care providers, EMS personnel, firefighters, and police. As a result, the role of Ascension St. Vincent as a community resource for quality healthcare education will benefit all patients at every point of entry into the healthcare system.

All patients deserve the very best and safest care, which requires exceptional and inter-professional training for practitioners. Your investment in the William K. Nasser, MD Healthcare Education and Simulation Center at Ascension St. Vincent promises to impact patient outcomes in our community and far beyond.



Medical Education (cont.)

Ascension St. Vincent Training Academy

The domestic healthcare sector is experiencing an increasing need to fill various entry-level positions that only require post-secondary certification. Ascension St. Vincent is taking a proactive approach to addressing this need, while also providing a pathway to a meaningful career in healthcare for individuals from poor and vulnerable populations through the creation of the Ascension St. Vincent Training Academy. This academy opened in the Fall of 2019 to create an affordable entryway to a healthcare career for those who cannot take time away from current employment or who face other barriers to pursuing a four-year course of study.

The Ascension St. Vincent Training Academy allows individuals with at least a high school diploma or equivalency to receive job training and certification in a variety of healthcare support positions such as Clinical Medical Assistant, Nurses Aide, Patient Care Technician, and EKG Technician. Each certification course includes flexible class schedules to allow participants to continue working throughout their studies. The program targets recent high school graduates as well as current Ascension St. Vincent Hospital associates in food service or custodial positions for enrollment, and feeds directly into high-demand clinical positions within the Ascension St. Vincent system of care.

Since this is a new program, revenue from tuition is not yet sufficient to cover the annual expenses for the Ascension St. Vincent Training Academy of approximately \$340,000. Philanthropic support is needed to help this program thrive and grow, with the potential to add additional certifications and provide career pathways for even more individuals in the future.



Medical Education (cont.)

Ascension St. Vincent Foundation Nursing Scholarships

The United States is currently experiencing a nursing shortage that is expected to intensify as baby boomers age and the need for health care grows. Ascension St. Vincent is committed to addressing this serious issue.

As part of this effort, the Ascension St. Vincent Foundation offers nursing scholarships to eligible Ascension St. Vincent associates who are pursuing associate, bachelors, masters, or doctoral degrees in nursing at accredited schools of nursing. Scholarship money is primarily used to pay for tuition and is paid directly to the institution, which helps avoid any tax implications for the scholarship recipients. In some non-traditional programs, some costs such as labs, books, testing and others may be included in the tuition and scholarship money can then be applied to those costs.

The Ascension St. Vincent Foundation Nursing Scholarship Program has been successful in providing much-needed assistance to many worthy individuals over the years, but more can be done. By investing in this program, you can play a key role in providing opportunities to even more deserving applicants, while also helping Ascension St. Vincent do its part in addressing the nation's current nursing shortage crisis.



"I feel so blessed to have been selected for this scholarship. It is a great sign of support from Ascension, where I began my nursing career. Not only will the scholarship help me financially progress towards my goals of earning my MSN and MBA, it serves as great motivation to continue to grow in my profession and seek ways to improve the patient experience here at Ascension St. Vincent Indianapolis."
-2020 Nursing Scholarship Recipient

Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent

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Peyton Manning Children's Hospital

School Program

Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent is dedicated to family-centered care that is focused on the unique needs of children and their families. This includes addressing the educational needs of many patients who are missing time from school as a result of their hospitalization through an on-site School Program at the Hospital.

This program features a full-time teacher who provides direct instruction and assistance to patients who must miss significant time from school due to a long-term hospitalization or frequent visits to the hospital for rehabilitation or treatment. The program can offer instruction in a structured classroom setting if the patient is able, or direct bedside help and instruction for immunosuppressed patients or other patients who are not able to venture away from their hospital rooms for other reasons. The teacher also serves as a liaison between the patients and their regular school teachers back home, which is especially important in cases where an illness or injury may impact learning ability, emotions and behavior.

This comprehensive assistance helps provide a sense of stability to the patients as they battle their respective health issues. The ultimate goal is for all patients who require educational instruction or assistance during their hospitalization to successfully re-acclimate to their home schools with minimal difficulty.

The School Program at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent relies heavily on philanthropic support to cover its annual operational expenses of approximately \$90,000.

"Ascension St. Vincent should consider themselves blessed to have such an amazing teacher on staff. I can't imagine what we would have gone through had this program not been in place."



Peyton Manning Children's Hospital (cont.)

Pediatric Cancer Research

The Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent participates in pediatric cancer clinical trials and research through the Children's Oncology Group (COG), as well as industry funded trials. Philanthropic funding facilitates this participation by providing pediatric cancer patients with access to new testing, treatments and medications that are not covered by insurance. This ensures that every patient has equal opportunity to benefit from access to promising advances in pediatric cancer care.

The Center's patient-centered and multi-disciplinary approach to treatment means that every new oncology patient is evaluated for open clinical trials to determine the best course of treatment. With the support of philanthropic partners, each patient can be provided with the most current and up-to-date treatment options and information for their cancer diagnosis.

Child Life

A Child Life Specialist is a member of the healthcare team who is specially trained to help children and their families understand and manage their time in a hospital, including pediatric cancer patients. The Child Life team at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent enhances the patient experience in a variety of ways, such as providing techniques for pain management and relaxation to minimize fears and improve coping skills. Child Life Specialists also utilize distraction techniques and interact with other children such as siblings. Philanthropic funding for Child Life Services is utilized to acquire toys, medical dolls and demonstrations, and other material or programmatic needs to support this important component of patient-centered care.



Thank you



The initiatives described in this booklet represent current fundraising priorities of the Ascension St. Vincent Foundation.

The Foundation also raises and stewards funds for a myriad of other projects and initiatives, and encourages donors to contribute to a cause that is most meaningful to them on a personal level. More information about any of these needs can be provided by a member of the Foundation staff.

We are extremely grateful for the philanthropic support of thousands of partners who share a desire to support the healing ministries and the mission of Ascension St. Vincent.

Thank you!

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