

St. David's Foundation

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In 1996, a unique partnership between St. David's Foundation and Hospital Corporation of America created St. David's HealthCare, a Malcolm Baldrige award-winning hospital system that now has seven hospitals in addition to surgery centers and free-standing emergency centers. St. David's Foundation reinvests proceeds from St. David's HealthCare toward serving a five-county area in Central Texas that includes Austin. More than 60 percent of the population served by the foundation's grant partners are Hispanic, with a high rate of poverty. In addition, the area has one of the fastest growing older adult populations, straining organizations that provide specialized services to low-income seniors.

Program Information: St. David's Foundation's signature programs include the largest mobile dental program providing charity care in the country and the largest scholarship program in Texas for aspiring health professionals. Grant funding to more than 60 grant partners in strategic focus areas supports the work of safety net clinics, agencies serving older adults, mental health initiatives, health care workforce development, and healthy living programs. The foundation works closely with its grant partners to strengthen their organizational infrastructures through a growing capacity building program and comprehensive data analytics, with the goal of deepening their effectiveness using measurable outcomes.

► Financial Information:

Total Assets: \$750 million (FY 2014)
Amount Dedicated to Health Related Grants: \$55 million (FY 2014)

► Special Initiatives and/or Representative Health and Human Services Grants:

- **Health Care Workforce Development** – Nearly 500 scholarships have been awarded, ranging from \$60,000 over eight years to \$120,000 over four years, for service through the St. David's Public Health Corps' loan repayment program. Additional investments include funding for nursing and health science programs at the region's higher education programs to train health care workers at all levels (\$27 million over seven years).
- **Innovative Mental Health Crisis Center** – The goal of this project is to fill a gap in the area's mental health services by providing a place for people having a short-term mental health crisis to go for treatment at an extended observation center, instead of less appropriate options like an emergency room, psychiatric hospital, or jail. The foundation's grant includes funds for building and operating the facility. The local health district

contributed the land for the project (\$8.9 million).

- **St. David's Dental Program** – The foundation operates the largest mobile charity dental program in the country, which travels to high-need schools and clinics in three counties. Nine vans are each staffed by licensed professionals and equipped with two dental exam rooms. In 2014, more than 10,000 children and adults received free dental care through the program (\$6.5 million annually).
- **Increasing Access to Primary Care: People's Community Clinic** – Funding will allow the safety net clinic to renovate a recently purchased building into a state-of-the-art clinic and more than double its capacity to serve as a medical home for thousands of low-income families and individuals (\$10 million).
- **Environmental Change: The Trail Foundation** – The Butler Hike and Bike Trail borders 10 miles of Lady Bird Lake shoreline in downtown Austin. More than 1.5 million people walk, run, or bike it each year. Funding helped the foundation complete a boardwalk project to connect east and west sections of the trail over land and water, allowing families in underserved areas to have access to a free, safe place to exercise and enjoy nature (\$500,000).

Role of Philanthropy in Meeting Pressing Needs:

"Our belief that good health returns great benefits to our community guides our grantmaking toward initiatives that affect the broader health of the region. We have a responsibility to monitor changing needs, as well as to help create and financially support innovative ideas that address those needs. Philanthropy can play a role in providing key seed money to get a project off the ground, and it can also be the catalyst that encourages collaboration and others to get on board."

Earl Maxwell
CEO

