Community Days 2021

HCA Healthcare’s Community Days: A Month of Service will take place from October 1-31. More than 75 Middle Tennessee nonprofits will host virtual and in-person, both outdoor and indoor, volunteer projects for hundreds of HCA Healthcare colleagues. We are always grateful for the opportunity to encourage our colleagues to give their time in service to great partners like you.

Please feel free to share pictures of HCA Healthcare volunteers in action this October – or whenever they volunteer with your organization – on social media. Don’t forget to tag @HCAHealthcare and @HCAFoundation, and use the hashtag #HCACares.

Mark your calendar for our next CONNECT Forum: "Volunteering Success Stories" on Nov. 18

Please plan to join us for the third session of the CONNECT Forum series “Volunteering Success Stories” on November 18 at 1:00pm CST. Look for more information and registration details in the coming weeks.

In case you missed the HCA Healthcare Foundation’s last CONNECT Forum Series session in July, the theme was “Authentic approaches to recruiting diverse staff” with panelists including leadership from HCA Healthcare and nonprofit organizations across the country.

If you missed the presentation, are interested in watching again or would like to share it with your colleagues, you may access the recording. (Password: w4fzs?b*)

IRS and Audit Requirements
As the end of the year approaches, nonprofits are preparing to send out acknowledgement letters for grants and gifts received in 2021. We appreciate your help with acknowledgements because the IRS and auditors require funders to keep acknowledgement letters on file to serve as a receipt for tax purposes. According to the official IRS rule:
The written acknowledgment required to substantiate a charitable contribution of $250 or more must contain the following information:

- Name of the organization;
- Amount of cash contribution;
- Description (but not value) of non-cash contribution;
- Statement that no goods or services were provided by the organization, if that is the case;
- Description and good faith estimate of the value of goods or services, if any, that organization provided in return for the contribution;
- Statement that goods or services, if any, that the organization provided in return for the contribution consisted entirely of intangible religious benefits, if that was the case.

Acknowledgement letters must be made out to the correct funder which could be HCA Healthcare Foundation or HCA Healthcare or both. Acknowledgement letters for sponsorship funds should be made out to HCA Healthcare and acknowledgement letters for grants should be made out to the HCA Healthcare Foundation.

**Corporate Sponsorship News**

As COVID-19 vaccinations become more prevalent, nonprofits may be evaluating how in-person events can safely return. When planning an in-person event, take into consideration that there will likely be both vaccinated and unvaccinated attendees. Since some attendees may be unvaccinated, precautions should be added to ensure the event provides a safe and healthy environment for all. Outdoor events pose the least risk, especially if additional safety measures such as a small table size (four people or less) are incorporated. Indoor events should encourage masking for unvaccinated guests and allow enough space for socially distancing within the venue and at congregation points such as waiting in lines for food, drink or restrooms.

HCA Healthcare is continuing to accept applications for event sponsorship [here](#). All applications for in-person events must include the event precautions for review by the sponsorship committee as guest safety will be taken into consideration for approval. Event guidance may be adjusted if the number of active COVID-19 cases increases. It is recommended that nonprofits submit their proposal at a minimum of 10-12 weeks prior to their event. Applications for events five or more
months away will be deferred for a more timely evaluation of procedures and precautions.

**Grants awarded for second quarter**

At the third quarter meeting in August, the HCA Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors awarded 40 grants totaling $890,000 to the following agencies:

A Step Ahead Foundation of Middle Tennessee, AGAPE (Association for Guidance Aid Placement & Empathy), Amputee Blade Runners, Backfield in Motion, Begin Anew, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee, Branch of Nashville, Community Care Fellowship, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Empower Tennessee (formerly Center for Independent Living of Middle Tennessee), Gideon’s Army, Hard Bargain/Mt. Hope Redevelopment, Harvest Hands Community Development Corporation, High Hopes, Homework Hotline, Martha O’Bryan Center, McNeilly Center for Children, Mental Health America of Middle Tennessee, Monroe Harding, Nashville Repertory Theatre, Nashville Rescue Mission, Needlink Nashville, New Beginnings Center, Operation Stand Down, OZ Arts, Project Return, Rocketown of Middle Tennessee, Salvus Clinic, Siloam Health, Teach for America – Greater Nashville, Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, Tennessee Justice Center, Tennessee Medical Foundation, The Contributor, The Crossroads Campus, The Family Center, Volunteers of America Mid-States, Williamson County CASA, Young Leaders Council

**HCA Healthcare Foundation 2021 Grant Deadline**

- December 10, 2021 (for consideration at the Q1 2022 Board meeting)