

## **A message of commitment from the HCA Healthcare Foundation**

**from Joanne Pulles, President of the HCA Healthcare Foundation**

“Above all else, HCA Healthcare is committed to the care and improvement of human life. As the philanthropic arm of HCA Healthcare, the mission of the HCA Healthcare Foundation is promote health and well being, support childhood and youth development and foster the arts in the communities we serve.”

Especially in these unprecedented times, the HCA Healthcare Foundation’s mission—provide leadership, service and financial support to our nonprofit partners—remains unchanged. The foundation remains steadfast in our pursuit of individual and collective solutions to the immediate and long-term needs of our communities.

Foundation staff is in constant communication with our nonprofit partners. When the tornadoes hit Middle Tennessee in early March, some of you experienced terrible devastation. When COVID-19 concerns rose, many more of you reimagined your delivery of core services and programs to keep your communities, your clients and your staff safe. Now, not a day goes by without announcements from multiple organizations about cancelations and postponements.

For our part, the HCA Healthcare Foundation will:

- strive to maintain our scheduled distribution of funds in 2020,
- remove as many barriers as necessary to ensure the nonprofit community has access to necessary resources,
- and continue to provide HCA Healthcare colleagues serving on nonprofit boards with timely, topical information about good board leadership.

Additionally, HCA Healthcare will:

- be ready and willing to work with agencies and organizations on sponsorships for virtual events through the Corporate Sponsorship team,
- encourage colleagues to give their time and resources to their nonprofits of choice,
- and support our HCA Healthcare families in need through the HCA Healthcare Hope Fund.

### **Tornado Relief**

HCA Healthcare and the HCA Healthcare Foundation committed up to \$1 million in donations to assist those affected by the devastating tornadoes that hit Middle Tennessee. As part of the contribution, these allocations were made:

- \$250,000 to the Red Cross Southern Tornadoes and Floods Relief fund for its important work opening and operating shelters, distributing food and relief supplies and providing emotional support for survivors. HCA Healthcare is a member of the Red Cross Annual Disaster Giving Program and contributes an additional \$500K annually to enable the Red Cross to prepare communities for disasters and respond wherever and whenever they occur and help families through the recovery process.
- \$150,000 to the immediate needs of HCA Healthcare's nonprofit partners that were impacted by the storms.
- \$100,000 to Hands on Nashville and the Community Resource Center, who continue to lead the response in the local community. Both organizations received \$50,000.
- \$500,000 to assist community partners with long-term recovery efforts, including initiatives for rebuilding and strengthening local communities as well as helping with infrastructure needs throughout the region.

### **COVID-19**

As the country's largest healthcare system, each and every HCA Healthcare facility is focused on providing exemplary patient care. As our CEO Sam Hazen wrote yesterday, "Our patients need us. Our country needs us. [We are] working in concert with a common purpose to do the right thing for others."

With exemplary care in mind, the HCA Healthcare Foundation—in partnership with Mayor John Cooper and other philanthropic, government and business entities—came together to fund and administer a COVID-19 Response Fund. This fund is designed to quickly and effectively address both the health and economic challenges of this virus and is housed at United Way of Greater Nashville. Milton Johnson, retired HCA Healthcare CEO, and retired U.S. Senator Dr. Bill Frist are providing leadership guidance as part of the Response Fund Leadership Committee.

In conclusion, please know this. We see your hard work. We see your determination. We know that you—our nonprofit community—refuse to falter in your delivery of support, services, hope, joy and inspiration to hundreds of thousands of people in Middle Tennessee and beyond. The HCA Healthcare Foundation team is here for you.

With gratitude,  
**Joanne Pulles**