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WHAT IF?

Robert D. Lightfoot, M.D., Executive / Medical Director

That has been a question God has spoken throughout the last 20 years of Victory Health Partners. It has come in different forms, at different times, and to each and every one of us associated with Victory. From my 'what if' when my wife and I stepped away from my surgery practice to open Victory, to our volunteer providers' 'what if' when they extended

their offer to increase the access to care available to our patients, and our donors' 'what if' when they share their compassion through meaningful financial gifts. These questions illustrate what has been accomplished when a community puts that question into action and joins together to provide healing and hope to our neighbors in need. We will continue to ask that question as we seek how we can more comprehensively care for our patients. What if Victory partnered with other ministries in deeper ways? What if we expanded our nutrition and wellness programs? What if we expanded our patients' access to life-saving and restorative surgeries? What if they encounter the True Healer?

"To have a doctor pray with us after a diagnosis was such a blessing. The prescriptions he wrote helped my physical health, but the prayer lifted my spirit. I will be forever grateful for the care I received." –Victory Patient

What if we dare to explore the bigger vision God has for Victory Health Partners and Mobile? We are committing to continue asking the question and pursuing the healing and hope for the patients Victory serves each and every day. I invite you to continue asking the 'What if' question alongside Victory and together, we will see God continue to answer our questions with His faithfulness and provision for the healing of our patients. *What if*?

PSYCHIATRY CARE FOR VICTORY

With access to affordable and quality mental healthcare being one of the top needs identified within our community, Victory is thrilled to welcome Dr. Carlos Diaz as a partner psychiatrist who has already begun providing psychiatric care to patients for no additional cost. Dr. Diaz holds a clinic on Saturdays and also collaborates with Victory's physicians to consult if the need for his expertise is needed.

"Through the many generous services offered by Victory and its wonderful staff and volunteers, I am able to love. I feel safer knowing I can come here. Counseling has helped me cope and given me hope." -Victory Patient



The National Alliance on mental illness reported in 2021 that 1 in 5 people in the United States experiences mental illness each year. Nearly 800,000 adults in Alabama have mental health conditions. More than half of the number in 2021 did not receive treatment due to lack of access to care and lack of health insurance.

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A Surgical Recipient visits the Healthy Living Food Pantry



PROVIDING ACCESS TO SURGERY William M. Lightfoot, M.D. Surgical Patient Assistance Fund

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For our patients without health insurance, access to surgeries is either impossible due to cost or they incur great financial stress if the surgery is necessary because it has reached an emergency state. Either situation devastates a patient and contributes to worse physical and emotional outcomes, shortened life-span, and impacts on their family and our entire community. Surgeries are not the only critical need met through the Surgery Fund, but also diagnosis confirming tests and procedures done within the hospital. These tests usually are to determine a cancer or serious diagnosis are higher in cost, but are necessary so that our physicians can positively make a diagnosis and then continue the patient on with their treatment. Without the necessary diagnosis, the patient's illness progresses to a later state.

"Sixteen years ago, I was suffering and in terrible pain. I had no insurance and couldn't afford much. At Victory, I was treated for all kinds of things. I was enabled to have surgery for a kidney stone with the help of Victory. As I mentioned before, I have been treated for all types of things there, with my last issue being...cancer. During a routine exam, Dr. Wing felt something suspicious. I was routed toward a mammogram and with the help of Victory, I was set to receive surgery, radiation and after care for as long as I needed it. Victory has saved my life many times over; this is a debt I can never fill." - Victory patient

Through the surgery fund, Victory has provided the necessary coordination of care and support for tests such MRI guided biopsies, cardiac procedures, bone scans and trans-esophageal echo-cardiograms. If you are interested in providing life-saving surgeries for patients through a financial gift, please contact Kim Garrett, Director at kgarrett@victoryhealth.org.

2022 - 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Victory Health Partners' Board of Directors steward, lead, and further the mission of Victory with unwavering commitment to excellence in the care provided to our patients. Their significant contributions of leadership, wisdom and influence provides lasting healing and hope to the patients we are privileged to serve.

EXECUTIVE/MEDICAL DIRECTOR Dr. Robert Lightfoot

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ACCESS TO DENTAL IS CRITICAL

As Victory's approach for our patients' wellness focuses on their complete health, the provision of affordable and quality dental care is critical to the state of their health. There is a direct correlation of one's oral health and chronic diseases that many of our patients experience such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. Victory has a team of dentists who are committed to the provision of dental care for a co-payment of \$35 per visit.

Alabama Public Health reports that...

- Dental clinic visits among Alabama adults are significantly lower than the rest of the United States.
- Alabama has the fifth worst percentage of adults visiting a dentist within the last year in the nation.
- Alabama has a higher rate of dentists per population than the United States.

Victory's Dental team includes: Dr. Joseph Willis, Dr. Scott Macrae, Dr. Chase Taylor, Dr. Sonya White and Dr. Hube Parker. Many hygienists and assistants have come from either their offices or within the community to equip the dentists to see as many as possible. There have been recent referrals for oral surgeries with Dr. Christopher Mullenix, Dr. Michael Babston and Dr. Matthew Zieman. "I volunteer at Victory because I know it is what we are called to do. The faith and joyfulness of the patients and staff of Victory Health is truly inspiring. It is so great to help others in need and it is what we are called by God to do. I'm so grateful for the opportunity that Victory provides for me to help others in need. It is truly an awesome way to give back to our community."

