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Atlanta Braves legend and MLB Hall of Fame John Smoltz, to be keynote speaker at Victory Health Partners Hope for Healing Dinner

35,000+ patients along the Gulf Coast region have experienced life-saving and restorative healing throughout Victory's 20 years of service.

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For the past 20 years Victory Health Partners has bridged the gap between uninsured adults and access to affordable healthcare along the Gulf Coast region. The decision to delay or forgo healthcare for many due to lack of health insurance usually results in a negative outcome physically and financially, which also impacts their emotional and spiritual health. Through partnership in and outside of the medical community, Victory Health has continued to expand access to primary care, medication assistance, mental health counseling, specialty referrals, diagnostic testing, nutrition and even access to surgeries to our uninsured patients.

This year, our 12th Hope For Healing Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center. Our keynote speaker, Atlanta Braves legend, Hall of Fame pitcher John Smoltz will share how perseverance and faith equipped him to overcome obstacles and challenges that would have ended other athletes' careers.

"...I realize nothing I have is my own; whatever I have, God has put it in my heart and given me the desire to pursue it," John Smoltz, Hope for Healing Keynote Speaker shared in his book "Starting and Closing." John Smoltz, a right-handed pitcher, played in the majors from 1988 - 2009 and spent all but his final season with the Atlanta Braves. One of the most dominant pitchers of his era, Smoltz retired with a record of 213 - 155 with a 3.33 career ERA and 3,084 strikeouts. Smoltz was an eight-time All-Star and twice led the league in wins and strikeouts. Smoltz was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015.

The formation of the vision and purpose of Victory was created in the hearts of founders, Dr. Robert and Tami Lightfoot during an international medical mission trip. They asked the question... "What If?" From the mission field back to Mobile, Dr. Lightfoot transitioned from his general surgery practice to open Victory to serve over 35,000 patients throughout the last two decades. Twenty-one years later, we are still asking 'What if?' as we seek to continue caring comprehensively and compassionately for our patients who are without health insurance.

"We invite you to ask the 'What if' question alongside Victory and together, we will see God continue to answer our questions for our patients' hope and healing," shared Dr. Lightfoot, Founder and Executive/Medical Director of Victory Health Partners. Guests will have the opportunity to purchase dinner tickets and tickets for a meet and greet with John Smoltz. Sponsorships, Table and Ticket sales can be found at victoryhealth.org.

ABOUT VICTORY HEALTH PARTNERS

Victory Health Partners is a faith-based 501(c)(3) non-profit healthcare practice established to provide a continuum of affordable quality care for the low income, uninsured adults of the Gulf Coast. Through partnerships with over 150 physicians, specialists and providers, Victory's patients gain access to a full continuum of healthcare ranging from primary care, dental medication assistance, mental health counseling, wellness and specialty referrals. Victory Health Partners is supported by tax deductible contributions from a diverse community of supporters. For more information, visit victoryhealth.org; you can find us on Facebook: [victoryhealthpartners](https://www.facebook.com/victoryhealthpartners); Instagram [victoryhealthpartners](https://www.instagram.com/victoryhealthpartners); LinkedIn [victoryhealthpartners](https://www.linkedin.com/company/victoryhealthpartners) John Smoltz full bio can be found at victoryhealth.org/speaker

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