



Tarrant County Medical Society Alliance Foundation

Medicine Ball
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TCMS Alliance Foundation Community Health Projects

Be Wise ImmunizeSM – This has been by far our greatest priority for the Foundation since 2006. In 2017, through our partnership with the Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County, 6,250 children were administered 15,257 immunizations. Last year, the Foundation provided \$10,000 to the ICTC to support education and immunization events, \$5,000 for immunization administration, \$7,500 through a TMA Foundation grant and thousands of volunteer hours which brings our lifetime financial contributions to \$251,058. When this program started in 2005, Texas was #46 in vaccination rates, and within 5 years moved to #12. Currently in Tarrant County 98% of kindergartners and 7th graders are fully vaccinated. With the push from the anti-vaccination movement and the rise of vaccination preventable diseases, our support of Be Wise Immunize has never been more critical.

Project Access Tarrant County – When members of the Tarrant County Medical Society realized there was a big gap between those who could afford private insurance and qualifying for Medicaid or JPS Connection, Project Access Tarrant County was formed to help the working poor in our community. These neighbors are provided with specialty medical and surgical procedures, at no cost, to help them return to work and take care of their families. PATC has one of the highest return on investments of any non—profit with an ROI of 14:1 thanks to the amazing network of physicians, hospitals, radiology and lab services who donate their time and facilities. Since September 2011, PATC volunteers have provided Tarrant County's in need with over \$10.5 million in donated healthcare access. More than 1,400 patients have enrolled in PATC and have had surgical and/or other specialty procedures completed. Through our Medicine Ball proceeds and direct donations solicited at the ball, we were able to provide more than \$6,500 helping at least 10 patients receive their care.

Allied Health Scholarships – As important as physicians are to providing excellent healthcare, they know quality medical care cannot happen without highly qualified allied health professionals in fields such as nursing, physical therapy, radiology technicians, respiratory therapy, etc. In 2017, through our partnership with the TCMS, 17 highly motivated and qualified, local Allied Health students with financial need were awarded \$33,500 to ensure they will finish their program and practice here in Tarrant County.

Hard Hats for Little Heads – Traumatic brain injuries as the direct result of play accidents are the number one cause of disability in children. A properly fitting helmet can prevent almost all head injuries — up to 85 percent. Since 1994, TMA has given away more than 260,000 helmets to Texas children. Our Foundation provides 250-300 helmets each year to children in need, teaching them how to properly use their helmets to stay safe when they bike, skate or ride.

The Foundation also provides support to:

- Center for Transforming Lives to help end the cycle of poverty for women and children
- JPS Foundation's Shower of Love providing necessary baby items and equipment to new moms living in poverty
- Texas Medical Association and TMA Foundation programs for physician families in need, medical student loans, and more