- Dr. Joseph Willis, Willis Family Dentistry

AS YOU CONSIDER...

As you consider how you will impact our community through your year end giving, know that your generosity will directly correlate with the provision of life-saving and restorative healthcare for our patients. Each number below is a life impacted because of our partners and their commitment to the lives of others.



COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT Alabama Orthopaedic Clinic, Cadence Bank and Piggly Wiggly

Partnerships with our community is very important to our ability to provide affordable, quality and compassionate healthcare along the Gulf Coast. Alabama Orthopaedic Clinic is passionate about care - and not just patient care. The service project branch, AOCares is aimed at to fulfilling AOC's vision to have an "approach rooted in compassion and service throughout the community."

Matthew Gee, the CEO of Alabama Orthopaedic Clinic and a recently appointed member of Victory Health Partners' board of Directors is passionate about mobilizing his staff to look beyond the four walls of the practice. *"We wanted to make sure we helped people have a wonderful Thanksgiving and put a meal on a table they may not have otherwise,"* said Matthew Gee. AOCares aims to identify service opportunities within Mobile and engage their staff to come together to alleviate burdens of those less fortunate. Patients dealing a cancer diagnosis, underserved communities, and children in the foster system are just a few of focus areas that AOCares



Thank you to employees of Piggly Wiggly, Cadence Bank and AOC



Clinic Director Ashleigh Roach gives a heartfelt hug to a Victory patient

has served in the past. This Thanksgiving, AOC partnered with Piggly Wiggly and Cadence Bank to identify 350 Victory Health Partners families who would otherwise struggle to afford Thanksgiving meals. The staff of AOC worked to raise money to sponsor baskets from Piggly Wiggly, and on Monday, November 14, 350 Victory Health patients received Thanksgiving baskets for their family a during a drive up giving away at AOC.

TRANSLATING VICTORY

University of South Alabama's Pre-Med Students

Makenna Howell, Pre-med Student, Victory Health volunteer, Member of AED

Alpha Epsilon Delta Alpha Epsilon Delta is a national pre-health honors society which functions on campuses to encourage students to serve local communities and prepare students to enter professional schools such as medical school, PA school, and PT school. The Alabama Zeta chapter of AED at the University of South Alabama has partnered with Victory Health Partners to provide triage volunteers for the clinic for several years. More recently, AED volunteers at Victory have noticed there is a fair number of Victory patients who do not speak English as their first language. This creates a barrier between patients and their medical care. In order to break down this barrier and extend medical care to a wider range of individuals, AED has opened up the opportunity to their bilingual pre-health students to come translate for patients. This has helped patients to become more comfortable in the clinic and has allowed Victory to see patients that they otherwise could not have assisted. We named this program Translating Victory, a name that we believe emulates the goal of Victory Health Partners. Geraldine Gomez, a Spanishspeaking Translating Victory volunteer, states that, victoryhealth.org

"Working with Translating Victory has allowed me to use my first language to help us reach people in the community that



Dr. Mel Sternburg and USA Pre-med student Geraldine Gomez

maybe we weren't reaching before. As far as a career as a future physician, I think it's helped me realize how essential communication with patients is and it adds another level of care. The fact that we are able to help even more people in the community is remarkable."

AED is so thankful for the opportunity to work with Victory to aid individuals in the community without access to healthcare. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kerry Cohen, Director of Marketing and Communications at kcohen@victoryhealth.org.



GIVE THE GIFT OF A STRONGER, HEALTHIER COMMUNITY.

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This Christmas season, remember your loved ones by providing the gift of healing

to our patients. Those you honor will receive a personalized, hand-addressed Christmas card acknowledging your generosity. Please complete the form below and return by mail to Victory Health Partners, 3750 Professional Parkway, Mobile, AL 36609. You may also scan and email this form to kgarrett@victoryhealth.org by **Thursday**, **December 15, 2022** to ensure delivery in time for Christmas. A tax-deductible minimum donation of \$10 per card is suggested. Through this gift, you are an ambassador for Victory Health's mission of providing a full spectrum of compassionate and comprehensive healthcare for our neighbors, friends and community members without health coverage.

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SIMPLE AND EASY WAYS TO HELP WITH HOPE AND HEALING

Help build partnerships. Medical and business partnerships are critical to our ability to offer a full spectrum of healing and hope.

Spread the word! Talk about Victory Health. Like and share our social media posts. Pass on our brochures to family, friends, & colleagues.

Make a financial gift. Set up a reoccurring donation or make a one time gift. For every \$1 donated, \$70 worth of care is provided.

■ Volunteer your time. We need office aids, pre-med students, RNs, dental hygienists, event volunteers, nutritionists and medical providers.

Make an in-kind donation. We are always in need of clinic supplies like paper towels, copy paper, hand soap, cleaning supplies, etc.

Use Amazon Smile. Select Victory Health Partners when making purchases via Amazon and a percentage of your purchases will be donated to Victory.

YEAR END GIVING

As you consider your year-end charitable donations, we respectfully invite you to equip Victory to continue providing compassionate and comprehensive healthcare to our uninsured patients through a taxdeductible gift. Join Victory Health in healing and offering hope to thousands of our patients with your 2022 year end gift. Every gift, of any amount, translates into lives saved and futures transformed.

To give a tax deductible gift safely and securely online, please visit www.victoryhealth.org/donate.



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